Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting February 5, 1998

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight. Also present were Bob Bernstein and Kristen Olson.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M. with a discussion of the Aiken Feasibility Committee's recommendation. Phil reported that the petition had been received with the necessary signatures to include the recommendation on the Warrant; the article was approved by the Town Attorney but the DRA said there was a technical deficiency. The recommended solution was for the Selectmen to place the technically correct article on the Warrant and at Town Meeting pass over the petitioned version. A motion was made and seconded to this effect and passed on a vote of two for, one abstention. Phil was asked to check with the Town Attorney about the need to include the leasing authorization in the Warrant Article.

The Board formally voted not to recommend either of the two warrant articles involving Tuttle Library that were recommended by petition. As both had the necessary signatures they will be on the Warrant.

The Board also voted not to include the request for funds from the Contoocook Housing Trust.

The balance of the Warrant was reviewed and no changes made. It will be presented at the February 9th Budget Hearing.

Peter signed as required on the Highway Safety Grant.

The request by the owner to "buy back" tax deeded property after full payment of taxes and interest due was approved. (Lot 35 & 36, Map 7B)

Phil asked the Board to start the process of finding his replacement as Business Manager - It was agreed to ask Denise Dargie and Tim Seeger (as probable new Selectmen) to attend the February 9th meeting to discuss this.

Phil reported he would be attending a seminar on February 23rd to learn about the new Sand and Gravel Tax.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.