

# November 20, 2003

**Present:** First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nick Solley and Harry Wyant.  
**Press:** John Addyman, VOICES, Richard Kleinberg and Carol Matteo.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Richard Sears called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.

**Minutes: Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 6, 2003 Board of Selectmen's meeting as presented, by Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

**Visitors: Richard Kleinberg and Carol Matteo** attended today's meeting as they were interested in following up on **Tinker Hill Road**. Nick Solley asked that the notes show (since the Inland Wetlands Commission's decided to reject the Selectmen's request for an emergency permit and advised Ms. Dixie Reinhardt to get an engineer), that when Ms. Reinhardt first came to the Selectmen, she was advised at that time to get an engineer and that apparently did not happen. Ms. Matteo asked that the record show she did not receive any notification of the agreement that was signed between the Town and Ms. Reinhardt. She asked how the Town could be working on a discontinuance project for Tinker Hill and at the same time allows a private citizen to put in a driveway on that same road. She also felt the Town had made an application to Inland Wetlands with no notification to her as an abutting property owner. Ms. Matteo is in favor of the portion of Tinker Hill being discontinued and then be designated a "greenway" and commends the Town for this idea. However, in light of that, how can we allow for a driveway and also assist with work on the road? Ms. Matteo feels that basically none of the work has been done through the normal procedures. She is concerned if Ms. Reinhardt's driveway would have any impact on the leaching fields she installed recently. Nick Solley explained that the Town had identified two sections of Tinker Hill as potential for discontinuance - as far as maintenance by the Town is concerned. Having a "greenway" would be a subsequent natural happening. Ms. Reinhardt does have a legitimate request to be able to gain access to her driveway. The Town did give her permission to make repairs to a portion of Tinker Hill in order that she could get to her house - she holds the liability, etc. She will need a permit for installing her driveway to her house off of Tinker Hill. Nick further explained that the Town enters into agreements with contractors all the time to repair roads. Maintenance of Town roads is done on an as needed basis - not always notifying property owners when it comes to regrading, replacing pipes, etc. Mr. Kleinberg is concerned about the flow of water and asked that the Town make certain that Ms. Reinhardt finish the work that she has started - clean up, placement of riprap (if Inland Wetlands agrees - may need engineered plan first). Mr. Kleinberg also requested that meeting agendas and legal notices be placed on the Town's website. Dick Sears explained that this is something he will be working on with various commissions and offices.

**Appointments:** Dick Sears notified the Selectmen that he had appointed Elaine Luckey as an alternate to the **Conservation Commission** to fill a vacancy. Her term will expire 1/1/2006.

## OLD BUSINESS:

**Sweeper Bid:** One bid was received to purchase the Town's 1990 Mobil Sweeper, Model #H10-1 for \$1,550.00 from Rick Gamelin of Woodbury. **Motion:** To reject the bid of Mr. Gamelin by Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved. It was decided that this was not a good time to sell the sweeper and therefore will store the old one for this winter and go out to bid again in the spring.

**Road Discontinuance: Motion:** To accept the decision of the November 12th, 2003 Town meeting to discontinue portions of Old Litchfield Road, West Mountain Road, Potash Hill Road, Curtis Road and Bantam River Road (also known as Lower Mount Tom Road) by Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley

and unanimously approved.

**No Parking Signs at Beach:** The resolution was passed at the Town Meeting giving the Selectmen the right to have our police force issue fines, tow vehicles, etc. **Motion:** To order the signs for the Beach that read "No Overnight Parking. Violators will be to towed at owner's expense." By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Rent - Old Firehouse: Motion:** To increase the rent for Steep Rock Association (upper level of Old Firehouse) to \$720 a month and for Susan Schulman (lower level) to \$700 a month. This will be effective January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004. Both tenants will be notified.

**Holiday 12/26/2003:** Dick Sears notified the Selectmen that Elaine Luckey had designated December 26, 2003 as a Holiday for town hall and highway department employees (weather permitting for highway).

**225th Anniversary of the Town:** Dick announced that in December he will be appointing an anniversary committee to work on celebration plans. Any interested persons can contact the selectmen's office.

**Welcome to First Selectman Sears:** Nick Solley asked that the minutes reflect the Board's welcome to Dick at his first meeting and wish him well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:04p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Secretary