

April 24, 2003

Present:

Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nick Solley, Harry Wyant

Press: Sarah Sparks, The Waterbury Republican

Guests: Janet Hill, Land Use Coordinator; Bldg. & Property Commission: John Allen, Dave Showalter, Reese Owens

First Selectman Elaine Luckey called the regular meeting to order at 4:51 p.m.

Floodplain Management Ordinance Amendments: Selectman Nicholas Solley made a motion to rescind current Ordinances 1505 and 1505A, as well as 1505B, relating to the Floodplain Rate Maps, and to propose a new Ordinance to incorporate all amendments as proposed by the State Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the Floodplain Rate Maps, into one Ordinance for consideration at the Town Meeting scheduled for May 22. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Minutes: Minutes of the March 27 and April 10 meetings were accepted as submitted.

Guests:

Bldg. & Property Commission: The Building and Property Commission discussed their concern that a procedure is needed to coordinate and administrate Town projects. Since the establishment of the Commission in 1997, it has been difficult to follow through on projects due to lack of authority in hiring contractors and/or scheduling town employees for the work. The need for a person to oversee building and ground projects, as well as the concern for placing pressure on the highway department to address these issues at the expense of their highway duties, was expressed. The Boys Club roof and firehouse window projects, as well as coordination of a proposed landscaping plan for the town hall, were discussed. It was agreed highway personnel will complete the Boys Club roof and firehouse window projects. This will be coordinated through the Board of Selectmen. It was suggested representatives from the Selectmen, Building Committee, Village Improvement Society and Highway Department meet to discuss the planting further.

With regard to the Bryan Memorial Trustees' plans to install an elevator in the town hall, it is anticipated the Town would apply for a Small Cities Grant to offset the anticipated \$300,000 needed. The Town will apply this summer anticipating the availability of funds the following summer. It was hoped the Trustees might consider reallocating some funds to allow for outside masonry work needed on the side of the building. Additional projects needing attention include the infrastructure of the building, outside lighting, the stage area, air conditioning, heating, etc. The Commission felt the Town must prioritize the maintenance of buildings to prevent problems arising out of deferred maintenance. It is their opinion that the best value comes from an in-house person with talent to do this. Specifications for painting the trim on the town hall were provided by the Commission. A local engineer will be asked to review the dam at the foot of Lake Waramaug.

Appointments/Resignations:

Zoning Board of Appeals: A letter of resignation has been received from Bruce Skoog as alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals due to his move from town. The Selectmen accepted this resignation with regret.

Old Business:

Sanitation Bids: Nick Solley made a motion to award the bids to the following companies as submitted:

- #1: Operation of the Transfer Station - Wyant & Co., Washington Depot, CT
- #2: Hauling municipal solid waste: H. H. Stone, Southbury, CT
- #3A: Curbside Recycling: Chuckin' It, Easton, CT
- #3B: Hauling Recycling Container from Transfer Station: Chuckin' It, Easton, CT
- #4: Hauling & Disposal of Demolition Materials & Scrap Metal: H. H. Stone, Inc., Southbury

Elaine Luckey seconded the motion. Elaine and Nick voted in favor of the motion. Harry Wyant abstained from voting.

New Business:

Proposed Ordinances:

Assistant Town Clerk: Nick Solley made a motion to propose an Ordinance at the May Town Meeting allowing the Town Clerk to appoint up to three Town Clerk's assistants and up to three Registrar of Vital Statistics assistants, with the approval of First Selectman. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Street Numbering: Elaine Luckey made a motion to propose an Ordinance requiring residents to post street numbers at their properties for the purpose of identifying their homes in the interest of public safety. A fine of \$50 may be issued by the Emergency Management Coordinator in the event this is not done following receipt of a written notice at least fourteen days before. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Transfer Station Fees: Elaine Luckey made a motion to proposed an Ordinance replace the current ordinance regarding transfer station fees. This would allow the fees to be set by the Board of Selectmen based on current costs to the Town for disposal of items. The motion was seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously passed.

Floodplain Management Ordinance: Due to a recent D.E.P review of the Town's Floodplain Ordinance, certain changes were recommended. These will be presented for approval. Motion to approve by Elaine Luckey, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously passed.

Fees for Land Use Applications: This may be considered for the town meeting, as Elaine has not received specific recommendations at this point.

Invitation to Bid: In order to apply for a Small Cities Grant for renovations to the town hall, the Town is required to employ a grant administrator. Elaine Luckey made a motion to extend an invitation to bid for this purpose. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow
Selectman's Assistant

Public Hearing: Floodplain Management

First Selectman Elaine Luckey called the public hearing to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present:

Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nick Solley, Harry Wyant

Press: Sarah Sparks, **The Waterbury Republican**

Guests: Janet Hill, Land Use Coordinator

Floodplain Management Ordinance - Amendments: Elaine read the legal notice for the public hearing that had appeared in the April 9th and 20th issues of **Voices** regarding the Town's Floodplain Management Ordinances #1505 and #1505a. The Town has been advised that the State D.E.P. had recently reviewed the current Ordinance for compliance with the minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program. Their review indicated modifications are needed and these were provided for the Town to make the required changes. Bill Jenks, the Town's Building Inspector, is the administrator of the regulations and he had anticipated attending the hearing to describe the proposed changes. Unfortunately, due to medical reasons, he was unable to do so but submitted a summation of his review. He noted basically the changes are minor corrections to miscellaneous wording and definitions. The major area of change regards "manufactured housing", commonly known as house trailers. While the Washington Zoning Regulations may not allow this type of housing unit, the section also covers recreational trailers and mobile homes, which many residents do own.

Janet Hill provided the background on the Town's current Ordinance, which originally was established in 1988. She noted the floodplain insurance rate maps, which detail the areas of Town that fall within the jurisdiction of this Ordinance, will not change. These were approved under Ordinance 1505b in . The proposed amendments are required by both the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection to comply with minimum standards of the National Flood Insurance Program. The Town has received the exact language that is required to make the necessary changes and is required to do so by June 25, 2003. Janet noted the majority of changes are the addition or revision of definitions for the purpose of clarification in order to establish more uniform regulation throughout the State and to provide less opportunity for individual towns to apply their own interpretation. Additional changes relate to wording that allows if one section of the Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining sections will still apply. Proposed changes also clarify the duties of the administrator of the Ordinance and prohibit encroachments in a regulatory floodway except under certain specific circumstances. Neither the purpose, applicability, nor administration of this Ordinance will change as a result of the proposed amendments.

There being no further comment from the public, the hearing was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant