

• **January 13, 2005**

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nicholas Solley and Harry Wyant.
Public: Jack Boyer, Bill Fairbairn, Mark Lyon
Press: Elf Lefferts-Litchfield County Times, Akiko Matsuda-Waterbury Republican

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 30, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Washington Community Housing Trust representatives Jack Boyer and Bill Fairbairn were present at today's meeting to notify the Board of Selectmen that the 11 unit project on Church Street, New Preston, is completed and the Certificate of Occupancy has been received. The Housing Trust is seeking a tax abatement for the project in the amount of \$11,194.50. The Trust would like the Selectmen's support to make a presentation at a Town Meeting requesting a permanent abatement. They see this as a contribution from the Town in support of affordable housing which would tie into the Town's goals. The Selectmen expressed their support and discussed scheduling a special meeting rather than waiting for the May meeting. A date will be set at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting for a Town Meeting in mid to late February.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: Dick Sears again mentioned the two vacancies on the Town's Planning Commission (one regular member and one alternate member) and is hopeful to get two names from the Republican Town Committee next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Underage Drinking Ordinance Informational Meeting:** Dick Sears scheduled an informational meeting on this subject for January 26, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. A draft ordinance will be available at this meeting which will be open to the public.
- **Proposed Road Discontinuance Regulations:** Dick reminded those present that a draft of proposed regulations for the discontinuance of roads was introduced at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting. There is question as to whether these regulations should be handled through the zoning process or through the Selectmen's Office as part of or similar to the Driveway Ordinance. Following discussion, it was determined that Kelly Boling (author of the proposed regulations) should be invited to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss further.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Scenic Road Designation - West Morris Road:** The Selectmen announced the Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing on February 1, 2005 to consider the designation of West Morris Road as a "Scenic Road".

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary