

# August 20, 2007

Present:

Regular Members: Barbara Brown, Michael Jackson, Jack Field, Craig Schoon, Rex Swain

Alternates Members: Liddy Adams, Jim Brinton

Selectmen: Richard Sears

Treasurer: Linda McGarr

**Minutes:** Minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda McGarr reported she had reduced the number of accounts in the General Fund. Tax monies will now be deposited directly to the checking account and FNBL has agreed to provide interest for this account. Transfers for expenditures approved at the May town meeting will be made to the various funds (i.e. Nonrecurring, Housing, Open Space). Treasurer's Report approved as submitted.

**Tax Collector's Report:** The Tax Collector's Report was reviewed by the Board. Question was raised if the remaining collectible for the 2006 tax year of \$150,000 was for one large or several smaller accounts. The Tax Collector will be asked to respond. Tax Collector's Report approved as submitted.

**Fire Co.:** Jim Brinton reported he had met with the WVFD to discuss finances and procedures for using town funds. A line item for "turnout gear" had erroneously been omitted from their request for capital funds as in prior years. These funds are used to outfit firefighters and are essential to their safety. He recommended the Board replace this line item with an ex-budget appropriation of \$10,000 from the General Fund. \$3,500 would be used to reimburse the WVFD for expenditures they have made this year for turnout gear and \$6,500 for further turnout gear required during the year. The Board agreed to this recommendation. Jim also noted their continual need to upgrade radios and pagers due to changing frequencies. A Homeland Security grant is expected to reimburse the WVFD for funds they have spent on portable radios and pagers.

**Education:** Jack Field reported the Board of Education agreed in June to proceed to a single binding referendum for a single vs. three school option. Specific wording must still be worked out. A committee has been appointed to review the three schools for consistency in construction.

**Selectman's Report:** Dick Sears reported the Director of Field Services from the State Fire Marshal's office will attend the Selectmen's meeting to discuss our local fire marshal position and how it relates to the scope of services that are now required.

He also reported the Selectmen have appointed a Building Committee to review the Washington Primary School and hired architect Peter Bowman to develop plans and cost out the plans that will be developed. This is moving along.

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. to discuss matters relating to real estate. Michael Jackson so moved. Barbara Brown seconded. All in favor.

The Board re-entered the regular meeting at 6:15 p.m. There being no further business addressed, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m. on a motion by Barbara Brown and seconded by Michael Jackson.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Secretary