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**Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 6:00 PM**

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

Also Participating: Brooke Adler, Terry Boone, Virginia Close, Dennis Kaufman, Jeff Mathias, Lynn McGrew, Creigh Moffatt, Jett Somersgill. There were approximately 15 members in the audience at this meeting.

- 1) Cook **moved** to enter into Executive Session for purposes of personnel whose premature disclosure could prove a disadvantage to the town (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.** The board reconvened into public session at 6:30pm.
- 2) Approval of Agenda – Candon **moved** to approve with changes (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.**
- 3) Public Comments - None
- 4) Town Manager's Report – Pavlicek read his report aloud for the audience. The decision was made to hold interviews for the Sewer committee on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5:00pm. Henry Scheier asked if the town manager's report could be put on the website. Pavlicek said yes it could. Cook also asked that the report be attached to the approved final minutes file in the Town Clerk's Office.
- 5) Finance
  - a) Legal Bills - None
  - b) Orders on the General Fund – processed during an off meeting week
- 6) Corridor Committee Update – Pavlicek explained that project is still at the state level and is going through the permitting process. He is hoping to have some answers by the end of this week. The main holdup is the configuration of the bike lane.
- 7) Listers
  - a) Errors and Omissions - postponed
  - b) Reappraisal update – Blum introduced Jett Somersgill, Project Manager for Sigma Systems. He said as of today we have inspected 840 of the 1240 residential properties. He said they have 55 appointments scheduled and 345 remaining to schedule. They are trying to get the majority done by end of October. By spring the notices of new appraisal amount will be sent out. Kaufman said change of appraisal notices must go by out June then there is a period of grievance that ends with the final grand list. The suggestion was made to put information pertaining to the reappraisal on the website. Adler said there will be an October issue of the Happenings and maybe an update could be placed there also.
- 8) Upper Valley Land Trust
  - a) Baseline Documentation Report – Milt Frye Nature Area – Candon **moved** to adopt the report and authorize the chair to sign (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.** Cook asked if the new trails would be coming before the board and Pavlicek said yes he believed they would.
- 9) Affordable Housing Committee Update – Moffatt explained the committee has been broken into three subcommittees finding land committee, innovative solutions committee, and a fundraising / marketing PR committee. Much discussion was held between the board and the audience of the topic of affordable housing and what it means to Norwich. The Dresden land on Route 5 was a large part of the discussion. Scheier said he thinks it is important to go back

to the Dresden board as the plans for the fields are still up in the air. Moffatt said the committee would like any support the Selectboard can give the committee.

10) Correspondence – A letter from Sandy Anderson and Reeve Williams praising Andy and his crew for a job well done was read aloud. Also an e-mail from Bill Bender announcing the Dresden Finance Committee meeting will be held on 9/15 at 4:00pm at Tracy Hall. Moses will post notice in Tracy Hall.

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i) August 26, 2003 – Cook **moved** to approve (second Hoggson). **Motion passed.**

b) Continued Executive Session for personnel discussion- Hoggson moved to enter into Executive Session for personnel purposes (second Stofflet). Motion passed. The board reconvened into public session at 8:40pm with no action being taken and subsequently adjourned.

**Next Regular Meeting – September 23, 2003 at 6:30 PM**

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

By, Kristina Moses  
Selectboard Secretary

Liz Blum  
Selectboard Chair