

• **May 31, 2007**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley, and Mark E. Lyon.

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes:

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of May 17, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the May 22, 2007 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Mary Anne Greene asked that the minutes of the Special Meeting note mention of the "Cell Phone Survey" being mailed to all postal patrons in the Town of Washington by the Conservation Commission/Cell Tower Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

• **Joe Mustich email:** Dick Sears received an email from Joe Mustich regarding the Town Beach and its dates/hours of operation. Dick has referred him to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Joe has also requested that meeting of the Beach Facilities Committee be posted on the website. Dick noted that the legal requirement of posting the meetings at the Town Hall has been met; however, he will speak with Ray Reich regarding putting the notice on the website as well.

Appointments/Resignations: None. Dick Sears reminded the Selectmen that several commissioners will be up for reappointment at the end of June, and that there are openings that should be filled.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Opening of Bids for Town Hall Master Plan:** The following bids were received: **1) Consulting Engineering Services, Inc.** Middletown, CT.

Amount: \$12900.00.

2) Loureiro Engineering Association, Plainville, CT.

Amount: \$18,325.00.

The Selectmen will review proposals with the Architect and Bryan Memorial Trustees and award the bid in two weeks.

• **Opening of Bids for re-roofing of Pavilion Hall, New Preston:** The following bid was received: **Barrett Roofing,** Danbury, CT. Amount: \$39,600.00. The Selectmen will review. No date was set for awarding of the bid.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Ray Underwood - Village Improvement Society New Preston Falls Project:** Ray, as President, gave a brief history of the New Preston Falls area and the Village Improvement Society's involvement in "clean-up" and clearing a view of the falls following the demolition of the Joe Young building. At that time, there was discussion of possible future work that may include more clearing, a walking path, a

picnic area and parking. Presently the VIS is proposing to do more clearing to open the view. Ray has met with the Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer and VIS has hired Cynthia Rabinowitz, a Landscape Architect, to identify invasive species, suggest native species that could be planted and present a conceptual plan. A survey has been completed for the property. This conceptual plan will be displayed at the VIS Annual Picnic at the Pavilion on June 15th. Ray further explained that once this initial work is approved and completed, the VIS would like to have input from the townspeople as to what they would want to see done in the future, i.e. walkway across footbridge, fence replacement, etc.

- **Resolution empowering the First Selectman to sign the Resident Trooper Contract with the State of Connecticut:** Dick Sears explained that the contract with the State is up for renewal and would cover the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2009. **Motion:** To make the following Resolution: That Richard C. Sears, the 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, 2007 to June 30, 2009. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

- **Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign DOT Grant Agreement:** Dick Sears explained that this was for the STEAP Grant that has been awarded by the State for work on MyGatt Road. The contract has been reviewed by the Town's attorney and all is in order. **Motion:** To make the following Resolution: That Richard C. Sears, First Selectman, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled: "STEAP Grant Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Washington for the Design and Construction of the Mygatt Road Improvements: By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: The entire project will cost approximately \$390,000, the Town's share of the expenses have been approved for in the 2007-2008 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Regional Shelter Memorandum of Understanding:** Dick Sears explained that this Memo is between the Towns and the NW Council of Governments and the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected Officials. The memo states that if Washington should require emergency shelter equipment from another town, we would be able to get it and we would replace it. The same would hold true if another Town required equipment that we have available. **Motion:** To approve the signing of the Regional Shelter Memorandum of Understanding between Washington and the NWCOG and LHCEO. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

- **Awarding of demolition contract for Town Boat House:** Dick Sears explained that several area contractors were contacted regarding this project. (As it would cost under \$6000, it did not need to go out to bid.) Two proposals were received:

- 1) **Jim Ross Construction**, Washington, CT. Amount: \$3900.00.

- 2) **Wyant & Co**, Washington, CT. Amount: \$5725.00.

Motion: To award the contract for demolition of the Boat House to Jim Ross Construction for \$3900. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Nick Solley asked about the timing of this project. Dick explained that boat launch bids would be extended in June and the demolition of the boathouse should be completed by the time they would be due. The Town will be supplying the containers for the demolition materials and the hauling away. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary