

• **February 24, 2005**

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nicholas Solley and Harry Wyant.

Press: Elf Lefferts, Litchfield County Times

Public/Visitor: John Allen

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- **John Allen, Chairman of the Building and Property Committee:** John presented to the Board of Selectmen the recommendation of the Building and Property Committee to hire a Buildings and Property Manager. This would be a part-time position - approximately 20 hours a week. The salary would be in the \$25,000 - \$26,000 range with a \$2,000 mileage reimbursement (\$28,000 maximum). John distributed a "Job Description" for review. The Manager would use his/her own vehicle and own hand tools. Power tools at the town garage would be available to the person. The reasoning for this recommendation is that the committee feels the responsibilities of identifying and doing the arranging for and/or doing the maintenance and repair of town-owned buildings and facilities has surpassed a "volunteer" job. The volume of work has increased greatly with more buildings, more deficiencies in older buildings, etc. The committee as it is presently does not have the capability of supervising the work they recommend be done. With the support of the Board of Selectmen of this recommendation, the committee will then make its recommendation to the Board of Finance.

Communications:

- **Nicholas Rimbochi** has written a letter regarding the **CL&P substation on Bee Brook Road**. He is interested in acquiring this property (which adjoins his) should it become available. Typically CL&P would offer the property first to the Town. At this particular time the Board of Selectmen feels the Town would not be interested but has received no formal communication from CL&P. Dick Sears also mentioned that the Greenways Committee has requested the piece be maintained as part of the Town's Greenway. Dick will write to Mr. Rimbochi and assure him we will keep his request on file.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Extend an Invitation to Bid for the Pavilion Bathroom Addition and Renovation Project:**
Motion: To extend an invitation to bid to renovate an existing 3200 square foot open air pavilion and construct a new 868 square foot wood-frame addition containing public restroom and storage space on Town property located at the Washington Primary School grounds. Bids will be received until 4:00p.m. on March 10, 2005 at the Selectmen's Office. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved. More information can be obtained from the Selectmen's Office.

- **Special Town Meeting Agenda: Motion:** To amend the agenda for the scheduled March 10, 2005 Special Town Meeting to include: (1)Ordinance: Tax Relief Program for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners; (2)Ordinance: Possession of Alcohol by Minors; (3)Discontinuance of a portion of West Mountain Road. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.
- **Washington Community Housing Trust will** be dedicating the new affordable units in New Preston this Saturday, February 26th. Dick Sears read a Proclamation that will be presented.
- **Democracy Cup Ceremony** will be held on March 15, 2005 at 10:00a.m. to honor the Town of Washington again having the highest voter turnout in the November 2004 elections.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:08p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Office