

**TOWN OF NORWICH, P.O. Box 376  
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**Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 5:45 PM**

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

Also Participating: Neil Fulton, Andy Hodgdon, Chief Soares. There were approximately 40 members in the audience at this meeting

- 1) Executive Session (Personnel) - Candon **moved** to enter into Executive Session for purposes of personnel discussion (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.** The board reconvened into public session at 6:30pm.
- 2) Approval of Agenda – Hoggson **moved** to approve (second Candon). Candon noted the next meeting would begin at 5:45pm. **Motion passed.**
- 3) Public Comments - None
- 4) Town Manager’s Report – Pavlicek read his report aloud to the group. For a more complete description please refer to the website where these notes are posted.
- 5) Finance
  - a) Legal Bills – Two bills to Desmeules, Olmstead and Ostler for professional services.
  - b) Orders on the General Fund – Hoggson **moved** to approve the Payroll Warrant in the amount of \$25,138.11 with payroll taxes in the amount of \$8,729.60 and Accounts Payable Warrant #04-12 in the amount of \$129,636.61 (second Stofflet). **Motion passed.**
- 6) Purchase of fuel tanks and pumps at the highway garage – Hodgdon said we currently have 2 1000-gallon construction tanks. The 1000 diesel is no longer adequate and will not pass new EPA regulations. The state recommends a split tank for both products that is key entry and can be regulated for leakage etc. Fulton explained the situation with regard to the Fire Department and said the money will need to come from the Capital Fund. Cook said the funds are coming from what used to be the garage-designated fund. She asked Pavlicek if the reserve funds for every department will be for a designated expenditure or for anything they desire. Pavlicek said he feels they will try to stay with what the original plan in as much as possible. Stofflet asked if a future budget item should be added so we have a reserve for this. Hodgdon said definitely. Pavlicek explained that no action was needed by the board, that he simply brought this topic forth because it was a large expenditure.
- 7) Correspondence – Cook **moved** to receive the letter from Henry Scheier regarding the Selectboard Report for Town Report, and the letters from Tim Davis, Robert Follensby and the McElveys related to the Class 4 Road issue. (second Stofflet). Copies of the letters from Davis, Follensby and the McElveys have been placed in the public reading file for the Class 4 roads issue. **Motion passed.**
- 8) Selectboard
  - a) Draft Dresden Letter regarding affordable housing study at the playing fields – Hoggson **moved** to accept the letter to the Dresden School board as presented in the packet (second Stofflet). Candon recused and asked that it be noted in the letter. Cook does not support the Selectboard sending the letter. She said she supports affordable housing but not the sending of the letter. Hoggson reminded we are only backing support of the feasibility study being done. She will revise the letter to note the fact that Candon recused from the discussion due to a conflict of interest. **Motion passed** (3-1-1). Cook-No, Candon- Recused.
  - b) Minutes of Selectboard Meeting
    - i) September 23, 2003 – Stofflet **moved** to approve with changes (second Cook). **Motion passed.**

Stofflet **moved** to adjourn at 7:35pm so that the community meeting related to healthcare issues could begin (second Cook). **Motion passed.**

**Next Regular Meeting – October 28, 2003 at 5:45 PM**

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

By, Kristina Moses  
Selectboard Secretary

Liz Blum  
Selectboard Chair