

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 6:30 PM

Members present: Alison May, Chair; Jack Candon; Ed Childs; Gerard Chapdelaine; Stephen Soares, Town Manager; Nancy Kramer, Administrative Assistant. Absent: Ben Ptashnik.

There were about 14 people in the audience.

Also participating: Al Bergeron, Kelly Bergeron, Paula Bergeron, Dennis Kaufman, Cheryl Lindberg, Chief Robinson

May opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Childs) to approve with one addition. **Motion passed.**

2. Public Comments (Discussion). Lindberg, speaking as Treasurer of the Norwich Women's Club, reminded everyone that the Nearly New Sale starts pre-consignment inspections Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the grand opening is Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.

3. Town Manager's Report (Discussion). The Police Union Contract should be finalized and before the Selectboard to approve at their May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Soares attended 911 training sponsored by VLCT and a Storm Water Grant Seminar. The Playground work is on schedule. The Gazebo has been closed until repairs are made. The new Personnel Policies are off to VLCT for review. Ray Dennis has been contacted about the details of a Chapel Hill Road speed study.

4. Finance – Board to Sign Accounts Payable/Warrants (Action Item). Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Childs) to approve the General Fund Check Warrant Report #06-55 in the amount of \$260,620.29 for the period from 4/26/2006 to 4/26/2006. **Motion passed.** Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Childs) to approve the Recreation Facility & Improvements Fund Check Warrant Report #06-56 in the amount of \$3,769.00 for the period from 4/26/2006 to 4/26/2006. **Motion passed.** Childs **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Chapdelaine) to approve the Corridor Enhancement Fund Check Warrant Report #06-57 in the amount of \$616.50 for the period from 4/26/2006 to 4/26/2006. **Motion passed.** Childs **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Chapdelaine) to approve the Conservation Commission Fund Check Warrant Report #06-58 in the amount of \$3,400.00 for the period from 4/26/2006 to 4/26/2006. **Motion passed.**

Chapdelaine **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Candon) to approve the payment of \$30,593.44 from the Route 132 Reserve Fund. **Motion passed.** The new Route 132 Reserve Designated Fund balance will be \$4,824.67.

5. Recreation Council Appointments (Action Item). Childs **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Chapdelaine) to appoint Kathy Menard and Kate Robinson to the Recreation Council for one-year terms ending in March, 2007. **Motion passed.**

6. Brita Reed and Robert Godleski B&B "Shear Luck" Liquor License Renewal Application (Action Item). Chapdelaine **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Candon) that the Selectboard convene as the Norwich Liquor Commission. **Motion passed.** Childs **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Candon) to approve the liquor license renewal of Brita Reed and Robert Godleski for their Bed and Breakfast called Shear Luck. **Motion passed** contingent upon the permit being restricted to registered guests at the Norwich Bed and Breakfast only. Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Chapdelaine) to close the Norwich Liquor Commission session and reconvene as the Selectboard meeting. **Motion passed.**

7. Town Treasurer Quarterly Investment Activity Report (Discussion). Lindberg presented her report as of March 31, 2006 and asked if the Selectboard had any questions. Candon requested that Lindberg provide comparative rates from other institutions with future reports.

8. Chief of Police to Update Selectboard Re: Tubestock Event (Discussion). Chief Robinson gave a brief description of the annual Tubestock event and updated the Selectboard on the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting with town officials. Robinson stated that the owners of the abutting properties to the Norwich boat landing have agreed to post their lands. The main topic and goal of the meetings is student safety. Alternative events and/or locations are being discussed among the event sponsors.

9. Kendall Station Road (Discussion). May stated that the purpose of the discussion regarding Kendall Station Road was to deal with the status of ownership and layout of the road and not the Police Department or policing issues.

Candon gave an overview of John Dunleavy's, Assistant Attorney General VT Agency of Transportation, April 4<sup>th</sup> email regarding the "former B&M Railroad – Norwich – 'Kendall Station Road'" which suggests that the "legal status of the crossing near the old 'Kendall' station remains that of a farm crossing" and "that the solution probably is to relocate the farm crossing 35-40 feet farther south".

After considerable discussion regarding cost, the Town's right-of-way (ROW), farm crossing status and the rights of the owners of the abutting properties, Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> by Childs) that the Selectboard ask the Town Attorney to follow up on the April 4<sup>th</sup> Dunleavy email in order to take the steps necessary to relocate the traveled portion of the crossing into the Town's ROW. **Motion passed.**

10. Correspondence

- a) Card and Donation from Pamela Harrison & Dennis McCullough Re: Norwich Corridor Project. Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Childs) to request the Trustees of Public Funds to set up a trust fund for Landscaping for the Norwich Corridor Project. **Motion passed.** A letter of appreciation will be sent to the donors.
- b) TRORC 3/22/06 Minutes. Candon asked the Town Manager to check with VLCT regarding liability of Town Commissioners.
- c) Annual CEDS Meeting Notice

Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Chapdelaine) to receive all correspondence. **Motion passed.**

11. Selectboard

- a) Approval of the Minutes of the 4/12/06 meeting. Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Childs) to approve. **Motion passed.**
- b) Corrective Quitclaim Deed for Norman Miller (Action Item). Chapdelaine **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Childs) that the Norwich Selectboard approve the corrective quitclaim deed of Norman N. and Judith von D. Miller for the "Ferrin" lot. **Motion passed.**

Candon **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Chapdelaine) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on May 10, 2006.

By Nancy Kramer  
Administrative Assistant

Alison May  
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – May 10, 2006 at 6:30 PM

Pending Items:

- 1) Zoning Regulations Review
- 2) Personnel Policies

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