

• April 6, 2006

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

Press: Ann Compton-Voices, Sydney Schwartz-Waterbury Republican, Rebecca Ransom-Litchfield County Times

Public: Robert and Diane Chase, John Peterson

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the March 23, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen with the following correction: "the Town is seeking to trade in a 1992 (not 1922) International 4900 4 x 4...". By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- Dick Sears welcomed all those in attendance and invited **Mr. and Mrs. Chase** and **John Peterson** to speak now rather later in the meeting under New Business. The Chases and Mr. Peterson had contacted Mr. Sears previously regarding **access to Lake Waramaug for fishing** before the ramp opens for the season. They and other fishermen would like the freedom to get on and off the lake before the 15th of April. Their frustration comes in part from the knowledge that others are gaining access to the Lake illegally (dragging their boats through the State Park, etc.) Several ideas were discussed - including having a lottery which would allow a small number of fishermen to moor their boats close to the Town beach; allowing them to have keys to the boat ramp, or increasing the days/hours the ramp is open. For various reasons these options would not work - boats not being inspected, fear of vandalism if left boats ties to moorings, and budgetary constraints. The Selectmen explained that we are also bound by the Lake Waramaug Agreement. The Chases felt that if nothing could be done to assist them as law abiding citizens, then there should be something done about those entering the Lake illegally. Dick Sears did not feel the State had the resources to enforce the rules. At present there does not seem to be anything that can be done to increase the hours.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Award Bid for a 2007 4 x 4 Heavy Duty Dump Truck:** Dick Sears explained that the specs received had some major differences and more study was required in order to make an informed decision. **Motion:** To delay the awarding of this bid until the Board of Selectmen's Meeting on April 20, 2006 at 4:30p.m. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.
- **Award Bid for Senior Center/Legion Hall roof replacement:** In addition to the Selectmen, the Town's Building and Property Manager has reviewed the received bids and has recommended it be awarded to Diamond, Inc. **Motion:** To award the bid for roof replacement at the Senior Center/Legion Hall to Diamond, Inc. for the sum of \$10,250.00 By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

- **Award Bids for Sanitation Services: Motion:** To award the bid for a three-year contract for Operation of the Transfer Station to Wyant and Company for the following amounts: \$60,000 for the first year, \$63,000 for the second and \$66,000 for the third; for Hauling of MSW to Stone Construction for \$15.60 per ton for the first year, \$16.00 for the second and \$16.40 for the third; for Recycling Container Haulage to Stone Construction for \$225. per round trip for the first year, \$235 for the second and \$245 for the third; for Disposal of Construction and Demolition Materials to Stone Construction for \$705. per round trip for the first year, \$715 for the second and \$725 for the third; for Recycling Curbside Collection and Hauling to Oliver Rubbish Removal for \$40,500 for the first year, \$41,500 for the second and \$42,500 for the third. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Boat Ramp Access:** see above under "Visitors".
- **Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Understanding:** Dick Sears explained that the Homeland Security Grant monies that came from the federal government to the State as a result of the 2004 grant have not been completely disbursed. A Memorandum of Understanding was adopted initially but the time period has expired and a new Resolution needs to be done. It gives the First Selectman the authority to sign for the Town.**RESOLVED:** That the First Selectman, Richard C. Sears, be and hereby is authorized to act on behalf of the Town of Washington in executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Connecticut, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, for participation in the FY 2004 State Homeland Security Grant Program. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.
- **Building Permit Fees:** Dick Sears distributed a handout - meant solely for thought and discussion - showing the current fees charged and a possible increase in two permit areas (1st \$1,000 value or minimum fee: current \$20 - proposed \$30 and Each additional \$1000 value or part thereof current \$6 - proposed \$10.) Dick has spoken with Bill Jenks, the Town's Building Official, who will be submitting a thorough report that will outline the percentage of fees received that goes to the Town and the portion he receives. Both Nick Solley and Mark Lyon had some initial concerns and more discussion will take place in the upcoming weeks.
- **Depot Village Parking:** Dick Sears and Dimitri Rimsky attended the last meeting of the Washington Business Association and there was a great deal of discussion about the Depot Study - in particular, parking. There are great concerns about there not being enough parking available to patrons of the local businesses. Some businesses have requested their employees to park over at the Old Town Garage Site and the Town will work on making this a larger and safer place to park. More municipal parking must be developed by changing the configuration of current parking spaces and/or by adding more parking areas. Dick has written to the Planning and Zoning Commissions urging them to consider public parking in the Depot to be a priority issue. The suggestion has been made to have a public discussion with the townspeople, the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commissions. This is being considered.
- **Driver/Road Maintainer Job Description:** Some minor changes have been suggested to his job description from the one currently being used. These are in the areas of "Knowledge, Skills and Abilities" and "Physical Requirements". Currently there is a requirement to submit within 90 days of hire evidence of having had a medical examination within the 24 months prior to date of hire. It is suggested that a new requirement would be to have a CDL (Commercial Driver's License) and a current "CDL Medical Card" submitted within 30 days of hire. More discussion will take place on this at the next Selectmen's Meeting.
- **Town Hall Pond Plantings:** The Washington Environmental Council has requested permission to

plant a "demonstration buffer planting" that would be a "model" that would attract birds, filter water, etc. The Inland Wetlands Commission has granted a permit for this. The Selectmen asked that before this occurs some questions be answered regarding Fire Department access, who is going to maintain, ease of mowing in the area of planting, etc. Dick Sears will discuss with WEC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:44p.m. To enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 6:55p.m. and the Selectmen re-entered the Regular Meeting.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectman at 6:55p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary