

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2001**

Present: Arnold Wilson, Chairman
 George Dib
 Hal White
 Charles Blanchard
 Doris Sosik
 James Malloy, Town Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of November 26, 2001 as amended, by D. Sosik.
 2nd: G. Dib
 Vote: All in favor.

Bill Toomey – The Nature Conservancy

Bill Toomey presented the Board with an overview of the activities of the Nature Conservancy, and an outline of the Quinebaug Highlands Project (copy on file). They are working to preserve the biological diversity of the Quinebaug Highlands area, which covers approximately 269 square miles of northeastern Connecticut and south central Massachusetts. The area contains several rare natural communities as well as rare plant and animal species.

D. Sosik asked what the Board of Selectmen could do to help with the project. B. Toomey said that he would be interested in meeting with members of Town boards to get a better sense of what the Town is doing regarding open space planning and land protection. He suggested that the surrounding towns work together in planning and dealing with growth and development.

G. Dib noted that there was an article in the Beacon which indicated that as of November 6th, only 35 communities have adopted the Community Preservation Act.

Old Sturbridge Inc. – New Liquor License

Attorney William Jalkut and Alberta Seybolt-George appeared before the Board. W. Jalkut said that Old Sturbridge Village has built a beautiful new structure and requested that the Board approve the new liquor license. He expressed appreciation for the support that the Town has given Old Sturbridge Village. He introduced William Provost, who will be the manager of the new facility.

MOTION: To approve the new liquor license for Old Sturbridge, Inc. as described in form 43, subject to the current license being surrendered to the ABCC, by H. White.

2nd: D. Sosik

Vote: All in favor.

J. Malloy