

**APPROVED**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 1998**

**7:30 P.M. - MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING - HANOVER, NH**

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Marilyn W. Black. Present were: Marilyn W. Black, Chairman; Brian Walsh, Vice Chairman; Katherine S. Connolly; John Colligan; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

Ms. Black announced that this meeting was being taped by CATV 6 and that hearing enhancement equipment was available for anyone who wishes to use it.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

There was no public comment.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE PARKING ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF OCCOM RIDGE ROAD FROM WEBSTER AVENUE TO #9 OCCOM RIDGE ROAD.**

Ms. Griffin explained that this matter was brought up at the request of the Occom Pond Neighborhood Association. The request is to eliminate parking on one section of Occom Ridge Road, a fairly short section from the Corner of Webster Avenue to the line between #9 and #10 Occom Ridge Road. She noted that this is the only section of Occom Ridge Road which still allows parking. Ms. Griffin continued to say that the Parking Enforcement Supervisor has reviewed the situation, and neither he nor the staff have concerns about eliminating the parking on Occom Ridge Road. The motion before the Board is technically to amend the Parking Ordinance to change the wording as outlined in the Friday mailing to the Selectmen.

Martina Ashton, a resident of Occom Ridge Road, referred to the safety concerns noting that she has three small children who like to ride bicycles and walk in that area. She also noted that there are numerous joggers and skiers, and supported the elimination of parking on Occom Ridge Road.

Ms. Griffin also indicated that Dartmouth College did not register a concern for eliminating the parking spaces, and added that it would appear the people using the parking are Dartmouth staff. Parking is enforced there, but it is not a high priority enforcement area.

Robert Russell, a resident of 9 Occom Ridge Road, spoke regarding safety concerns of pedestrians and joggers along the road, and strongly endorsed the elimination of parking.

Jim James, a resident of 4 Occom Ridge Road, noted that there is ample parking to service the facilities in that area. He believes the people parking in the spaces are a group that does not wish to pay a parking permit to the College.

Anne Segal, residing at 8 Occom Ridge Road, objected to people parking in front of her driveway during the winter necessitating a choice of her being able to get up her driveway or hitting the car that is parked there. She also supported the elimination of parking on Occom Ridge Road.

Ms. Black agreed that it would make sense to have the whole street no parking. She indicated that the public hearing would be left open until 7:45 p.m.

**3. PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE SCENIC LOCALES COMMITTEE.**

Nancy Collier, Chairperson of the Scenic Locales Committee, introduced the members of the Committee who were present at the meeting: Shawn Donovan, Elizabeth Vesley-Gross, Pam Mamourian, Judy Davidson, and Anne Morris. She also thanked Elaine Bent for her assistance.

Mr. Walsh thanked the committee for its great work and thoughtful, well-written report which was presented in a very understandable way.

Ms. Black agreed that the report was presented in a very concise, organized manner and thanked the committee for an outstanding job.

Ms. Collier presented a brief summary of the process involved in compiling the report. She noted that the Town sent out 1,200 surveys, 17% of which were completed and returned. There were displays at the libraries and the municipal building. Ms. Collier stated that the Committee developed a matrix, came up with its own list of priorities, merged the public's priorities with their own and looked at susceptibility to threat to come up with the nine highest priorities. The report includes recommendations for the Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Town Administration and private citizens' groups. She noted that there had been discussions with the Conservation Council and the Land Trust as well.

With the completion of the report, Ms. Collier indicated that the problem now is making progress, logging that progress, and moving on to the next step. She asked for the Selectmen's help in attempting to establish how the Town can keep track of protecting scenic areas. Ms. Collier noted that the Committee feels it has exhausted its energy, but plans to speak with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. She asked for specific changes from the Selectmen for the final draft of the report.

Ms. Black suggested that some of the recommendations in the report have already been addressed by the addition of new staff in the Planning and Zoning office, and are being worked on.

Shawn Donovan stated that the committee felt one of the most important issues was the land acquisition fund, and ways to be sure the Town had the money available to purchase sites that may come on the market.

Ms. Black explained that when the fund was first set up there was great feeling on the Board of Selectmen at that time that the Board had to balance the needs of the community, including human service needs and facilities needs, with land acquisition needs. The fund was set up by Town Meeting, so any changes regarding the fund would have to go back to Town Meeting.

Ms. Connolly noted that the original fund was set up so that the general fund would not be impacted to any great degree.

Ms. Griffin explained that there used to be a Conservation Commission fund that the Town put money into each year, but that the fund ceased a number of years ago. Regarding the Land Acquisition and Capital Projects Fund, she explained that the fund was created a few years ago. Each year a certain amount of revenue from land use change tax is estimated which is credited to the General Fund; this year that amount was \$20,000. She explained that any revenue taken in from the land use change tax over the amount estimated goes into the Land Acquisition and Capital Projects Fund, resulting in the approximately \$200,000 that has accumulated in that fund. She noted that the Conservation Commission addressed this issue at a recent meeting regarding financial condition of the fund, and her sense from that meeting was that there would be ongoing discussion involving sources of funds for the purchase of conservation lands. Ms. Griffin indicated that the Board of Selectmen may wish to ask the Conservation Commission for their recommendations on strategies to try to increase the funds.

Mr. Walsh stated that he believes the Selectmen would support a Land Acquisition Fund to acquire easements or targeted properties. The question is how to increase the fund so that it is a meaningful fund. He suggested that there are a number of ways to accumulate money in the fund, such as from private individual contributions, the General Fund, special line items in Town Meeting, and a portion or all of current use land change tax.

Ms. Connolly wished to clear up a misconception that discussions of the Planning Board regarding the capital improvement portion of the fund do not refer to items such as public works trucks, etc. Rather, they are referring to large capital public projects. She noted that each department has its own capital reserve fund to fund its activities.

Ms. Griffin noted that in the early 1970s the Town was actively budgeting money into a land acquisition fund, approximately \$10,000 a year. The last large portion to come out of that fund was for the Fullington Farm property, which brought the balance of the fund to zero. She explained that the next year the Land Acquisition Capital Projects Fund was established.

Ms. Griffin indicated that funds to be spent out of the Land Acquisition and Capital Improvements Fund have to be approved at Town Meeting. The fund that the Conservation Commission routinely utilized to purchase property previous to the creation of this fund is done under their control and does not require a Town Meeting vote. The Conservation Commission is only required to hold a public hearing to expend money from this fund, which allows for quick action to purchase a property that might become available.

Mr. Colligan suggested that some of the recommendations of the Scenic Locales Committee for the Selectmen contained in the report be combined with recommendations on Page 26 regarding funding, and that a combination of the Conservation Commission and any members of the Scenic Locales Committee return to the Selectmen with a set of specific recommendations to work towards Town Meeting next year. He noted that all of the Committee's very valuable work now needs to be implemented, and people resources must be found to take it to the next step. He suggested that with a specific target, the Board could be accountable and work toward implementation of the recommendations. Mr. Colligan volunteered to assist on all of the financial areas with his colleagues on the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Donovan stated that the Committee does not wish to stay established indefinitely. The Committee recommended that the Conservation Commission be charged with undertaking some of the activities, and that the Planning Board at least review and adopt the recommendations for the Master Plan.

Ms. Collier indicated that she sees a planning role for the Conservation Commission to take on in terms of a funding and acquisition plan which would be updated each year. She feels it would be healthy to have a set amount going into the fund each year rather than relying on the Land Change tax.

Anne Morris stated that the Committee went as far as they thought they could go in suggesting that boards and commissions take on certain responsibilities. She feels that there is an organization leadership and accountability role that could be handled by the Selectboard to be sure the work continues forward, and hoped that the Board would take that leadership role.

Ms. Black indicated that she is not prepared to say that every item on the list will be completed by the Board. She assured the Committee that every item will be addressed and dealt with.

Mr. Walsh asked the Committee to state the areas of high priority indicated in their report for the benefit of the listening audience.

Ms. Collier displayed a map showing the locations deemed to be the highest priority. These locations include Moose Mountain, Goose Pond, Mink Brook Corridor, King Road/Robert Frost Lane, Etna Farm at Ruddsboro Road, Etna Village and Hanover Center, the Hanover Country Club Golf Course, Trescott Ascutney View and Hanover Water Company land.

Ms. Black mentioned that one of the problems will be that much of the land is in private ownership which may cause a conflict. Ms. Collier responded that she does not believe it is realistic to think that private owners are in a position to sometimes participate in any way at all. She added that outright acquisition is sometimes required for pieces that are important in the community if there is a willing buyer/seller arrangement.

Mr. Donovan indicated that the Town has a long tradition through the Planning Board process of identifying areas where it wants to have conservation easements in lieu of wetland impact or a variety of issues such as subdivision. In looking at the mapping recently prepared by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Commission, there are a lot of

isolated parcels given to the Town or other conservation easements. He feels it is important that areas not be looked at as isolated geographical parts on a map, but rather try to link them together using techniques that other towns have used. Mr. Donovan referred to the town of Lincoln, New Hampshire which has created a very extensive system of greenways, paths and trails. He suggested that one way to link areas and get people involved is to think in terms of creating a network of greenways, a concept that has been around since the 1960s in Hanover. Mr. Donovan noted that within a mile of the Dartmouth Green there could be a trail following along the Connecticut River that could link with Mink Brook, and even continue up into Velvet Rocks and across to Balch Hill. Additionally, larger loops could be created by extending out two miles and even five miles to theoretically make it possible in the future to open up the Class 6 road to the watershed and loop all through Town.

Ms. Black noted that bits and pieces of these loops have already occurred. She added that when any piece of land is under discussion, its tie-in to other areas is always discussed. Ms. Black feels it is necessary for someone to take responsibility for checking all deeds and easements, and to locate them on a map.

Anne Morris stated that another piece of important landscape information has to do with wildlife corridors and habitat. She noted that she had signed up for a Keeping Track program taught by Susan Morse, a professional tracker from Jericho, Vermont. Ms. Morris explained that this program teaches people in towns to develop wildlife habitat and corridor information in a very specific and scientific way to arrive at information that is map specific. Ms. Griffin noted that the Town has offered to fund three local residents participating in the program.

Ms. Connolly stated that the Planning Board continues with every subdivision to try to eke out some corridor or easement for public use.

Mr. Walsh observed that one of the strengths of the Committee's work is that it looked at the whole Town and took everyone's opinion into consideration, and did not shy away from making recommendations and setting priorities. The Town now needs to look at what are the most important places to focus on, and determine a way to go forward.

Returning to Agenda Item 2 regarding parking on Occom Ridge Road, Ms. Black asked if there was further discussion.

Hearing no further discussion, **Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Parking Ordinance be amended to eliminate parking on the east side of Occom Ridge Road from Webster Avenue to #9 Occom Ridge Road. Mr. Colligan SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AMEND THE PARKING ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF OCCOM RIDGE ROAD FROM WEBSTER AVENUE TO #9 OCCOM RIDGE ROAD.**

Discussion returned to the Scenic Locales Committee's recommendations. Mr. Donovan asked if the Board had any changes to the draft report. Ms. Black responded that she had no suggestions for the report.

Mr. Colligan reported that some of the recommendations present an opportunity for the Committee to suggest possibilities. For example, he referred to the recommendation of providing staff assistance to the Conservation Commission, and asked if there would be a role in this regard for the Upper Valley Land Trust or external resources available to the Town to help on some of the objectives. Mr. Donovan answered that he had no specific recommendations.

Mr. Colligan referred to a recent experience where there was a fine imposed, and he concluded that it was insignificant and a non-event. He continued to say that he has seen a couple of situations where there was almost an incentive to try to do something aggressive where the worst case scenario was imposition of a small fine. Mr. Colligan noted that on the Board's next agenda there was an item dealing with proposed changes in fees; he stated that he feels the fees are low as well.

Ms. Griffin indicated that her initial reaction to the recommendations presented by the Committee was one of being overwhelmed by the amount of work to be done. She stated that she wrestles with the idea of staying true to the land that the Town currently owns, whether in actual ownership or in conservation easements, while beginning to implement many suggestions. Ms. Griffin wondered if this might be a whole new job for a conservation officer, and feels it may not be unreasonable to assume that Hanover may be ready for such a position to be created.

Ms. Black agreed that the recommendations of the Committee are important, but pointed out that there are other issues in Town of equal importance, including schools, community centers and libraries. She added that patience will be required to address all of these needs.

Mr. Donovan stated that he sees the Committee's report and recommendations as a multi-decade process.

Ms. Collier asked if it would be reasonable to report any progress made a year from now, by making it a part of the Board's agenda. Ms. Black responded she feels that would be a very reasonable request.

Referring to the Committee's suggestion for a heritage commission, Ms. Black stated that there is no reason such a commission cannot be appointed.

Ms. Griffin pointed out that some of the Committee's recommendations lend themselves to new committees, such as investigating the use of sewer line easements for recreational purposes. Ms. Black noted that most, but not all, of the easements are on the trails maps already. Mr. Donovan indicated that it is unclear whether there is the right to use the easements, and whether they should be put on a map and announced publicly. Ms. Griffin suggested that a group of enthusiastic volunteers be assembled to explore that issue.

Anne Morris asked if after the final report was distributed to the various boards it would be possible to ask them to come back in a month or six weeks to report to the Selectboard their commitment towards this project for the next year. Mr. Walsh noted that the Selectboard's aim is to meet with each of the boards and commissions between now and budget time, and suggested that this could be part of their agenda at those meetings.

Mr. Walsh stated that the Selectmen's first responsibility in the report was to introduce findings of the Scenic Locales Committee by means of neighborhood meetings with the Upper Valley Land Trust's participation, to outline options for municipal action, for citizen and landowner participation in scenic protection, and to solicit citizen input. He suggested the draft report presented to the Board be the final report, and that copies be available as soon as possible at Howe Library, Etna Library and the Town Offices, as well as any other locations that seem appropriate.

Ms. Black suggested that someone prepare an exhibit at Howe Library presenting the Committee's report.

Anne Morris thanked the Board for the opportunity to be involved in the Scenic Locales Committee, noting that it was definitely a challenging job. She added that the opportunity to work on the Committee was a great pleasure.

Ms. Connolly stated that the Committee had set a high standard with their excellent work and resulting report. Ms. Black indicated that Hanover has good volunteers who are willing to spend time and effort, all of which help to make it a special place.

A representative of the Upper Valley Land Trust stated that it was a pleasure to have the type of report that the Committee has prepared available, and added that it makes the Land Trust's work easier when they are aware of a Town's priorities. He stated that he looked forward to working with the Town in accomplishing some of the important goals.

**4. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 1998 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN FEES AND CHARGES.**

**Mr. Colligan MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing for September 28, 1998 to review and approve recommended increases in fees and charges. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 1998 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE RECOMMENDED INCREASES IN FEES AND CHARGES.**

**5. REVIEW OF FLOOR PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE 1998 NHMA LEGISLATIVE POLICY CONFERENCE.**

Ms. Black stated that she is the Board's designated voter at the 1998 NHMA Legislative Policy Conference. Ms. Griffin noted that one issue for consideration at the conference deals with the creation of a legislative study committee to assess the financing sources for welfare. She added that Pembroke had asked that a study committee look at whether municipal source funding is the fairest way to fund welfare assistance, or whether it should be funded on a county-wide basis.

Mr. Walsh indicated that he feels it is an important issue which should be studied, and would support it.

**6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A POLE LICENSE FOR INSTALLATION OF THREE POLES ON GRAFTON TURNPIKE.**

**Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen approve a request by the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. for a pole license for installation of three poles on Grafton Turnpike. Mr. Colligan SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A POLE LICENSE FOR INSTALLATION OF THREE POLES ON GRAFTON TURNPIKE.**

**7. APPOINTMENTS: CONSERVATION COMMISSION, DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**Mr. Colligan MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint David Minsk and Jim Kennedy as full members of the Conservation Commission, and to appoint Elaine Bent, Kittie Murray and Sandra White as alternates on the Conservation Commission. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Mr. Colligan wished to state for the record that Ed Chamberlain will continue as the Conservation Council's non-voting representative.

Mr. Colligan explained that he, Brian Walsh and Judy Davidson met with seven candidates, and were very pleased with the wide range of talents, interest and perspectives presented. He noted that Kittie Murray's background is very impressive, and includes experience in law. She is also an engineer and has been involved in other Conservation Commissions where she has lived previously.

Mr. Walsh stated that Sandra White has lived in Town all of her live, and currently resides on Greensboro Road. She works for the College and knows the Town well. He stated that Ms. White had fascinating ideas, one of which was to get high school students enrolled in the Conservation Commission as a Conservation Corps.

Mr. Colligan indicated that Elaine Bent is very well known in the community, was extremely well prepared and has been personally involved in different situations in Town. He noted that Ms. Bent did a lot of homework and came to the interview with ideas and concerns, as well as a different perspective in representing a different part of the community. He added that the individuals who were not appointed in this round of interviews in every case were people they would have liked to appoint, and encouraged those individuals to stay in touch not just regarding Conservation Commission opportunities, but on other Town boards as well.

**The Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to appoint David Minsk and Jim Kennedy as full members of the Conservation Commission, and to appoint Elaine Bent, Kittie Murray and Sandra White as alternates on the Conservation Commission.**

Regarding appointments to the Disabled Accessibility Advisory Committee, Ms. Griffin noted that Elizabeth Deneen has already attended one meeting of the Committee, has been in touch with the Chair of the Committee, and is very excited about serving. She feels Ms. Deneen brings expert professional background and expertise to the Committee.



**Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Elizabeth Deneen to the Disabled Accessibility Advisory Committee. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT ELIZABETH DENEEN TO THE DISABLED ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Ms. Griffin thanked Mr. Walsh and Mr. Colligan for their participation in the interview process. She stated she realizes it is a time consuming process, but feels it was a very worthwhile experience for both members of the Selectboard as well as potential appointees.

Ms. Griffin reported that she is busy getting ready to head into budget season, with departments beginning to formulate their proposed budgets with an eye toward meeting in November. She encouraged the Board to begin thinking about budget issues on which they would like to focus.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she is waiting to hear from the unions regarding when they would like to begin negotiations. In a related area, she stated that she had received three proposals from consulting firms for the classification and compensation study. She noted that the lower cost proposal looks quite workable, with the other two proposals at a much higher cost. Ms. Griffin stated that she is reviewing all three proposals in detail, with reference checks planned on the three firms. She noted that the responding firms are from Michigan, Georgia and Pennsylvania.

Ms. Griffin stated that she has notified AFSCME, which was the first union to register their intent to negotiation, that while the Town is happy to begin talking about the non-monetary aspects of the contract, they won't be prepared to discuss the monetary aspects until after the budget is adopted and the Board has had a chance to review the recommendations of the classification and compensation study.

Mr. Walsh indicated that the Board is on record as wishing to stay at or under inflation, which is now running about 1 1/2 percent, and feels it is important to do so.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she will have some recommendations during budget discussions regarding expenditures in the computer software area, particularly in the assessing software. She also noted that Jonathan Edwards is beginning to look at zoning enforcement with an eye towards determining his staffing requirements. She added that she also believes the Town should discuss the idea of adding a conservation officer, and whether the Town wants to stay as a commission or whether it wishes to add a staff person.

Ms. Connolly asked if the conservation commission officer would be dealing with enforcement issues. Ms. Griffin responded that there are areas in Town where better proactive service in planning could be provided. One of the reasons the Conservation Commission has not been active in this area in the last few years is that there is plenty for them to do in terms of work such as site visit reports to the Planning Board. Longer-range planning issues tend to get placed at the bottom of the agenda.

