

• **June 2, 2005**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Harry H. Wyant.

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes:

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 19, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors: None.

Communications:

• **Debra Avery-Cell Tower Information:** Debra has visited with Dick Sears and sent information regarding cell towers and safety issues associated with them that have not been resolved. She and others (individuals and organizations) feel that the FCC has not been protective of the public and is requesting the Town of Washington write an amicus curiae. Dick has asked for David Miles opinion and he has advised against the Town writing its own. However the National Lawyers Association may write a brief and Dick would consider signing it based on the Town's opposition to cell towers and questions of safety in the past.

• **Transfer Station Letter:** A letter has been received from "D.B." regarding several concerns he/she has about recycling procedures, tidiness, proper disposal of garbage, etc. Several suggestions are offered regarding these concerns. As the Selectmen did not have a chance to read the letter in its entirety prior to this meeting, they will discuss it further at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

• **Awarding of Bid for Technical Services to prepare a Small Cities Program Application:**

Motion: To award the bid for technical services to prepare a Small Cities Community Development Program Application for housing renovations to Dodge Farm Apartments to L. Wagner & Associates, Inc. for \$3000.00 plus implementation hourly rate per fee proposal. By Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

• **Proposed Amendment to the Open Space Acquisition Fund Ordinance:** Dick Sears has asked David Miles to prepare a simple amendment that would ease the process of approving funds for initial "up-front" costs associated with the acquisition of open space. David has prepared a draft but Dick would like to discuss the process further with him.

• **Pavilion Project Update:** Dick reported the construction of the bathrooms and renovations to the pavilion are moving along well. The project is only slightly behind due to weather.

• **Depot Study Update:** Dick reported this project is also moving along well. There will be a special edition of the Town's newsletter dealing exclusively with the Study. The slogan for the project is: "Let's Talk Depot...Your Voice - Your Choice."

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Building and Property Manager:** This newly created position will be advertised requesting letters,

resumes and references be due by June 17th at 4:30p.m.

- **Housing Commission:** The establishment of this new Commission was approved at the Town Meeting in May and the Selectmen are now searching for candidates to serve. The Housing Diversity Committee, the Washington Community Housing Trust, the Democratic Town Committee and the Republican Town Committee will be contacted asking for suggestions.

- **Extend an Invitation to Bid for Tractor: Motion:** To extend an invitation to Bid for a 2005 Kabota (or comparable) tractor, 30 horsepower, diesel engine with hydrostatic transmission, 4 wheel drive, with all-weather cab and 60" mowing deck delivered. More information is available from the Selectmen's Office. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

- **Extend an Invitation to Bid for Truck: Motion:** To extend an invitation to Bid for a 2006 4 x 4 heavy duty dump truck, delivered complete with an Air-Flo body and plow hitch. More information is available from the Selectmen's Office. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

- **Engineering Design for Plumb Hill Road drainage:** The Selectmen will be preparing to extend an Invitation to Bid for this project at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:15p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary