

• November 18, 2004

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

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:31p.m.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 4, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Charles Sigsway re: **speeding** - see below under "Old Business".

Communications:

- **The Planning Commission** has sent a memo to the Board of Selectmen indicating that they have approved the designation of **Walker Brook Road** as a **scenic road** at their meeting on 11-3-04.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Traffic Study of Calhoun Street and Route 109:** Dick Sears indicated he has had several conversations with and communications from **Charles Sigsway** regarding the speeding problem for the general public and the difficulty he has entering and exiting his driveway at this intersection. Dick met yesterday with Steve Martinsen and Joe Ouellette of the CT DOT Traffic Commission. Both gentlemen are engineers, have reviewed the site and file extensively and reviewed the accident history. According to the file, there has been concern about this intersection from different townspeople since 1993. The State recommendation, several years ago, was to lower the crest of the hill on Calhoun Street just north of the intersection. The neighbors and Board of Selectmen did not approve this plan because of exorbitant cost. The Town then installed the blinking "warning" light at the approach to the intersection as well as other caution signs. As a result of this meeting Dick has written the following memo:

"This morning I met with Stephen Martinsen, District Engineer and Joseph Ouellette, Transportation Supervision Engineer from the CT DOT. After discussion information in the file and accident reports (file with this report) regarding this intersection, we visited the site. Mr. Martinsen is very familiar with the site and the history of the Town's concern with the intersection. Mr. Ouellette indicated that the "Caution" signage approaching the intersection when traveling south on Calhoun Street appears more than ample-and more than is routinely used in similar cases. Accident reports from the past three years indicated four accidents at this intersection. The driveway at Calhoun Street has the most limited sightline when looking to the north and extreme caution should be used when entering or exiting the drive. Neither man recommends changes in signage or other changes at this time."

Mr. Sigsway spoke about the speeding and still feels there should be a stop sign at the intersection when coming south on Calhoun Street-feels the caution signs do not help. Dick again explained the problem of installing a stop sign here (vehicles not being able to see stopped vehicles because of hill). Dick further explained the decision has been made to keep things as they are and thanked Mr. Sigsway for his input and concern. He has asked the police to monitor the intersection - more speed enforcement, and he will ask the highway department to cut back vegetation along the side of the road.

Dick Sears further explained that while the DOT men were here they also looked at the intersection of

Route 109 and Old Litchfield Road and in front of the Washington Supply. The suggestion was made to have more enforcement and education of the public about speeding.

- **Planning Process Report:** Dick Sears reported that the "Focus" meeting last night went very well with approximately 80 townspeople attending. Nick Solley felt Dan Sherr did an excellent job in organizing and running the meeting. The Board of Selectmen is hopeful that the summaries and suggestions made will be very helpful in an advisory way. A "Straw Pole" was taken and will be sent by mail and can be completed on-line. More info coming on this in coming weeks.

- **Lake Waramaug Agreement up-date:** The implementation committee appointed met with two gentlemen from the DEP earlier this week to look at what work needs to be done on the plan for the boat launch to make it feasible, etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Dick Sears notified, for the record, that George Bender has passed away. George was not only chairman of the Planning Commission for numerous years but a great volunteer and a clear and thoughtful leader. His presence will be missed. The service in George's memory will be held on December 1, 2004 at the First Congregational Church.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:14p.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