

• **June 30, 2005**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley, Harry H. Wyant.

Public: Alan Chapin, Mark Lyon, Valerie Friedman, Valerie Anderson

For Bid Opening: Kevin Starchak (S & S Paving)

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:35p.m. and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Major Stephen Reich who was killed in Afghanistan this week.

Approval of Minutes:

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 16, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen; the minutes of the June 20, 2005 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Selectmen; the minutes of the June 21, 2005 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen; and the minutes of the June 23, 2005 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

• **Alan Chapin** presented the Board of Selectmen with a letter regarding the Town's pension program. Alan, in his letter, outlines the fact that the Town Plan has not been amended with regard to monthly compensation since 1993 and requests the Board of Selectmen and the Pension Committee of the Board of Finance to consider an increase in the Town's contribution and to develop a one time buyout for those employees who may wish to retire. There was some discussion on what other municipalities are doing, etc. Alan feels this proposal would assist current employees and would also be attractive to new employees. The Selectmen thanked Alan for his input and will take the matter into consideration. Alan requested his letter be sent to the Pension Committee members.

• **Valerie Friedman commented** on the fact that she did not feel the minutes of the May Town Meeting were "complete" in that audience comments were not mentioned and she did not feel the vote on affordable housing was accurately recorded. She requested that future meetings be more specific and accurate. Valerie also suggested the Selectmen think of a Department of Public Works/Supervisor position that could also incorporate the Buildings and Property Manager position.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

• **Motion:** To re-appoint Reese Owens to the Building & Property Commission until 7/1/08; Charles LaMuniere as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/08; Candace Korzenko (move from alternate to regular) member of the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/08; Nelly Condon to the Judea Cemetery Commission until 6/30/10; Sandy Papsin to the Lake Waramaug Authority until 6/30/08. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Opening of Bids for the Reclamation & Repaving of Nettleton Hollow Road:** The following bids were received:

1) S & S Paving, Southbury, CT \$164,115.15

2) Water's Construction, Bridgeport, CT \$181,385.00

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, July 5th at 8:30a.m. to award the bid.

- **Houldin sidewalk:** Dick Sears reviewed previous discussions on this matter - sidewalk goes from the edge of Route 47, across from the Pharmacy, to the Ericson Agency building. Houldins are willing to remove the old sidewalk that is in disrepair and the Town will replace (on Town property several feet to the right) with a new walk. Work to be scheduled in the fall when similar wedging/paving work will be done in Town.

- **Amendment to Open Space Acquisition Fund Ordinance:****Motion:** To present the amendment to the Open Space Acquisition Fund Ordinance to the public at a Special Town Meeting (date to be determined). By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Resident Trooper Contract:** Dick Sears explained we have received the new contract for the Resident Trooper for the period 7/1/05-6/30/07. He has met with the Troop L commander and Trooper Sordi to discuss and Dick, of course, highly recommends it's being renewed. **Resolved:** That Richard C. Sears, First Selectman, be and herewith authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Town of Washington with the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police for the services of one (1) resident Trooper for the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was adjourned at 5:14p.m to enter Executive Session to discuss the position of Buildings and Property Manager. The Executive Session was adjourned at 5:40p.m. to re-enter the Regular Meeting.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:40p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary