

## • **May 29, 2008**

**Present:** First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton, Nicholas N. Solley.

**Press:** Ann Compton-VOICES, Jack Coraggio-Litchfield County Times.

**Public:** Janet Wildman, Chris Charles.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 15, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

### **Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Webmaster Update:** Mark reported that one person has expressed interest in the position of webmaster and has met with Rex Swain. No decision had been made, however, and anyone interested in this position should contact the Selectmen's Office. Several communications have been received regarding the importance of continuing this vital service to the Town.

### **First Selectman's Report:**

- **Boat Ramp:** Mark reported that the ramp was scheduled to be paved tomorrow (Friday) and should be ready to be opened on the weekend. Consideration needs to be given to parking situation when there is an overflow of trailers i.e. State Park/fee, etc. Mark has called the DEP Boating Division.
- **CMED Credit:** The State Department of Public Safety, CMED services (medical dispatching) has issued Washington a credit of \$1111.20, which will be sent to Litchfield County Dispatch. (This has been done in the past and the contract with LCD calls for this.)

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Litchfield County Dispatch Agreement Renewal: Motion:** To renew the Agreement for Service between the Town of Washington and Litchfield County Dispatch for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.
- **Property Access Agreement with Drake Petroleum Co.:** Mark reported receiving a letter from Drake Petroleum regarding the testing being done at the old Texaco Station for contamination. They are requesting permission from the Town to put in two test holes at 6 River Road (park behind pharmacy that is Town property). They will inform Town of findings. **Motion:** To allow Drake Petroleum Company to put two test holes at 6 River Road as indicated on submitted map. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.
- **Historic Documents Preservation Grant:** Mark explained that this is a grant the Town Clerk applies for each year. **Motion:** To make the following Resolution: Resolved: That Mark E. Lyon, First

Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

- **Ann Compton:** VOICES reporter, inquired about the Board of Selectmen's meeting with Washington's Board of Ed members. Mark reported it was being held this evening at 7:00 p.m.
- **Chris Charles** asked if the Building Committee had been asked to participate and Mark explained that only the Board of Ed members were specifically invited but the meeting was open to the public. Chris went on to give his opinion on an article that appeared in the paper and the statements he felt were made by various individuals that were inaccurate. He felt the Building Committee should have been contacted or approached with concerns. Mark explained that this evening's meeting had nothing to do with the numbers presented by the Building Committee but was to be a sharing of concerns, general discussion and an exchange of opinions with our Board of Ed reps.
- **Janet Wildman:** Asked to speak with the Selectmen to discuss concerns that she has in regard to the current economic condition of the country, the tremendous increase in the cost of heating fuel and living in general. She feels that it would be irresponsible of the Selectmen and the Board of Ed, as well as other businesses, not to think ahead of ways to conserve, assist those who may need financial assistance, etc. The Selectmen thanked her for her concerns and assured her they would be considering her thoughts.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:15 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen adjourned their Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. and re-entered the Regular Meeting. **Motion:** To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:27 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary