ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Betty McDermott; Ernest Allen; Ada Brown; Charles Murray; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.
   a. December 8, 1997
   b. December 16, 1997

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to accept the Minutes for December 8, 1997 and December 16, 1997 as written. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

1. Consideration of appointments.
   
   MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to appoint Tina Pomerleau and Jim Lewis to the Tassel Top Committee; Jim Lewis to fulfill his original term, and Stephanie Bubier as the Selectmen’s representative to the Library Committee. Seconded by Charles Murray.
   
   VOTE: Unanimous.

2. Continuation from December 16, 1997 meeting: Joint meeting with the Comprehensive Plan Committee and Planning board to discuss proposed zoning changes near Cabin Candley.

   MOTION: To request the Town Manager to draft changes to the Comprehensive Plan that would insure consistency with the proposed Land Use Ordinance changes being drafted by the Planning board that proposes to increase the depth of the Route 302 (Roosevelt Trail) Commercial Zone, and allow light industry in that area.

   And that the Town Manager shall utilize the assistance of the Town Attorney, and shall also consult with the Planning board to receive any such position they may have on any proposed Comprehensive Plan changes. Seconded by Charles Murray.

   DISCUSSION: Charles Turner felt that this would create a "hole in the dyke" and would open the Comprehensive Plan to any individual changes that anyone would want to make without assessing how these changes would alter the original Plan. He also questions the definition of "along" Route 302 and how deep it could expand. Mr. Turner asked that the Selectmen defeat this motion. Mrs. Brown said that she had called Maine Municipal and was told that a town didn’t have to have a Comprehensive Plan and therefore a town’s plan was not "set in stone." Mr. Turner asked if this would be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting. Mrs. Bubier replied yes. Harold Burnham asked if performance standards for light industry had been formed. Mr. Poore said that preparation for this discussion about the zone change had not included specifics such
as performance standards, which would be addressed at a later date. Bud Larson, Planning Board member, said that the Planning Board was working on that now and has been since last summer. Scott Mizner, for Cabin Candlery, indicated that their present business is a conditional light industrial area which was grandfathered and he asked that they be informed about any pollutants of which anyone might know. Mr. Burnham complained that the fragrances from the building while usually pleasant do overpower the natural pine tree fragrance which their customers come to Maine to enjoy.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

3. **Report from the Town Manager on the status of the 1998 Collector Road Development Award Program for requested improvements to Webbs Mills Road.**

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Poore reported that the MDOT wants to start at Route 302 and work on the road for 1.6 miles at an estimated cost of $400,000. Mrs. Bubier asked why they wouldn’t do the whole road or the worst part first. Mr. Poore replied that the State wanted to begin at the end of the road. The cost is high because of the amount of draining and banking work to be done. He said he would be pursuing further work in the year to come until there was completion at the Casco line at least.

4. **Continued from the December 16, 1997 meeting: Consideration to proceed with the construction of an automated and metered septic pump station at the septic spreading facility.**

**MOTION:** Charles Murray motioned for approval of this improvement. No second.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Poore read the summary and said he didn’t know if having this site would inhibit the development of the rest of the 100+/- acres in the parcel. Mr. Allen asked how much value is Raymond loosing there. Mr. Poore said he didn’t know for sure but that the sheriff’s reports and the amount of sewage delivered indicate that illegal septic is being dumped. Jack Cooper reported that since the permits were instigated the volume was cut by 50% and feel with this addition the volume will be cut again possibly up to another 50% which will allow us to keep the same size site and not have to expand it.

**MOTION:** Charles Murray motioned to proceed this improvement. No second.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Poore asked that the motion include "not to exceed $35,000" which would come from the 1996-97 budget so that the audit can be finished. He said that it could be put in the 1997-98 budget is necessary. Mr. Allen asked how the deliveries could be controlled without this equipment. Mr. Poore replied with security cameras and/or personnel. Mr. Allen queried whether the DEP would be an influence. Mr. Poore said he assumed the design would be in conformance. Mrs. Bubier asked what the operating and maintenance cost would be. Mr. Poore didn’t know except whatever electricity would be used and he added the fees would handle the maintenance expense. Mr. Murray asked if a Town Meeting article would allow surplus to cover it. Mr. Poore replied that an article could be included for Town Meeting.

