

• August 12, 2004

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Harry H. Wyant
Press: Akiko Matsuda-Waterbury Republican
Public: Christopher Charles, Brad Sedito

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

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 29, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Dick Sears welcomed those in attendance.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: Dick Sears reported that he had received a copy of an email sent to Region #12 Superintendent Carmelich from Daniel Leab. Mr. Leab is resigning from the Board of Education. Once the Board accepts his resignation, the Town has 30 days to have a Special Town Meeting to replace him.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Opening of Bids for the Pavilion Renovation and Bathroom Construction Project.** One bid was received from: Ruscoe-Sedito Construction LLC in the amount of \$232,000.00 in accordance with the specifications drawn by William Worcester. Mr. Sedito included voluntary alternates to the plans that could result in a savings of \$42,694.00. The Selectmen noted that the bid would be awarded at the next Selectmen's Meeting on August 26, 2004.

- **Shepaug River Update:** Dick Sears reported he had been to a meeting in Waterbury this week with Michael Jackson, Chairman of Steep Rock Association and William Bright, Attorney for the Towns of Washington, Roxbury and Shepaug River Association. There is a pending court date scheduled for October however both sides are hopeful that negotiations can continue and the case be settled prior to the court date. Dick will be returning to Waterbury again next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Inland Wetlands Hearing Officer:** Dick explained that several weeks ago Robert Futh had been appointed as the Town's Inland Wetlands Hearing Officer. Residents who violate Inland Wetlands regulations may be issued a citation - if they do not agree with it, a hearing is scheduled. The first hearing was to be held last week and was postponed until this evening. Mr. Futh and Attorney James Kelly who represents Mr. Fowler (to whom the citation was issued) have a minor business relationship. Both parties feel there is no conflict of interest, however the Commission has asked that another Hearing Officer be appointed in order that there is no "appearance" of a conflict. Dick is working on this and when another officer is appointed, the hearing will be re-scheduled. Both Mr. Futh and Mr. Kelly are in agreement with this. Chris Charles recommended Randy Bernard be considered.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 4:46p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary