

• **March 20, 2008**

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman James L. Brinton.

Press: Jack Corraggio-Litchfield County Times

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Motion: To include subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mark explained these items would be the appointment of an alternate to the Conservation Commission and a full-time constable. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the March 13, 2008 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

• **Appointment of Nicholas N. Solley:** **Motion:** To appoint Nicholas N. Solley as Selectmen until 11/09. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mark and Jim have spoken with Nick who is to filling the term vacated by Dick Sears' resignation and Mark has spoken with the Democratic Town Committee who has endorsed this appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Board of Finance appointment:** Mark announced that at the last Board of Finance Meeting, Arthur J. DuBois, Jr. was appointed as an alternate to fill the vacancy to 11/13 however, he will be placed on the ballot for election to this position in 11/09.

• **Conservation Commission appointment:** **Motion:** To appoint Richard Sonder as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/09. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Suggestion of this appointment has come from the Conservation Commission directly. A resume has been received which indicates his interest and experience in this field. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Constable appointment:** Mark announced that prior to this meeting, the Board of Selectmen met in Executive Session to discuss the employment of a full-time constable. At the completion of that meeting, the motion was made to appoint **Scott Flaton** as a full-time constable. He will begin his 24-week training at the Police Academy on March 3. This appointment will be until 12/31/09.

First Selectman's Report:

• **WPS Update:** Mark reported on the Town of Washington's Public Information Meeting that was held last evening regarding the construction of a new Washington Primary School on the Shepaug campus vs. renovation of the present building. **Motion:** To set a Town Meeting on April 3, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. to ask the townspeople what their preference is in regard to constructing a new primary school building or renovating the present building. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark explained that as a recipient of Small Cities Grants and as potential applicants for future funding, the Town needs to evidence its commitment to "the principles and practices of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity." This is done on a yearly basis.

- **Motion:** To re-adopt the Fair Housing Resolution , the Fair Housing Policy Statement, and the Title VI Equal Opportunity Statement. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary