

• November 1, 2007

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley, and Mark E. Lyon.

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES

Public: Chris Charles

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 18, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears. Discussion: Mary Anne Greene noted that the amount of **Putnam Tennis & Recreation bid for resurfacing of the tennis courts at the Washington Primary School, should be \$12,180.00 not \$12,810.00 as stated in the minutes of October 18th.** The motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

- **WPS Building Committee** will hold a public information meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the master plan for renovation/design/cost of the Washington Primary School.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Awarding of Tennis Court Resurfacing bid: Motion:** To award the bid for resurfacing of the tennis courts at the Washington Primary School to **M & M Tennis Courts** of Bristol, CT for \$8,400.00. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears. Discussion: Nick explained that the bids had been reviewed with the Parks and Recreation Commission Coordinator. Work may not start until early next spring. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Painter Ridge Road Improvement Project Resolution:** Dick Sears explained that the informational meeting regarding this project was held on October 30, 2007 at the Town Hall. Three residents of the road attended the meeting along the Board of Selectmen and Highway Director. There was no opposition. Concerns were raised about drainage issues, effect on properties, speed, closure of road, etc. All conditions of the funding from the State have now been met. **Motion:** To pass the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington has published a legal notice display ad, mailed a news release to a number of officials and agencies, and mailed a formal letter to abutting property owners, announcing a public informational meeting on the proposed STP Urban Transportation project known as Painter Ridge Road Improvements; and

WHEREAS, a public informational meeting was held on October 30, 2007, at Bryan Memorial Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. at which meeting residents had an opportunity to voice their concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Connecticut Council of Governments has selected this project as a regional priority and has agreed to utilize federal funds for right-of-way and construction activities; and

WHEREAS, this project is located on a municipally owned road, the preliminary engineering phase will

be performed by the Town of Washington or its consultant, utilizing 100% Town of Washington funds, the rights-of-way will utilize 20% Town of Washington funds; and

WHEREAS, the legislative body has considered the concerns of the residents from the public informational meeting and finds that the proposed Painter Ridge Road Improvements is in the best interest of the Town of Washington, and will promote the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents and provide for convenience and safety of the motoring public.

WHEREAS the Town of Washington, based on the above information, and by virtue of this resolution, hereby fully supports the proposed project.

_____(Richard C. Sears)_____

SIGNED

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DATE

By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Nick Solley explained that property owners and the Town would need to work together on a solution to the drainage issue. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Public Works Equipment Cooperative:** Dick Sears explained a program that is funded by the State that could save the Towns money on equipment. By joining the Litchfield Hills Equipment Cooperative, Towns can share large pieces of equipment such as sweepers, vacuor pumps (catch basin cleaner) etc. Example: Renting of the catch basin cleaning equipment and services costs the Town approximately \$175 per hour. If the same equipment were available for regional towns to share it could cost as little as \$75 per hour. There are some administrative details to be worked out. Today, the Board of Selectmen, if all agree, could approve their intent to join the cooperative (at no cost). Then a Town Meeting needs to be held to endorse a Resolution approving participation in the Cooperative. **Motion:** To hold a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining approval of the Legislative Body to participate in the Litchfield Hills Equipment Cooperative. NOTE: The WPS Building Committee Informational Meeting will be held immediately following this meeting at 7:30 p.m. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

• **Chris Charles** spoke about the proposed Walker Brook Road subdivision in New Milford and the work that has been put in by several Washington residents. He asked if the Board of Selectmen supported their efforts, etc. Dick explained that the Town of Washington has gone on record in the early stages of this proposal, citing examples of concern regarding emergency response issues, traffic, run-off, etc. The Board expressed their gratitude to these residents and our Land Use Commissions for the work they have accomplished. Chris thanked the Board for its support.

Adjournment:

• **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary