

## • **October 20, 2005**

**Present:** First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Harry H. Wyant.

Visitors: Lyndsey Gruson, Michele Telash, Valerie Andersen.

**Motion:** To include subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

### **Minutes:**

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 6, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

### **Visitors:**

• **Steep Rock Association** notified the Selectmen's Office they would prefer to come at a later date.

• **Michele Telash, a Certified Senior Advisor representing Dorothy Hill, 71 River Road**, attended today's meeting to discuss an easement. Mrs. Hill is applying for a federal reverse mortgage. Her septic system is on the opposite side of River Road (Town property) from her home. The easement that is currently in place addresses this matter on the deed but is to and from the property owner. In order to complete the application process, the easement language needs to be changed so that the easement would be from the Town of Washington to the property owner. Following discussion, the Board of Selectmen found no difficulty in granting this request. Harry Wyant explained that what is needed is the Town to be able to give permission to repair the pipe under the road. Mrs. Hill would take care of the legal work involved. **Motion:** To approve Mrs. Hill's request for a change to an easement regarding her property on River Road. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

• **Lyndsey Gruson, Frisbie Road** updated the Selectmen on research he had done regarding Frisbie Road - Roxbury officially abandoned a portion in that town 10-15 years ago. He has spoken with Roger Cannavaro, Washington's Road Foreman, and he has no problem with the section of Frisbie Mr. Gruson has requested be abandoned. They have discussed room for turn-arounds for trucks, etc. Dick Sears advised Mr. Gruson that the Selectmen were waiting for the report back from the Road Discontinuance Committee and would be in touch as soon as that information was received.

### **Communications:**

• **Letter from Rex Swain** regarding the transcribing of a Town Meeting in May that has not yet been done. Mr. Swain's letter voices disappointment and another request to have this done as soon as possible. Dick Sears explained he has spoken with the transcriber previously and will call her again. Dick will also respond to Rex. The point was made that the legal obligation of filing the motions with the Town Clerk was done.

### **Appointments/Resignations:**

• **Re-instatement of Valerie Friedman to Zoning Commission:** Dick Sears explained he had been contacted by Valerie Friedman and she explained she had changed her mind regarding resigning from the Zoning Commission and would like to remain a commissioner. **Motion:** To rescind the acceptance of Valerie Friedman's resignation from the Zoning Commission which was done at the October 6, 2005 Selectmen's meeting. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Appointments to the Housing Commission:** Dick Sears explained he had spoken to both Republican and Democratic Town Committees and had several names for recommendation. **Motion:** To appoint Don Brigham, Wayne Hileman, Jean Suddaby, Susan Werkhoven and Judie Gorra (pending her eligibility as a property owner vs. registered voter) to the Housing Commission. Terms will be as follows: 1 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years and 2 for 3 years. By Dick Sears seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Invitation to Bid Portable Radios: Motion:** To extend an invitation to bid, on behalf of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department, for eleven Motorola RIT Portable Radios, including equipment, installation and warranty. Bids will be accepted until November 3, 2005 at 4:00p.m. at the Selectman's Office, P.O. Box 383, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, CT 06794. Specifications may be obtained by calling 860-868-2259. Bids will be opened at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 4:30p.m. that day. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

**Adjournment: Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 4:55p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Secretary