

## • **March 8, 2007**

**Present:** First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Mark E. Lyon

Public: Valerie Andersen

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

### **Minutes:**

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the February 22, 2007 Regular Meeting and the February 26, 2007 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

### **Visitors:**

• **Valerie Andersen 1)**asked the Selectmen about the amount of funds available for Elderly Tax Relief. Dick Sears explained it was capped at \$20,000 at present. Valerie recommended the Selectmen consider raising this amount and perhaps establish a separate fund to assist families of affordable housing income levels with taxes, fuel, etc. Dick suggested Valerie look into the State laws and/or speak with the Housing Commission. **2)**Valerie also reported on the re-introduction of renovating the three primary schools as an option for the public to consider along with build to suit and consolidation.

**Communications:** Dick Sears reported receiving the following:

• **Cornet/Mustich** emails regarding the March 8, 2007 Town Meeting that will be dealing with the Boat Launch at Lake Waramaug and the petition submitted.

• **Sheila Anson, Town Clerk Memo** stating that the total number of certified signatures on the petition was less than the required 200 necessary to have the vote on authorizing First Selectman Richard C. Sears to sign the contract with the DEP be made by referendum.

• **Letter regarding cell towers** informing that balloons will be flown on March 17th (weather permitting) from the two proposed sites in Marble Dale and New Preston.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

• **Invitation to Bid for Revaluation: Motion:** To extend an invitation to bid for a Town-wide Revaluation of all real estate, tax and tax-exempt, effective October 1, 2008. Bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. on April 5, 2007 in the Selectman's Office and opened at the Selectmen's Meeting on April 5, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment:**

• **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary