Board of Selectmen **SPECIAL MEETING**

Town Hall November 10, 2008 – 4:00 PM

MINUTES

- 1.0 The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Joyce Okonuk. Also present were Selectmen John Bendoraitis and Russ Blakeslee. Audience: 6
- 2.0 Bids for the Oliver Road Bridge project were opened and announced as follows:

Bakaj Construction Lebanon \$120,490.00
Coit Excavating, Bozrah \$86,665.00
Beebe Construction, Storrs \$83,182.00
Botticello, Inc., Manchester \$82,767.40
Mattern Construction, Baltic \$181,550.00

All bids were passed to the Town Engineer, Brandon Handfield of Anchor Engineering for review and recommendation to Selectmen.

- 3.0 Rebecca Eselunas returned to the Selectmen to present exact details as to the memorial bench she wishes to install at Lake Williams in memory of Shawn Kanter. Rebecca provided a detailed drawing of the granite bench as well as the inscriptions she wishes to install on both sides of the seat back. The Selectmen had no objections to her proposal and asked that she work with the Highway Department for the installation. Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to approve the installation of a memorial bench, as per design and specifications, to be installed on the southern end of Lake Williams. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 4.0 Moved by Okonuk, seconded by Bendoraitis to approve the Town Hall Union Contract, effective 7/1/2008 7/1/2012, as ratified by Town Hall union employees. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 5.0 The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) Ordinance has been reviewed by Town Counsel who made minor changes to the draft document. Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Blakeslee to bring a new Water Pollution Control Authority Ordinance (WPCA) to the next Town Meeting for community approval. Vote: yes, unanimous
- 6.0 The newly adopted Town Hall union contract eliminated the employee's "birthday" holiday and added the day after Thanksgiving as a holiday instead, beginning in 2008. The employee holiday party (for all town staff) is scheduled for Friday, December 12th and it has been requested that Town buildings be closed at 1:00 PM that day. Moved by Blakeslee, seconded by Bendodraitis to close the Town Hall and Public Works Department at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 12, 2008 to allow staff to attend a holiday party. Vote: yes, unanimous It was also requested that employees be allowed to take a vacation day the day following Christmas and to close buildings to the public. It was the consensus of the Selectmen, however, that the Town Hall remain open to the public on Friday, December 26, 2008. All departments should be covered.
- 7.0 Moved by Bendoraitis, seconded by Okonuk to adjourn the meeting at 4:33 PM. Vote: yes, unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce R. Okonuk First Selectman