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**Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday July 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: Dennis Kaufman, Brian Livingston, Jeff Mathias, Alison May, Henry Scheier, Irv Thomae. There were approximately 20 members in the audience at this meeting.

Blum opened the meeting at 6:30pm

- 1) Approval of Agenda –Hoggson **moved** to approve the agenda (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.**
- 2) Public Comments – Blum thanked the Town Manager for hiring Sonya to weed the flowerbeds on the median strip. May asked how much it would cost and where we would find it in the budget. Pavlicek responded it will cost around \$1,000 and will be taken out of the landscaping line items in the budget. Scheier said that the Norwich Fair was this weekend. Thomae reminded the audience to file the Act 60 rebate form. May said she was startled to see that this board would not recommend a citizen committee to discuss the issue of the RPC study.
- 3) Town Manager’s Report – Pavlicek mentioned the following items; Pete Richardson gave him a tour of the roads to be considered as trails, we received the draft regional plan from the Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission, he has spent some time reviewing the Highway Book #1 of roads for the class 4 issue, The recreation Department has exceeded its projected revenues again this year and the paving for town projects should be done the first two weeks in August. Cook asked what roads would be paved and Pavlicek read aloud a list.
- 4) Finance
  - a) Legal bills – Desmeules, Olmstead and Ostler in the amount of \$2,821.90 for professional services.
  - b) Orders on the General Fund – Hoggson **moved** to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #1 in the amount of \$141,046.46 and the payroll warrant for the period ending July 5, 2003 in the amount of \$26,260.66 (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.**
  - c) Set tax rate – Pavlicek said the rate we are looking at for the town will be \$.59 only one penny up from last year. School tax rate of \$2.95. This brings the total rate to 3.542 a difference of .11 cents from last year. Hoggson **moved** to accept the tax rate as presented by the Town Manager (second Stofflet). Thomae said the Finance Committee is in concurrence with the tax rate as presented. **Motion passed.**
- 5) Liquor Control Board – Hoggson move to adjourn the Selectboard meeting and convene as the Liquor Control Board and thereafter immediately reconvene as the Selectboard (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.**
  - a) Norwich Inn: Outside consumption permit – Cook **moved** to approve the Outside Consumption permit for the Norwich Inn (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.**
  - b) Carpenter and Main: Outside consumption permit – Cook **moved** to accept the outside consumption permit subject to the approval by the liquor board (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.**

6) Correspondence – none

7) Selectboard

a) Discussion of the establishment of a citizen ad hoc committee to address the viability of creating the necessary infrastructure for a municipal sewer system or tie-in to Hanover or any other municipality. Cook **moved** to establish a citizen ad hoc committee to address the viability of creating the necessary infrastructure for a municipal sewer system and other innovative alternatives and authorize the Town Manager to create a charge (second Hoggson). Candon explained his reasons for putting this on the agenda. He said this is simply a request for a study to identify an effective way to appoint a large diverse committee with experienced differences to establish the parameters of the mandate. There was a lengthy discussion of this issue before the **Motion passed**.

b) VLCT legal opinion on Vermont Open Meeting Law (for discussion and possible adoption). – postponed.

c) Appointments

a) Selectboard Representative to UVLSRPC – Blum said we were told we could select a member of the Selectboard to be the UVLSRPC representative. Candon asked if it has to be a member of the selectboard or if it could simply be a resident. If it could be a resident he would like to nominate Neil Fulton. Stofflet said there is nothing in the statutes that says that we have to utilize a Selectboard member but historically we have. Hoggson **moved** to nominate Stofflet as the Selectboard representative to UVLSRPC and research if we can have another appointment to the board. **Motion withdrawn**. Pavlicek said he would send a letter to Tara Bamford asking the questions the board has presented. Postponed.

d) Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

i) June 10, 2003 - postponed

ii) June 24, 2003 – postponed

Cook **moved** to adjourn at 8:30am (second Hoggson). **Motion passed**.

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

Approved by the Selectboard on \_\_\_\_\_

By, Kristina Moses  
Selectboard Secretary

Liz Blum  
Selectboard Chair