

• **May 6, 2004**

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nicholas Solley and Harry Wyant.
Press: John Addyman - VOICES, Elf Lefferts - Litchfield County Times.
Public: Tammy Wyant, Elaine Luckey, Alan Chapin.

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:33p.m.

Motion: To include a subsequent item not already on today's posted agenda: to enter into Executive Session to deal with a personnel issue at the end of this meeting. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting held on 4-22-04 and the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Emergency Meeting held on 4-30-04. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Visitors: First Selectman Sears welcomed today's visitors and asked if anyone wished to speak at this time. No.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Annual Town Budget Meeting Agenda: Motion:** To set the Agenda for the Annual Town Budget Meeting as follows:

1. To consider and act upon the proposed General Fund Expenses for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
2. To consider and act upon the proposed Nonrecurring Capital Expenses for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
3. To consider and act upon an Ordinance regarding terms of office for the First Selectman, Members of the Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector and Treasurer for the Town of Washington.
4. To consider and act upon formally discontinuing several roads or portions of roads in the Town of Washington.

By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

• **Discontinuance of a section of Old Bee Brook Road:** Dick Sears explained the Town would like to discontinue a portion of Old Bee Brook Road located westerly of new Bee Brook Road, also known as Route 47, which was abandoned by the State of Connecticut in favor of the Town of Washington by Notice dated September 9, 1960 and recorded in Volume 67, Page 50 of the Washington Land Records without reserving any rights for public use. (A more detailed description of the portion of road is in the Selectmen's Office.) This will be on the agenda for the Annual Town Budget Meeting and Dick would like the Selectmen's support. **Motion:** To support the Town's discontinuance of a portion of Old Bee Brook Road as described. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

• **Consideration of the Schaghticoke Amicus Brief:** Dick Sears explained that to date 50 other Towns in the State of Connecticut have supported filing an appeal to the Schaghticoke Tribal Acknowledgement as a result of serious concerns regarding the legality of the recognition of the Tribe. Dick reported that at a Northwest Connecticut Council of Governments meeting today, the attending selectmen were told that many other Towns have or will be signing on to this as well. **Motion:** To acknowledge that Richard C. Sears as the Chief Elected Official can authorize the municipality of the Town of Washington to be included as a filing party to an Amicus Brief to "Support the State of Connecticut, Town of Kent, and other Interested Parties in the Schaghticoke Tribal Acknowledgement Petition Appeal". By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Discussions of Re-bid for Reclamation and Repaving of Nettleton Hollow Road: Alan Chapin, who arrived as a visitor a few minutes late, asked if he could say a few words regarding the re-bidding of Nettleton Hollow Road. The purposed of his coming to today's meeting was "to go on record" to say that a \$25,000 savings to the Town should be considered significant. He understood that Gorman Brothers (the low bidder on the first bid by \$25,000) proposed using a "cold" mixture whereas the other companies that bid proposed using a "hot" mixture. The Selectmen re-bid as they felt that the cold mixture may not be used to the best advantage on roads heavily traversed by trucks, it may require chip sealing sooner than a hot material would require and a longer curing time would be needed. These reasons were arrived at following discussions with the Connecticut Transportation Institute Technical Transfer Center. The original bid lacked clarity and specificity. Allie agreed the first bid was not as detailed as it should have been but his first concern was the savings to the Town. He further explained that Baldwin Hill Road was repaved with the cold mixture as was Barnes Road. According to Allie, the Connecticut DOT has approved this mixture for use on state and federal projects and other towns have used the cold mixture successfully. He offered to work with the Town on future reclamation projects. The Selectmen thanked Allie for his input.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session at 4:55p.m. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:25p.m. as there was no further business after coming out of Executive Session. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary