

# October 16, 2008

*Minutes subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen.*

**Present:** First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton (6:05 p.m.) and Nicholas N. Solley.

**Press:** Ann Compton – VOICES, Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

**Public:** Sally Woodruff, Cal Zinick, Reese Owens, Wendy Federer, Chris Charley, Paul Szymanski, Matt Klauer, Matilda Giampietro, Tony Bedini.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. noting that Jim Brinton would be in attendance as close to 6:00 p.m. as possible and the order of agenda items may be changed to accommodate his arrival.

## **Minutes:**

\* Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 2, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the October 9, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

## **First Selectman's Report:**

\* Alliance Energy Contract: The original project, for which a contract was signed this past summer, was put on hold pending release of funds from CL&P. This has occurred, a new contract was signed on October 14 and work will hopefully be done by the end of the year resulting in a 30% lighting cost savings.

\* Frisbie Road Discontinuance: Mr. & Mrs. Gruson have signed an agreement that has been placed in the land records that concludes the discontinuance of a portion of Frisbie Road. The agreement states that the Grusons (or subsequent owners of the property) will construct a turn around should their driveway not be available for highway equipment to turn in.

\* Building Use Form: The Selectmen's Office has been working on the use/rental form for Bryan Memorial Town Hall with minor changes to the rules and regulations.

\* Town Meeting: Held on October 6 – all items on the Agenda were approved. An item of note was a change to the Transfer Station Ordinance which authorizes the Board of Selectmen to not only determine the disposal fees but also the types of materials accepted at the Transfer Station.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

\* New Preston Cemetery Association:

\* Sally Woodruff, Cal Zinick and Reese Owens attended today's meeting to discuss the financial position of the New Preston Cemetery Association. There is a great deal of work that needs to be done (repairs to stone walls, columns, steps, fallen gravestones, pruning, etc.). A financial report was presented and explained. The only income the Association receives is from the sale of plots. The Association is proposing/requesting is a \$5000 line item in the budget for 4 years from the Town of Washington to

assist with maintenance and repair costs. Discussion occurred and the Selectmen recommended the Association make a formal request in budget season. Mark also explained that should the Cemetery run out of funds, the Town would have to take over the running and managing of it – by State statute.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Wykeham Road Improvements in regard to Wykeham Rise LLC application for 101 Wykeham Road restaurant/inn/spa:

Since the last meeting, the Selectmen have met with Paul Szymanski, Engineer for the applicant, and Kevin Smith, Highway Director for the Town, to review the proposed site line improvements to Wykeham Road. The plan calls for cutting back of a section of the road, the removal of some brush and trees as well as a stonewall that will be moved. All the proposed work would be done in the Town's right-of-way and therefore the Board of Selectmen, as the Town's traffic authority, needs to give its approval. The work would be done by and at the expense of the applicant and a performance bond would be required. Contractors would name the Town as an additional insured for liability. Paul Szymanski, engineer, and Matt Klauer, applicant for the 101 Wykeham Road project, were present with plans and to answer questions. In addition to the Selectmen, neighbors in attendance, asked questions, stated concerns about the disturbance to the rural character and historical integrity of the area, the DOT standards vs. Town standards for site lines, the possibility of a less aggressive plan that could improve site lines and create a safer road, etc. After lengthy discussion, the following motion was made: **Motion:** To draft a letter to the Zoning Commission that states the Board of Selectmen approves the proposed plan for site line improvements to Wykeham Road, however, they would also be agreeable to a more modest plan that would be less destructive to the rural character of the road (i.e. is site lines were not being held to the State standards). By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** See Old and New Business.

**Adjournment:**

\* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Secretary