

• **January 24, 2008**

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton, and Richard C. Sears.

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES, Jack Corraggio - Litchfield County Times

Public: Ray Reich, Rod Wyant III, Chris Charles

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

MOTION: To include subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mark explained this would deal with discussion of appointing a Deputy Fire Marshall. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Susan Jahnke to the Planning Commission:** Mark explained that he had heard from the Democratic Town Committee Chair, Jane Boyer, and they have endorsed Susan for the Planning Commission opening. She had expressed interest in the Inland Wetlands vacancy as well but had a conflict with her schedule and their meetings. **Motion:** To appoint Susan Jahnke as a regular member of the Planning Commission until 12/31/2012. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.
- **Mark Showalter to the Building & Property Commission:** Mark explained he had spoken to Mark S who is very interested in this position and very qualified. Both John Allen and Nick Solley support this appointment. **Motion:** To appoint Mark Showalter to the Building and Property Commission until 7/1/2010. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.
- **Brian Ohmen as Deputy Fire Marshall:** Mark explained that Brian, 1st Assistant Chief in the Washington Volunteer Fire Department, has expressed interest in taking the Fire Marshall training. Several months back, the Board of Selectmen supported Firefighter George Steiner's taking the class. The schedule of classes has changed and George's work schedule conflicted with it. Fire Marshall Don Etherington has also expressed his support of Brian's appointment. **Motion:** To appoint Brian Ohmen as Deputy Fire Marshall, upon successful completion of the training. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report:

- **Beach & Beach House Meeting: Motion:** To set the date for a Public Information Meeting on the proposed Beach & Beach House plans for Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Hall of Bryan Memorial Town Hall. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.
- **WPS Discussion:** Discussion continued on construction of a new Washington Primary School vs. renovation of the present school. Mark explained that \$7500 remains in the capital budget from what was approved for the "Washington Primary School Study." Costs would be incurred if SLAM and/or Turner

were asked to give cost analysis for the construction of a new primary school - either on the primary school grounds (parking lot?) or on the Shepaug campus. Following discussion, it was decided that this would be a continuation of the original study and a proper use of the funds that are left. Jack Field has recommended a specific study/proposal be done that would address what could be done with the Primary School building, should a new school be built. The committee set up would be for a short term and should have the chairs, or members, of Planning, Housing, Parks and Recreation. Walter Whitney has also been recommended as a candidate.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ex-Budget Appropriations for Boat Launch and Cistern projects: Boat Launch:** Mark explained that there were issues with the elevations of the parking area and catch basins and drainage. Consultations have been held with the project engineer and construction engineer and the additional expenses will be \$19,500. As \$300,000 has already been invested, it only makes sense to complete the project correctly. **Motion:** To recommend to the Board of Finance an ex-budget appropriation of \$19,500 for the additional work needed to complete the Boat Launch project. By Dick Sears, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved. **Cistern:** Mark explained that due to a number of reasons, use of a fiberglass tank, need for more materials and equipment than expected, etc. the additional cost of completing this project would be \$6,400. **Motion:** To recommend to the Board of Finance an ex-budget appropriation of \$6,400 for completion of the Cistern project. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

- **Clark Road & Nova Scotia Hill Road discussion:** Mark explained that Bruce Carusillo has purchased property that abuts both Nova Scotia Hill Road and a section of Clark Road (both not maintained by the Town). He requires access from both roads to install a driveway and to make the first cut. **Motion:** The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington grants permission to Bruce Carusillo to install a driveway off Clark Road and any improvements and maintenance necessary to Clark Road, from Wykeham Road to the driveway, will be the responsibility of Bruce Carusillo. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved. **Motion:** The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington grants Bruce Carusillo access off the existing easement on Nova Scotia Hill Road. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- **Ray Reich - Presentation of Beach & Beach House plans:** Ray attended this evening's meeting to present to the Board the final plans developed for the beach and beach house by the committee and Dirk Sabin. Handicapped accessible bathrooms, changing rooms, office area etc. have been added for the lower level of the cottage with living quarters upstairs. This would be constructed on the same footprint. The parking area layout will be changed and an area for access of canoes and kayaks to the lake provided. There will be no reduction in the size of the beach or grass areas. Costs are estimates at this time - the site plan (not including the building): \$100,000-\$110,000; beach house: \$300,000+. Total project with margin for increase of estimates: \$500,000. Ray and the Beach Committee are asking for the Board of Selectmen's support of the plans. Other approvals, permits, funding, etc. will then be sought. The plans will be presented to the public **Thursday, January 31, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Hall.** **Motion:** The Board of Selectmen supports and endorses the plans presented by the committee and thanks Ray and members for their months of hard work. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary