

• **January 25, 2007**

Present: Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Mark E. Lyon

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES

Public: Ken Cornet, Joe Mustich, Chris Charles

Call to Order: Nick Solley called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and explained that First Selectman Sears was unfortunately not at today's meeting because of emergency eye surgery.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 11, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- **Ken Cornet** asked to speak regarding the boat ramp and future plans for the beach. Ken spoke of his - and others - concern that as Phase II and Phase III progress, the **beach area** will be encroached on. There is concern about the size and location of the new boat house and questions as to why Washington may have to give up part of our small beach when the State owns so much property. Nick Solley felt it was premature to assume that Washington would be losing any beach area for the boat house and at present the preliminary plans for the caretakers cottage would be on the footprint of the current cottage. Mark Lyon agreed and stressed the point that there is an agreement signed by the three towns - there will be funding from the State and hopefully there will be monies from Warren and Kent as well. **Joe Mustich** reiterated some of the same concerns mentioned by Ken and also brought up the potential problem of parking on such a small area - beach goers, boat launch users with their trailers, etc. - especially in light of the fact that the State owns 100 acres at the other end of the Lake. He feels there is a "fear" among some townspeople to speak up because of different class issues. The suggestion was made to bring more information on Phases II and III to the public and approval of these phases and their expenditures should be voted on by referendum so that everyone can vote freely on the issue. Ken felt that perhaps the DEP would do a much better job of inspecting the boats entering the Lake than what was previously thought in past years.

Communications:

- **Email from Joe Mustich re: Boat Launch** - see above discussion under "Visitors".
- **Potter Family letter re: Potter Farm Proposition:** Nick Solley read the letter received from the Potter Family into the record. A copy is attached to these minutes which are on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of Luis Abella as a regular member of the Zoning Commission: Motion:** To appoint Luis Abella as a regular member (moving up from an alternate member) of the Zoning Commission until 11/07. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Cell Tower Info Meeting:** Nick Solley explained the Selectmen have received notification that Verizon Wireless will make application to the State Siting Council in March for a cell tower facility along Route 202 in Marble Dale. Information is available in the Selectmen's Office and the Zoning Commission has scheduled an information meeting on March 5th at 7:30 p.m. to hear comment on a presentation by Verizon.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary