

• April 7, 2004

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nicholas Solley and Harry Wyant.
Press: John Addyman-Voices, Elf Lefferts-Litchfield County Times.

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes: Motion: To accept the minutes of the March 23, 2004 Budget Meeting, the March 24, 2004 Regular Meeting and the March 31, 2004 Emergency Meeting. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Visitors: None.

Communications: A letter has been received from **Allan Grunberg re: Hifield Drive Extension**. Dick Sears read the letter and the accompanying petition which asks the Selectmen to consider improvements, repairs to Hifield Road Extension. Nick Solley explained he felt that this particular section of road was probably a "private way" and not a Town road. Harry Wyant explained that if it were a private way and the residents wished the Town to take it over, it would first have to be brought up to Town specs before the Town would even consider taking it over. The Selectmen agreed to look into the matter, determine the status of the extension and then get back to Mr. Grunberg.

Appointments/Resignations: There were no appointments to be made by the Board of Selectmen however, Dick Sears reported that the Board of Finance has appointed John Allen as an alternate to their commission to replace Robin Hirschfield who has submitted her resignation.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Small Cities Grant Resolutions:** Dick Sears explained that the Town of Washington's application for the Small Cities Grant is in good order (elevator and ADA improvements to the Town Hall). We have been advised that the Town needs to make statements regarding Fair Housing, adopt them and have them on record. Dick Sears read the resolutions and statements. **Motion:** To adopt the Town of Washington Fair Housing Resolution. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To adopt the Town of Washington Fair Housing Policy Statement (Richard C. Sears is the Town's Fair Housing Officer). By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To adopt the Town of Washington Equal Opportunity Statement. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Dick Sears explained that local lenders and realtors will be notified of these resolutions and statements and they will be posted. It basically gives someone a process to follow should he/she feel the Town is not following fair housing practices.

• **Bike Race:** Dick Sears reported on a meeting he attended regarding a professional bike race on May 16, 2004 that will come through a portion of Washington. Our Resident Trooper has been notified as well.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 4:48 p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary