

• February 12, 2004

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectman Harry Wyant.
Press: John Addyman, Voices; Elf Lefferts, Litchfield Country Times
Public: Tom and Betsy Burke

Call to Order: First Selectman called the meeting to order at 4:32p.m.

Minutes: Motion: To accept the minutes of the January 29, 2004 Board of Selectmen's meeting as presented by Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Visitors: None.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Affirmative Action Policy Statement:** Dick Sears reported the Town of Washington has had an Affirmative Action Policy in place which states the Town will not discriminate against anyone and to be open to all people. No changes have been made to the Policy except for being updated by having Dick sign as First Selectman. **Motion:** To accept and affirm the Policy as is by Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.
- **Report of Commission Chairmen meeting of January 27, 2004:** Dick reported the meeting was an excellent opportunity to have the Chairmen get together, for him to get to know the workings of the commissions better, and to share with each other what the commissions are involved in. The major focus of the meeting was to discuss implementation of the Plan of Conservation and Development that has been approved in concept. Minutes of the meeting are available for review and it is hoped these meetings will be held several times throughout the year. Dick mentioned that as a result of the POCD, the Town will be facing several major issues, i.e. open space, affordable housing, possible public works property expansion, use of old town garage property, town beach, upgrade of the Washington Primary School, etc. The large question on all these subjects is "how much and at what cost?" Dick would like to propose holding several public forums to discuss these and other issues.
- **Town Newsletter:** A memo has gone out to commissions, and organizations throughout Town inviting them to submit articles to the Newsletter. Candy Korzenko has again agreed to edit and supervise with production. Anyone interested in submitting an article should do so by March 30th. Mailing is scheduled for May 1st.
- **Paramedic Contract with Campion Ambulance Service, Inc.** Dick reported he met with the other 7 towns that participate in the contract with Campion and agreed to continue the contract for one year.
- **Recycling Efforts:** Dick reported on the Town's recycling efforts, noted we are considerably low in comparison to other towns in the area - only 15% of our waste is recycled. It is much more costly to haul and dispose of solid waste than recyclables. It is estimated if the Town increased from 15% to 30%, there could be a cost savings of \$15,000 per year. In conjunction with the Washington Environmental Council, a letter will be going out to the public inviting more residents to recycle in the next several weeks.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary