

• **July 12, 2007**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley, and Mark E. Lyon.

Press: Ann Compton-VOICES

Public: Kevin Smith, Highway Director

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2007 Regular Meeting and the July 5, 2007 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

MOTION: To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Dick explained this would be to discuss the appointment of a Deputy Fire Marshall, discussion of Town subsidy for Riverwoods rent payments and Opening of Bids for Roof Replacement at Pavilion Hall, New Preston. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Motion: To appoint John Boyer to the Washington Primary School Building Committee.** By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Dick explained that he felt it would be beneficial to have a member of the Board of Finance on this committee. Mark Lyon asked if the Board of Finance had requested to have representation on this committee. He also stated he felt it was very important to have members of the committee support the possibility of a three primary school option (as opposed to consolidated). Dick stated he feels that all members would work to get the job done and not let personal opinions hamper the purpose of their work. The Motion passed with Dick Sears and Nick Solley voting in favor, Mark Lyon abstained.

- **Motion: To appoint Stephen Wadelton as an Alternate on the Zoning Commission until 11/07.** By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Mr. Wadelton is registered as an unaffiliated voter and has interest in serving on this commission. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Opening of Bids for Roof Replacement at Pavilion Hall, New Preston.** The following bids were received:

1) Peak Roofing, New Milford, CT \$38,000

2) Diamond Roofing, Waterbury, CT \$16,425

The Selectmen will ask the Building and Properties Manager to review the bids and it will be awarded in two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Smart Power - Clean Energy Proposal and Resolution:** Dick Sears explained asked the Selectmen to support the "Connecticut 20% by 2010 Clean Energy Campaign" which would encourage our residents to purchase and support clean energy (wind, solar, hydro electric, etc.). For this to be accomplished the Town would: a) pass a resolution, b) commit the Town to purchase 20% of its municipal electricity from clean energy sources by 2010 and c) encourage residents to sign up for clean energy for their homes. If Washington gets 100 residents to sign up, the Town will be eligible for a free 1KW clean energy system (photovoltaic electricity panels) worth \$10,000. Dick further explained that if Washington purchases 20% of its power from clean energy sources, the additional cost would be between \$520 and \$708 per year. We could cut this cost down by spreading this over 4 years - increasing it by 5% a year (or \$130 +/- year). Mark Lyon suggested that as this was an expenditure that was not planned for in the 2007-2008 budget, the Town commit to the 5% this year and figure the 15% into next year's budget. **Motion:** To have the Town of Washington commit/pledge 5% Green Power immediately for a cost of approximately \$130 and to pledge 20% in the next budget cycle. The Selectmen also agreed to affirm the "Resolution of the Washington Board of Selectmen in Support of 20% Clean Energy by 2010". By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

- **Motion: To extend an Invitation to Bid for a 2008 4x2 Dump Truck, delivered complete with an Air-Flo body and plow hitch.** Further information is available from the Selectmen's Office. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2007 at the Office of the First Selectman. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

- **Motion: To extend an Invitation to Bid for a 2006, or newer, -town crew cab, 4-wheel drive pick up truck.** Further information is available from the Selectmen's Office. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2007 at the Office of the First Selectman. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

- **Motion: To extend an Invitation to Bid for a pre-owned Roller, 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 ton, 36" drum width, gas, or diesel.** Further information is available from the Selectmen's Office. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2007 at the Office of the First Selectman. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

- **Motion: To extend an Invitation to Bid for a Morbark Wood Chipper, 12" jaw size, Caterpillar 1156 hp +/-.** Further information is available from the Selectmen's Office. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on July 26, 2007 at the Office of the First Selectman. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

- **Appointment of a Deputy Fire Marshall:** Mark Lyon explained that George Steiner, Jr. is interested in taking the Fire Marshall course. Don Etherington, our Fire Marshall, is also in favor of this. In order for George to gain access to the course, the Selectmen need to make a formal Statement of Intent. **Motion:** To make a Statement of Intent to appoint George Steiner, Jr. as Deputy Fire Marshall upon his successful completion of the State Certification Course. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved. This action has no fiscal impact on this year's Town Budget.

- **Rent subsidy for seniors at Riverwoods:** Dick explained that when the Washington Community Housing Trust opened Riverwoods 6 years ago for seniors, the Town approved a \$25,000 fund for monthly rent supplements for low income Washingtonians. The fund has run out. Dick has spoken to the Housing Trust and has recommended that they come to the fall Town Meeting and ask for more funding. However, in the meantime three residents cannot afford their full rent. **Motion:** To ask the Board of Finance to approve an ex-budget appropriation of up to \$1500 to supplement rentals at Riverwoods for three seniors. This amount will cover subsidies to the end of October. The WCHT will be requested to present their own request for Town funding at the October Town Meeting. By Dick Sears, seconded by

Mark Lyon. Discussion: the Selectmen discussed the fact that this was originally an item in the non-recurring budget and was not used for the first few years - it now appears to be needed and may be needed on a regular, more long-term basis that will have budgetary implications. Many questions will need to be resolved. The Motion passed with Dick Sears and Mark Lyon voting in favor, Nick Solley abstained.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:25 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Executive Session ended at 6:08 p.m. and the Selectmen re-entered the Regular Meeting

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:08 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary