

## • **May 1, 2008**

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

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

**Public:** Janet Buonaiuto, Ken Cornet, Joe Mustich, Harry Wyant, Stephen Wadelton, Mark Picton, Tony Bedini, 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 17, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

### **Visitors:**

**Communications:** None.

### **Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Motion:** To appoint **Elizabeth Rives as a regular member of the Historic District Commission until 1/1/09.** By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mark explained that Ms. Rives was the "senior alternate"- having served since 2001. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** To appoint **J. Allen Kerr as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission until 1/1/09.** By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Mr. Kerr has submitted a resume, attended a meeting, and pleased to serve. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** To appoint **Michael Ackerman to the Northwest CT Convention Visitors Bureau until 5/1/11.** By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Michael is president of the Washington Business Association, involved in the Visitors Bureau and very interested in serving in this capacity. The motion passed unanimously.

### **First Selectman's Report:**

- **Boat Launch:** Mark reported the project is progressing and the Town is aiming of a tentative opening date of Saturday, May 10. Once the area is paved, it will open on weekdays according to schedule.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Opening of Bids for the Sale of the Steel Building at the Old Town Garage Site:** The following bids were received:

1) **Wyant & Company**, Washington, CT-purchase & remove building according to bid specs: \$2750.00 paid to the Town of Washington.

2) **Stone Construction**, Southbury, CT-removal of building & foundation: \$22,555.00 paid to Stone Construction.

**3) Miller Excavators LLC**, Roxbury, CT-Removal/demolition of building, foundation, footings, crush, & stockpile, grading of area: \$15,500.00 paid to Miller Excavators.

The Selectmen will review the bids and award within two weeks.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Possible agenda items for the May 22, 2008 Town Meeting:**

**1) Change to Inland Wetlands violation fees: Mark Picton & Tony Bedini** attended today's meeting to discuss possible changes to **Inland Wetlands violation fees**. The Commission's thought is that the current fee schedule is not enough to encourage people to follow the regulations. If there is a violation, it is very time consuming for the commission and staff. Legal fees are often incurred. The Commission feels that if the violation fees were increased, the regulations would be more likely adhered to. The Selectmen reviewed the suggested language of the violation regulations with Mark and Tony and it was determined that the wording needed to more clearly define what residents needed to do, or not do, and what the fee would be for violations of these regulations. In order for the fee structure to be changed, approval would be needed at a Town Meeting, as they are part of a Town Ordinance. Mark and Tony will have this wording for the next Selectmen's meeting on May 15.

**2) Changes to Scenic Road Ordinance:** Mark explained that the Board does not, at this time, have specific language changes, but would like to have the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Director involved in the process for approval of a Scenic Road.

**3) Archaeological reviews by the Planning Commission:** Mark has been notified by the Planning Commission that they do not yet have enough information to put forth to a Town Meeting.

**4) Road discontinuances:** Mark explained that Old River Road is being discussed for discontinuance. A preliminary review has been done. More information and a survey need to be completed before a vote can be taken at a Town Meeting.

#### **Visitors:**

- **Ken Cornet** voiced his concern that construction costs for beach house should not be included in the proposed budget to be voted on at the Town Meeting, as the public has not had an opportunity to review completed plans. He feels there are unanswered questions that the public has a right to have answers to. Mark explained that the plans are complete and the only questions are about the exact floor plan. He felt that the Beach Committee's presentation at the Public Information Meeting addressed plans, funding, etc. **Janet Buonaiuto** also voiced concerns about the funding, the lack of information presented, etc. She proposed that a smaller building be constructed that would accommodate the bathrooms, office and airboat storage but that would not include housing for the caretaker. Discussion continued on the beach plans, reasons for having a caretaker, etc. Ken also asked the Selectmen about funds that are in set aside in the budget for open space. Mark has requested the Conservation Commission to give him more information on this subject.

#### **Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:48 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