

June 20, 2002

First Selectman Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Board: Elaine Luckey, Harry Wyant

Minutes: Harry Wyant made a motion to approve the minutes of June 4 and June 6. Elaine Luckey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed

Communications:

No Smoking Legislation: Elaine reported she had received a thank you letter from Attorney General Blumenthal for her personal support of legislation that would allow municipalities to consider regulating smoking in public places. This does not mean the Town is for or against this, she noted, but merely allows its consideration.

Whittlesey Road Speeding & Dust: Elaine reported she had contacted the State D.O.T. and the local police with regard to a letter from Marti Stevens of Whittlesey Road regarding speeding and dust. She found the suggestion for speed bumps would be a liability to the Town. She will ask the Highway Department to address the dust problem and will refer the speeding problem to the Police. She will notify Ms. Stevens of her findings.

Appointment/Resignation: Elaine Luckey made a motion to appoint/reappoint the following commission members:

- Building & Property Commission: (appointed)

Reese Owens, reappoint to 7/1/05

- Inland Wetlands: (appointed)

Bob Weber, move from alternate to regular member to 6/30/04 to fill vacancy of David Thomson

Helen Gray, reappoint as regular member to 6/30/05

Charles LeMunier, reappoint as regular member to 6/30/05

Candace Korzenko - reappoint as alternate member to 6/30/05

- Zoning: (elected)

John Potter - resignation. The Board accepted with regret.

Gary Fitzherbert - move from alternate to regular member to 11/03 to fill vacancy of John Potter. (This position will be up for election in 11/03 since it is an elected position.)

Jim Brinton appoint to alternate position to 11/05 to fill vacancy of Gary Fitzherbert. (This position will be up for election in 11/03 since it is an elected position.)

- Judea Cemetery: (appointed)

Ruth M. Alex appoint to 6/30/07 to replace Margaret Addicks (Ordinance for this Commission

dictates that members may serve for five years and then must step down for a year prior to being appointed again.)

- Lake Waramaug Authority: (appointed)

Sandy Papsin, reappoint to 6/30/05

- Marine Officers: (appointed)

Robin Feret, Francis J. Vallely, Scott Wyshynski - reappoint to 11/03

Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

New Business:

Rental Assistance: A letter from the Winchester Housing Authority reported that recent changes in HUD regulations concerning rental assistance payments allow them to extend and manage rental assistance to resident of Washington without the town having to activate and operate its own housing authority. Such residents would include both low-income families and the elderly. The rental assistance provided and managed through their office may reach close to full payment of the contract rent. The benefits of this program aid both those residents in need of housing assistance and the property owners who have apartments to rent. The WHA provides assistance with processing the necessary paperwork and can avoid the residents having to travel to Hartford or Waterbury to apply for assistance. In order to properly qualify for this benefit, however, the Board of Selectmen must approve the representation by the Winchester Housing Authority to administer the voucher issuance to our residents. It was felt this would be of benefit to the Town's residents and the potential for a speedy, convenient application process in the northwest locale.

Elaine Luckey moved that the following Resolution be approved:

"It is hereby resolved that the Winchester Housing Authority is authorized to provide to the residents of the Town of Washington rental assistance in the form of vouchers provided to the Winchester Housing Authority by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Winchester Housing Authority is further authorized to manage such vouchers in accordance with the regulations pertaining thereto, as may, from time to time, be amended."

Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed. This information will be referred to Jack Boyer to investigate the particulars and administration required.

Street Lighting: A memo was received from Bob Futh regarding the excess of street lighting on Calhoun Street and Baldwin Hill Road. Elaine referred this to Harry as the street lighting authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gollow
Selectman's Assistant