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**Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting Tuesday, November 26, 2002 at 6:30 PM**

Members Present: Liz Blum; Linda Cook; Neil Fulton; Nancy Hoggson; Dennis Pavlicek, Town Manager, Secretary Tina Moses.

Also Participating: Ames Byrd, Annette Lorraine. There were approximately 10 members in the audience at this meeting.

In Hoffman's absence Blum moved to appoint Cook as acting Chair (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.**

- 1) Approval of Agenda – Hoggson moved to approve (second Blum). **Motion passed.**
- 2) Public Comments – Fulton mentioned that Dresden is having a meeting tonight and it will be taped and viewable at 7PM tomorrow night on CATV. Blum said there are materials available in Tracy Hall explaining the benefits of the Upper Valley Ride Share and urged residents to check into this valuable resource.
- 3) Town Manager's Report – Pavlicek said he has included a copy of the weekly report in each members packet. He explained he has been working diligently on the budget and has distributed draft copies to Department Heads, the Board and the auditors for review. Discussion on the budget will take place at the meeting on December 10, 2002.
- 4) Finance
  - a) Orders on the General Fund – Hoggson moved to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #197 for the period ending 11/26/02 in the amount of \$52,058.65, Accounts Payable Warrant #48 in the amount of \$15,391 and the Payroll Warrant for the payperiod ending 11/23/02 in the amount of \$23,606.74 with corresponding payroll taxes to be paid in the amount of \$8,706.01 (second Fulton). **Motion passed.**
- 5) Energy Committee update – Byrd distributed information to the Board. He explained some of the programs available from Efficiency Vermont. He said they have been spending a lot of time trying to educate people about global warming. He said one solution is by reducing fossil fuel consumption. He said they are offering to review each resident's fuel bills for the year to determine if there are ways to reduce heating costs. He said they are also promoting compact fluorescent lighting. He demonstrated several different lights which are now available as fluorescents. He then reviewed some ways to reduce gasoline consumption. He spoke about Earth Tones a long distance phone carrier who at 8 cents a minutes is non-profit with all proceeds going to environmental causes. Anyone who is remodeling or building new should call Byrd so he can advise the best avenues to take when designing an energy efficient home.
- 6) Discussion of Melendy Property with Conservation Commission – Lorraine came back to the Board with a proposed finalized deed and management plan for the Melendy property. Fulton **moved** to approve the deed as proposed by the Upper Valley Land Trust as reviewed by Frank Olmstead (second Blum). Fulton asked if there was anyway to clear up the fact that the Melendy people didn't deed the property to UVLT first then us. Lorraine said ultimately to assure ownership of the property to the east of the rail road right of way, the town would need to get a quiet title. She reiterated that the Management Plan does not have to be signed tonight. She said anything pertaining to the boundary in question could be deleted for tonight

and dealt with at a later date. **Motion passed.** The Town Manager will ask Olmstead to review the boundary in question with all abutters and pursue the option of a quick claim deed or quite title.

7) Correspondence - none

8) Selectboard

a) Appointments – Pavlicek will review the current Board listing document and advertise for any open positions including senior action and deputy health officer.

i) Senior Action

ii) Health Officer

iii) Development Review Board Committee – Cook announced Planning has appointed Ed Childs, Bill Flynn and Jeff Mathias. The Zoning Board has appointed Watt Alexander, Bill Aldrich and Nancy Dean. Conservation has appointed Warren Thayer and Leslie Rimmer. Fulton **moved** to appoint Daniel Johnson to the DRB study committee (second Blum). **Motion passed.** Pavlicek will get together with the group to set the first meeting.

b) Bicycle and Pedestrian Technical Assistance Project Grant approval – Fulton **moved** to approve the grant (second Blum). **Motion passed.**

c) Review and approval of Selectboard submission to Town Report – Fulton and Cook explained they were concerned with the fact that the report only pertains to the timeframe from January to current and should reflect the past fiscal year. Moses will work with Pavlicek to put together information from the first half of the fiscal and provide the information to the Chair of the Board.

d) Legal Bills – There was only one bill to Desmeules, Olmstead and Ostler in the amount of \$210 for the Sigma Contract approval.

e) Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

i) November 12, 2002 – Blum **moved** to approve (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.**

Fulton **moved** to adjourn (second Blum). **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

**Next Regular Meeting – December 10, 2002 at 6:30 PM**

Approved by the Selectboard on December 10, 2002

By, Kristina Moses  
Selectboard Secretary

Douglas W. Hoffman  
Selectboard Chair