**MOTION:** Charles Murray motioned to ask for proposals for the septage site. Seconded by Ada Brown.

**VOTE:** Unanimous.

5. **Consideration to request proposals for printing the 1997 Town Report.**
NOTE: Mr. Poore said that this request went to bid and is due Friday. He said the Report should be ready by Monday.

6. Review a report on mercury related issues at MMWAC. Action to be taken as deemed necessary by the Board.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Poore said that Joe Bruno, our State Representative, could not be in attendance. Mr. Allen said this came about because the State now has tighter specifications relating to mercury which may be more stringent than Federal specifications. Mr. Bruno will be working to get more reasonable specifications because this proposal seems to be pointed to just RWS and MMWAC. Mr. Poore said the investment increase for these changes to the plant at MMWAC would have to be supported by the member communities and not the other user communities. He continued that they want to go after user fees. Also MMWAC needs letter and representative contract to keep the cost down. Mr. Bubier said that only 21% of the total tonnage is from member towns. Mr. Poore said that Raymond is looking at $4.00 per ton added cost. Mr. Allen felt that the Selectmen could support what MMWAC or RWS wants to do. Mr. Poore said he would call Mr. Bruno and find out what he needs and possibly have a letter ready for the next meeting for the Selectmen to sign.

7. Communications and other business.
   a. Growth Council Planning Committee will be meeting January 8th.
   b. The Planning Board is working on a telecommunications ordinance. Their next meeting will be January 7th.
   c. GPCOG’s Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting every other Tuesday from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm and I will be a member of that Committee.
   d. Salt/Sand for Public use will be curtailed because of suspected abuse by commercial haulers. The use of sand for private walkways and around the house should not be interpreted as use for long driveways and private roads. Mr. Poore proposed to give a two week notice as of now that the hours will be changed to business hours only.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to go ahead with the plan to reduce access hours at the salt/sand site.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Murray amended the motion that this be "not for private road use". Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

   e. Rabies Clinic will be conducted on January 17, 1998 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Public Works Garage.
   f. The Town Report’s deadline is January 7 for committee and board reports.
   g. The Budget/Finance Committee is planning to meet on January 12 for discussion and January 19 for action on the new budget. The Selectmen discussed whether to have a public hearing on the budget. They decided that the hearing notices by the School Committee and the Budget/Finance Committee is enough.
   h. The School Budget will be discussed on January 7th.
   i. The County Commissioners Minutes were noted.
   j. Pam Corrigan, Town Manager in Naples, will be moving to become the Town
Manager of Farmington. There will be a reception on Friday, January 10th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Naples Town Office.
k. We received a thank you note from the family of the MMA attorney who recently died.
l. Ada Brown asked whether the Board would be taking action on Glen Gisel’s letter to the Board. The Board felt that more information was needed before they talked about it.

RECESS: There was a technical difficulty recess at 8:07 pm. (The video tape ran out.)

RE-OPEN MEETING: Stephanie Bubier re-opened the meeting at 8:09 pm.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Murray felt the Fire Chief should be present to discuss this letter and asked that it be put on the next agenda. Mr. Poore felt there was a mixture of items including personnel matters and opinions of the budget. He asked that the Fire Chief be allowed to respond prior to any discussion. Mr. Murray asked that the discussion be in person. Mrs. Bubier said she would invite Mr. Gisel to come to the meeting on Monday.

1. Review and authorize the January 6, 1998 Treasurer’s Warrant.

MOTION: Charles Murray motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Warrant in the amount of $30,266.30. Seconded by Ernest Allen.

VOTE: Unanimous.

MOTION: Ernest Allen motioned to adjourn as soon as the Warrant is signed. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Louise H. Lester