

• **April 17, 2008**

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton, and Nicholas N. Solley.

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES, Jack Coraggio - Litchfield County Times.

Public: Ken Cornet, Steve Wadelton, Chris Charles.

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 3, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

- **Boat Launch Update:** Mark reported the project is progressing. There had been some discussion about opening temporarily weekends until the project is completed. The DEP, Town and contractors feel it would be more beneficial and more time efficient to keep going without interruption to the project. Therefore, the launch will not open until the work is completed.
- **Earth Day - April 20, 2008:** Volunteers can sign up for roadside clean-ups, there will be a dumpster at the Town Hall, displays, prizes awarded etc. from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Composters - Town Hall & Washington Supply:** Composters have been purchased by the Northwest Council of Governments. Washington has gotten 15 that will be available at Washington Supply, Transfer Station, and the Town Hall for a cost of \$31. The Washington Environment Council and Recycling Committee have been working on a cost analysis of how much money can be saved by the Town if more households participated in composting.
- **VIS & Greenway Clean Up at New Preston Falls - April 19, 2008:** Volunteers will be working at the Falls Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. Invasive species will be cleaned out and native species planted. The public is invited to volunteer as well. Trees on top of the dam will be taken down in the near future and will be paid for by VIS. The Town's Highway Department will assist with clean up of brush etc.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Extend an Invitation to Bid for Sale of the Steel Building at the Old Town Garage site, 16 Titus Road: Motion:** To extend an invitation to bid for the sale of a 75 by 40 foot Republic Steel Structure located at 16 Titus Road, Washington Depot, CT. The successful bidder will be responsible for the removal of the entire building, including steel, insulation and any other contents as well as the concrete slab and foundation. Removal of the structure must be completed by August 1, 2008 and a \$3000 performance bond will be required to ensure timely completion. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on

May 1, 2008 at the Office of the First Selectman. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved. Nick Solley explained that money has been budgeted for grading and seeding of the area following the removal of the building.

Visitors:

- **Ken Cornet** had questions regarding the revaluation that is currently taking place in Town. With the current economic condition of the country, the real estate market in turmoil, Ken asked if there was anyway the revaluation could be delayed or if a committee could be formed to look at how it is structured and evaluate the results. Realtors are seeing lower priced homes selling for much less and the higher priced homes maintaining their selling prices. Mark explained that the revaluation could not be delayed, that we are required to have it done within certain time periods. He felt that the Town had contracted with the best company to do the job and they have guidelines they are required to work under. Ken feels that the Town of Washington is unique and that the structures that work for revaluations in other towns, do not work here. Ken also asked the Selectmen not to consider building any affordable housing as he feels there may be quite a bit available in Town as a result of the current financial conditions.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary