

June 19, 2007

Special Meeting
(Board of Selectmen with Board and Commission Chairmen)

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Mark E. Lyon, David Owen-Zoning, Tony Bedini-Inland Wetlands, Brad Sedito-Zoning Board of Appeals, Liddy Adams-Housing, Addie Roberts-Planning, Willie Smith Historic District Commission, Susan Payne-Conservation.

Bill Fairbairn and John Millington-Washington Community Housing Trust.

Chris Charles and Kelly Boling - Open Space Equity.

Call to Order: First Selectman Dick Sears opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Dick Sears welcomed everyone and invited them to discuss the 31-acre Moore property on Route 202 in New Preston that is back on the market.

Kelly Boling and Chris Charles started by describing the property, its potential for open space, passive recreation, education, affordable housing, etc. They had been hired by the owner to look at different options for the property. They do not represent the owner and have nothing to gain financially should the Town (or anyone else) purchase it.

General discussion took place among the commissioners regarding the pros and cons of this property, the possibility of its being a model for a conservation development, the merits of purchasing to "hold it", various uses, the need for an appraisal, funding -Town (only after approval of a Town Meeting), Housing Trust, State.

No conclusions, decisions, motions were made.

Dick Sears also announced that the Inland Wetlands Commission had approved work to begin on the 16 Titus Road property for a meadow and walking path.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary