

• **November 29, 2007**

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton, and Richard C. Sears.

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

Public: Diana Hardee, Todd Peterson, David Baron, Chris Charles.

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

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Motion:** To appoint Stephen Wadelton as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/09. By Dick Sears, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report: Mark Lyon explained this new section on the agenda has been added in order to bring information to the public on items of interest or that have come to his attention during the past two weeks and do not necessarily require any action taken.

- **Boat Launch Update:** Mark met with the contractors this morning at the boat launch. Pavement will not occur this year due to cold weather but the area will be graded and secured for the winter.
- **DOT Signage:** Mark has spoken with Brett Stoeffler of the DOT (following up on what Dick started several months ago). Several requests have been made to post signs to deter the use of Baldwin Hill Road by trucks.
- **Nettleton Hollow Road Bridge:** Roger Hurlbut of Lenard Engineering has reported that the DOT has done their review of the bridge project and the DEP's is in process. Dick Sears reported that when the initial work began, it was hoped that the actual bridgework would be done this spring. It now looks as if it may be later.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mailbox and Winter Operations Policies** written by the Highway Director, Kevin Smith, have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their review. After review, it was suggested and agreed to place the policies on the Town's website and in the papers for residents to review and comment.

Visitors:

- **Diana Hardee** attended this evening's meeting to discuss traffic issues and concerns. These included speeding through the Depot, difficulty in exiting at the Route 202/47 intersection, the possibility of the development on Route 109 just over the Washington border and the impact this will have on the Town.

Dick and Mark spoke of the correspondence that had been sent from the First Selectman's Office and the work that various commission members had done on the Walker Brook project.

- **Valerie Andersen** was not able to attend today's meeting however, she submitted information to be entered into the record (attached).
- **David Baron**, Board of Education Facilities Chairman, reported on the information for the referendum and the repairs and replacements that are planned. The seven projects to be addressed are: 1)water supply to the building, 2)HVAC unit, 3)bleachers, 4)site lighting in the parking lots, 5)waste water, 6)update to the energy management system, and 7)track. **Motion:** The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington endorses/supports the passage of the Referendum scheduled for December 18, 2007. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.
- **Chris Charles**, as a follow up to the Walker Brook Road development discussion, compiled paperwork for the Selectmen. He also spoke of the Washington Primary School Building Committee and the Region #12 Building Committee. There is question as to whether or not renovation costs will be reimbursable through the State because of the flood plain issue - this needs to be addressed. Chris also spoke of Don Brigham's involvement in various areas of the Town and his work and dedication. The Board of Selectmen will write a letter of thanks to Don.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:12 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the Regular Meeting from Executive Session at 5:45 p.m.

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary