

• **October 21, 2004**

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nicholas Solley and Harry Wyant.
Press: Akiko Matsuda, Waterbury Republican

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:35p.m.

Motion: To include subsequent business not appearing on the posted agenda for today's meeting. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the October 7, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Welcome Akiko!

Communications:

- Dick Sears received a memo from **Hank Martin, Chairman of the Zoning Commission** regarding street lighting and requesting the Board of Selectmen contact CL&P regarding **rural fixtures and lighting** (renting vs. purchasing, etc.) similar to what the Town of Salisbury has done. May be worth looking into for both aesthetic and practical reasons. Dick also met with CL&P recently regarding an audit of street lights that has been completed in town. He will take into consideration the request from Zoning.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Awarding of Painting Bid for Pavilion Hall, New Preston:** Dick met with the Buildings and Properties Committee to review the bids received two weeks ago. They recommend the bid be awarded to A Stroke of Color. **Motion:** To award the painting bid for Pavilion Hall, New Preston to A Stroke of Color from Waterbury, CT, as recommended by the Buildings and Properties Committee, for a sum of \$17,000 for three sides of the building. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant. Discussion: Work would be done next May and June. If the fourth side of the building (north end) is also to be painted it will be an additional \$2200. Selectmen need to contact neighbor to settle painting of the north end. Following discussion, the motion to award the bid was unanimously approved.
- **Discontinuance of a portion of West Mountain Road:** Adjoining neighbors of the portion of West Mountain Road under discussion for discontinuance have all been contacted and invited to today's meeting. Dick Sears was contacted by Mr. Kessler, via letter, stating the discontinuance was agreeable to him. No other communications have been received and no other neighbors attended this meeting to register a comment. **Motion:** To refer to the Planning Commission: To consider and act upon the formal discontinuance for all public uses, except for and reserving to the Town and the public the passive recreational uses defined and permitted in CGS 13a-141(b), including construction and maintenance incidental thereto, of a section of West Mountain Road between the western boundary line of parcel 2-2/9 and the western boundary line of 2-2/7a as designated on the Town Assessor's Map. This is an extension from that portion of West Mountain Road that had been discontinued formally at the November 12, 2003 Town Meeting from its intersection with Nettleton Hollow Road to the western boundary of parcel 2-2/8 on the Town Assessor's Map. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.
- **Process for discontinuing roads:** Review of the process: 1) Highway Discontinuance Committee

discusses; 2)submit recommendation to the Board of Selectmen; 3)Board of Selectmen notifies adjoining property owners and invites discussion/comment; 4)Board of Selectmen refers to the Planning Commission for comment; 5) if the Planning Commission is in agreement with discontinuance, they refer back to Board of Selectmen for placement on an agenda at Town Meeting.

- **Formation of Lake Waramaug Agreement committee.** Dick Sears reported the formation of a **Beach and Boat Launch Committee** whose task is the implementation of the terms of the Lake Waramaug Agreement and municipal improvements to Washington Beach property. Chairpersons of the subcommittees will constitute the committee: Implementation of State/Town Agreement-Paul Frank; Boat Launch Construction-Nick Solley, Beach Facilities Construction-Ray Reich; Executive Committee-Dick Sears. **Motion:** To appoint the aforementioned to the Beach and Boat Launch Committee. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved. Harry Wyant has offered to serve on the Beach Facilities Construction committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Report on Primary School Visits:** Dick Sears reported he took a tour of the three primary schools in the Region. When touring while school was in session it became very evident that Booth and Burnham are indeed overcrowded and in poor condition in some areas. Washington Primary School, while not overcrowded at the present time, does have some needs. Dick recommended that the other Selectmen and Board of Finance members tour the facilities as well.

- **Report on Municipal Project Forum:** Dick Sears reported on the first forum, held last evening at the Town Hall. There were approximately 40 in attendance. A good dialogue occurred and budgetary issues were discussed. He and Nick Solley felt the meeting was very productive.

- **Invitation to Bid for Depot Study: Motion:** To extend an Invitation to Bid for consultant services to assist the Planning Commission on the Depot Village Area Study to be submitted to the Land Use Coordinator by November 19, 2004 by 5:00p.m. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:07p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary