

January 30, 2003

Present: Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nick Solley, Harry Wyant
Guests: Ellen & Megan Tracy
Press: David Lombino, Litchfield County Times

First Selectman Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Guests:

Ellen and Megan Tracy thanked the Selectmen for their support and involvement with the Rabbit Hill Road residents' concerns over the proposed cell towers. Elaine noted a letter had been sent to AT&T voicing the Town's concerns and requested a delay until June in order that environmental studies of the area could be completed. Funding for the study must still be discussed. She noted her appreciation to Susie Payne for her assistance with the letter.

Minutes: Minutes of the January 16 meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Communications:

Nettleton Hollow Road Bridge: An estimate for the design, construction and administration of this proposed bridge replacement has been received from Lenard Engineering in the amount of \$489,000. While noting the unique problems involved with this replacement, Nick felt the project could be done at a lower cost. He suggested a pre-cast concrete box culvert with stone abutments as used on Goose Hill could be considered but noted the angle of the brook and the road could require more extensive work. This will be reviewed further. It is anticipated state grant funds will be used to assist with the costs of this project

Highway Department: Elaine read a letter received from Mr. Arthur Miller complimenting the Town on the manner in which a tree was removed on Nettleton Hollow Road. The Selectmen noted the fine work provided by Joe Bennett of Joe's Tree Service has been essential in assisting the Town with their many tree concerns.

Old Business:

Cell Towers: The Selectmen reported the Board of Finance had not been inclined to approve \$15,000 for anticipated legal costs dealing with cell towers until actual need is relevant and the estimate could be renegotiated. Nick Solley and Hank Martin will review these costs.

New Business:

Street Numbering: Elaine asked the Board to consider the establishment of an ordinance requiring residents to display their house numbers at roadside in the interest of public safety. She noted the Assessor is responsible for allocating a house number for each address, which is used for the 911 list. She felt if the numbers were displayed at roadside it would greatly assist the police, fire department and ambulance in emergency situations and benefit all town residents. She suggested a penalty be charged of \$10/day if the numbers were not displayed. Nick and Harry agreed the ordinance was a good idea but did not feel it should be mandated, nor a penalty charged. Elaine will ask Town Counsel David Miles to review the proposed ordinance.

Budget Work Sessions: The Board of Selectmen agreed to hold budget work sessions at 8:30 a.m. on

February 18, 20, 25 and 27.

Gunn Hill Road: Elaine reported Les Ernhout had indicated his concern that Gunn Hill Road should not be closed during the winter months. He felt the need to access the electrical lines in that area was extremely important. In past years the Town has established a "No Winter Maintenance" policy for approximately 200 ft. of this road. The Selectmen agreed there is no current plan to close this road and Mr. Ernhout will be contacted. Harry reported he had spoken with the Weydigs regarding their concerns on this road. They will be contacted and the situation will be addressed in the coming budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant