

May 23, 2002

Present:

Board: Elaine Luckey, Nicholas Solley, Harry Wyant

Press: David Lombino, Litchfield County Times

Chairman Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

Minutes: Elaine Luckey made a motion to approve the minutes of May 9 and May 15 as submitted. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.

Old Business:

D.E.P - Application Renewal - Transfer Station - Elaine reported a revised application for renewal of our Permit to Operate the Transfer Station is being completed and a fee of \$1,250 is required. The original application had been submitted to the D.E.P. in May of 1999, but no fee was paid. Minor revisions have been made to update information.

Sign Policy: Several comments have recently been received regarding the numbers of signs being placed in front of the town hall to announce coming events. While the Selectmen realize the importance of each of these signs to individual organizations, they agreed this area should be reserved for Town business only. They agreed to continue with this practice as in the past and reserve the discretion as to what may be placed there with the First Selectman.

Building and Property Commission: The Building & Property Commission provided a list of priorities for the Selectmen to consider regarding repairs and cleanup needed at various town buildings/properties (attached). The Selectmen noted their appreciation and will schedule a meeting with the commissioners to discuss priorities and obtain cost estimates.

St. Andrew's Church: A request to repair the sidewalk in front of the St. Andrew's Church rectory on Wheaton Road has been received. Elaine will ask the Road Foreman to look into this.

State Grants: An application has been made for A Small Town Economic Assistant Program (STEAP) grant to reconstruct and repair the road, sidewalks and recreation area of Church Street in New Preston. The possibility of using a portion of this grant or a Small Cities Block Grant to assist with improving the private water system in the New Preston Village area was suggested. Since this is a private water system, the use of these grants for this purpose would need to be investigated further.

Shepaug River Case: Elaine reported she had been notified that the Town of Warren has received a letter from the D.E.P. stating that Waterbury is drawing water from the Shepaug River and selling it to other towns. Since the water level in the river currently seems higher than in recent years, the Selectmen wondered if this were the case. Elaine will investigate further. The Town is still awaiting the Court decision on this case.

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow
Selectman's Assistant