

• **May 15, 2008**

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

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

Public: Tony Bedini, Jack Field, Steve Wadelton, Peter Tagley, Valerie Friedman, Kelly Boling.

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 1, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Mary Anne Greene asked they be approved with the following correction: Under "Road discontinuance: ...more information and a *map* (not survey) needs to be completed...." . The motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Resignation of Rex Swain as Webmaster:** Mark reported that Rex has voiced his desire to resign this position, hopefully, by the end of June. The Selectmen asked that the minutes reflect tremendous gratitude, and appreciation to Rex for the work he has done for the past six years. The website has become a valuable asset to the Town. Thank you, Rex! Anyone who has an interest in inquiring about this position should contact the Selectmen's Office at 860-868-2259.

First Selectman's Report:

- **Region #12 Update:** Mark reported that he attended a lease meeting with First Selectmen Barbara Henry and Bill Stuart. The Board of Education returned the primary school lease(s) after a review. The Selectmen are drafting a reply. Discussion followed regarding the figures that have been presented by the Region's Building Committee. Mark is of the opinion that there is a definite bias to consider the three-school option vs. the consolidated option. He reminded the public that the Town of Washington has voted to oppose any referendum that "is not a referendum of choice". He suggested that our Board of Selectmen meet with the Washington representatives of the Board of Education regarding the future of the primary schools. Board of Ed member, Tony Bedini, voiced his strong support of this suggestion. Tony and Jack Field presented what they view as discrepancies in financial figures that are being presented by the Building Committee. Washington's Selectmen feel that an honest appraisal of both the renovation plan and the consolidated plan need to be given to the voters of Region #12. Peter Tagley also offered his support of Washington's taking a strong position in order for fairness to the voters. **Motion:** To schedule a special Board of Selectmen's meeting with Washington's Board of Education members as soon as possible. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Invitation to Bid for Restoring the tower and dome of Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Motion:** To extend the following Invitation to Bid: The Town of Washington will receive sealed bids for the restoration of the Tower and Dome for Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, CT. until 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2008 at the Office of the First Selectman, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, P.O. Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794. Bids will be opened at the Board of Selectman's meeting at 5:30 p.m. the same day.

Bid specifications may be obtained from the First Selectman's Office at the above address or by calling 860-868-2259. Bidders may also request an appointment to inspect the worksite by calling the First Selectman's office. Bidders must submit proof of workman's compensation insurance for the owner(s) and its employees at time of inspections and bid submittal.

The Town of Washington reserves the right to reject or accept any or all, or part of any bid if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

• **May 22, 2008 Town Meeting Agenda: Motion:** To set the May 22, 2008, 7:30 p.m. Town Meeting Agenda as follows: 1) To consider and act upon the proposed General Fund Expenses for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. 2) To consider and act upon the proposed Nonrecurring Capital Expenses for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. 3) To discuss and act upon the discontinuance of Old River Road. 4) To discuss and act upon amending Town Ordinance 720, Ordinance Establishing Citation Procedures and Fines for Violations of Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, Section E, Schedule of Fines. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. The Selectmen asked that someone from the Inland Wetlands Commission be present at the Town Meeting to answer any questions that might be raised. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

• **New Milford Hospital Representative - Community Relations:** Marydale Debor attended today's meeting with Ticho, New Milford Hospital's first therapy dog. (They now have six.) Marydale represents the new Department of External Affairs. She has been visiting the towns in the Hospital's service area to let people know of their new programs, outreach to the community, new food system, working with local farmers, etc. She distributed information on the Plain Tree Hospital program and Plow to Plate program. She invited the Selectmen and the public to contact her with any concerns, questions, etc.

• **Kelly Boling - Route 202 Scenic Road Designation:** Kelly explained that the recommendation to designate Route 202, from Route 45 to the Litchfield Town Line, as a scenic road came from the Conservation Commission. The impetus for this came from the widening of Route 7 through New Milford. Kelly explained that this designation would not prohibit or ban future improvements but any work would need to be reviewed by the State's Scenic Road Committee (made up of members from the DOT, DEP and Department of Economic Development) prior to its commencing and is involved only with DOT activities. This committee can review and make suggestions for projects to have a low impact on the area. The designation would not have any bearing on privately owned properties along Route 202. The proposal has gained the support of Steep Rock Association, local Senators and Congressmen Roraback, O'Neil, Murphy, and the Washington Environmental Council. The Conservation Commission will make the application to the State's Advisory Committee. **Motion:** To support the Conservation Commission's application for Scenic Road Designation of

202 from Route 45 to the Litchfield Town Line. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved. Mark will write a letter to the Conservation Commission notifying them of the Selectmen's support.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:44 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