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Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting Tuesday, April 8, 2003 at 6:30 PM

Members Present: Liz Blum, Chair; Jack Candon, Linda Cook; Nancy Hoggson; Suzanne Stofflet; Dennis Pavlicek, Town Manager, Secretary Tina Moses.

Also Participating: Tara Bamford, Alan Berolzheimer, Ed Childs, Phil Dechert, Dennis Kaufman, Jeff Mathias, Sarah Reeves, Liz Russell. There were approximately 15 members in the audience at this meeting.

Blum opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

- 1) Approval of Agenda – Hoggson **moved** to approve the agenda as presented (second Stofflet).
Motion passed.
- 2) Public Comments - None
- 3) Town Manager's Report – Pavlicek said we have received the sidewalk machine. We have utilized it twice already for plowing snow. He said he attended the Norwich Library 5 year planning meeting, which intended to help give the trustees feedback on where they see the Library going in the next five years. He said Andy is meeting with Hartford's Highway Foreman to look at joint Hartford/Norwich projects. He applauded our Highway Department on their hard work throughout this difficult winter. Stofflet said a resident asked her if there was a way to get the Highway Department to have a float in the Olde Home Days Parade so we can cheer them on for all they have done for the Town. Pavlicek said the Recreation Department has been very busy with spring program sign up. He said there will be a Listers meeting tomorrow night at 7:00pm to discuss the upcoming reevaluation. We have received a preliminary notification of a grant for emergency services in the amount of \$45,000. He also said the Police Department has had 2500 department calls for service or officer initiated calls.
- 4) Finance
 - a) Legal Bills – Spink and Miller for \$779.44 for professional services rendered.
 - b) Orders on the General Fund - None
- 5) Regional Planning Commissions
 - a) Discussion with Upper Valley Lake Sunapee or Two Rivers – Tara Bamford, Executive Director, handed out several items to the Board for review. She said regional planning is about coordination with other communities to balance growth. She explained in detail many of the things that UVLSRPC does for Norwich and the Upper Valley. She reviewed in detail a chart that showed the various areas they work with within Norwich and other communities. She said they have revised and revamped the Regional Transportation Plan and it is now in draft form. They are also working on a revised Regional Transportation Model. Sarah Reeves and Liz Russell, representing Norwich Special Places, put up many descriptive maps provided to them by UVLSRPC and reviewed them in detail. Dechert said that the UVLSRPC has been a great support to the Conservation Commission particularly in the area of studies and mapping. Blum asked if UVLSRPC would work with the Energy Committee about renewable or sustainable energy. Bamford said they hadn't been asked to but would be happy to. Hoggson asked how Bamford sees the potential of only having Norwich and Hartland if Hartford moves. Bamford said she doesn't believe the state will allow Hartford to move. Stofflet asked how Norwich should use services that they don't currently or do we utilize the services appropriately. Bamford said they are now aware that they do not have great relationships with Selectboards. They do have a great voice with staff but not Selectboards. Stofflet asked Bamford if she could help with the setup of the DRB Study committee. Bamford said absolutely. Dechert said UVLSRPC has

always been there to help him with questions and concerns and work on projects and grants with him. Childs said he forwarded a memo to Pavlicek which was originally distributed to Hoffman saying that the Planning Commission voted to recommend staying with the UVLSRPC.

- 6) Correspondence – The school will hold a Special Meeting on May 12th with voting on the 13th for the issue with the school bond.
- 7) Selectboard
 - a) Appointments
 - i) Planning Commission – Kaufman urged the board to vote for the two candidates who have the most experience. Candon said he thinks it's a time for the commission to have as much experience as possible. He said if he is turning someone out that there needs to be a good reason to do so. He said he believes the people who have sought returns to the commission deserve to be reappointed. The votes were as follows: Cook - one vote each for Goodrich and Johnson, Hoggson, Blum, Stofflet - one vote each for Hoffman and Johnson., Candon – one vote each for Goodrich and Flynn. Hoffman and Johnson were appointed by hand counted vote.
 - ii) Town Service Officer - Hoggson **moved** to nominate Linda Cook as Town Service Officer (second Candon). **Motion passed.**
 - b) Request from Energy Committee asking to send letter of support of House Bill 161 (Creating CT. River public power authority) – Alan Berolzheim came forth and explained about legislation introduced in the house which would give authorization to the state to purchase 9 dams on the Connecticut River. He said this bill is languishing because the governor has expressed opposition. He felt because it is languishing the Selectboard should come out in support of the bill, as it would benefit all Vermonters. Candon said he thinks it is a bad idea for the Selectboard to advise the state on pieces of specific legislation that may be before a committee. He believes the Board should act individually in support but not as a Board on this issue. Berolzheim said he disagreed and that the Board should make a statement in support. No action was taken on this request.
 - c) Goal Setting Retreat – Stofflet said May 1st 6:30-9:30pm is open for VLCT. Stofflet **moved** to pursue a 5/1 retreat facilitated by VLCT (second Hoggson). Candon voiced his concern that this expenditure is unnecessary. **Motion passed.**
 - d) Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
 - i) March 25, 2003 – Cook **moved** to approve (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.**

Candon **moved** to adjourn at 8:50pm (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.**

Next Regular Meeting – April 22, 2003 at 6:30 PM

Approved by the Selectboard on April 22, 2003

By, Kristina Moses
Selectboard Secretary

Liz Blum
Selectboard Chair