Ms. Black noted that there used to be a person appointed for every piece of conservation land; that person was the steward of that land and reported back to the Conservation Commission twice yearly.

Mr. Walsh indicated that this is a good question as to whether the Town wishes to fund someone to do the work out of general tax revenue, or to depend on a volunteer network. He added that he is not necessarily against adding a person, but would be against adding a person whose job it would be to walk and maintain each trail, as opposed to enthusiastic community volunteers. Mr. Walsh indicated that he would be willing to consider hiring someone whose job it was to help volunteers in Town.

Ms. Black noted that another area to consider at budget time is support staff in the Manager's office.

## **9. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.**

### **Mr. Walsh**

Mr. Walsh reported that he had attended a very spirited meeting of the Community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. There are plans for a community forum which he believes will focus on the kinds of things that can be done and what progress the Committee has made since its last forum two years ago.

### **Ms. Connolly**

Ms. Connolly reported that she had received a check for \$1,000 from William Silverman, made payable to the Town of Hanover Tree Fund. The Tree Fund is being established by Mr. Silverman. Ms. Connolly referred to a note written by Mr. Silverman which indicated that he intends to continue his contributions.

Ms. Black will prepare a letter of thanks from the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Connolly further indicated that she had attended a recent Transportation Advisory Committee meeting and had reported to them the findings of the Bicycle Committee. The Transportation Advisory Committee accepted those findings with interest and support, and Ms. Connolly asked that Ms. Griffin's office follow up by making formal letters of application.

Regarding the Planning Board, Ms. Connolly noted that they will be dealing with lot line adjustments at their upcoming meeting, as well as the conversion of 6 Sargent Place from residential to business. She added that Dartmouth College has some items on the agenda which appear to be modifications of old cases. In the event Ms. Connolly is out of town and Mr. Colligan cannot sit on an item concerning Chase Field, Mr. Walsh will sit on the next Planning Board meeting.

### **Mr. Colligan**

Mr. Colligan reported that the next Conservation Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, September 16 at 5:00 p.m. In addition, he noted that there will be a Howe Library Annual Corporation meeting on September 24th, with the business meeting commencing at 3:30 p.m. at the Howe Library.

**Ms. Black**

Ms. Black reported that the Community Facilities Task Force met recently. Mr. Walsh indicated that the essence of the meeting was to receive the consultant's report which pulled together his work and the work of the community workshop which was held in July. Ms. Griffin is under the assumption that there might be some co-location of a community center with school facilities.

Ms. Black also reported that recycling of scrap metal will be held Saturday, September 26th from 9 to 12 at the old Water Company site.

Ms. Black further indicated that the Senior Center Advisory met recently, and they are very interested in not letting the Roberts property be lost as a possible site for them to have a new building. They are very concerned about not getting lost in the bigger shuffle between what is happening elsewhere in the community as they also have immediate needs.

Ms. Black displayed a glass vase etched with the Town's seal which will be presented to the City of Nihonmatsu, Japan.

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: AUGUST 31, 1998**

**Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of August 31, 1998, as amended. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 31, 1998, AS AMENDED.**

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

Mr. Colligan indicated that he had read the report from the policy study "What Happens if Nothing Happens" and questioned if there was anything that could be done with respect to the Town's upcoming financing in the event the rating agencies were to downgrade the state and/or the municipality. Ms. Griffin explained that in the process of talking with the bond bank and the state treasurer about what options communities may have so that bond issues do not come to a halt; if the court does not issue an extension, she does not have an answer yet. She suggested that the Town may be in a situation where it wants to defer issuance. Mr. Colligan suggested that if the credit rating is downgraded which would increase the cost of any issue, whether a conversation could be held with Dartmouth College to explore if there is a way for Dartmouth to provide the financing off their AAA rating, or the Town to borrow off its existing rating from Dartmouth, even if on an interim basis, so there would be no disruption to the project. Ms. Griffin noted that Michael Gilbar has already had discussions with Dartmouth College on this matter.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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