

• July 15, 2004

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Nicholas Solley and Harry Wyant.
Press: John Addyman-Voices, Elf Lefferts-Litchfield County Times
Public: Peter Canoni, Don Brigham, Mark Lyon, Joe Bennett, Rachel Stenton.

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:31p.m.

Motion: To include subsequent business at today's meeting not already on the agenda. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Minutes: Motion: To approved the minutes of the July 1, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Harry Wyant, seconded by Nicholas Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Dick Sears welcomed and asked if there was any comment for now or later.

Peter Canoni asked the status of the **Shepaug River lawsuit**. Dick explained that negotiations are continuing. Details such as the amount of water to be released need to be worked out. Dick offered to get more details and information on the status and report to Peter and at the Selectmen's meeting a month from today.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: Dick Sears announced that as First Selectman he has appointed **Robert Futh as Inland Wetlands Hearing Officer** for an indefinite term. This appointment comes as a result of the passage of the ordinance last November "Establishing Citation Procedures and Fines for Violations of the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Regulations of the Town of Washington." Several citations have been issued and one recipient has requested an appeal. Therefore the appointment of the Hearing Officer was necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Signage at West Mountain Road and Nettleton Hollow Road:**Residents Joe Mustich and Ken Cornet have contacted the Selectmen's Office as they feel the sign placed at the intersection of West Mountain Road and Nettleton Hollow Road that reads "Private Drive" is inappropriate. This sign was placed as a result of that portion of West Mountain Road being discontinued at a Town Meeting. The only property owner on that section of road requested that particular wordage to prevent traffic from entering as there is no where to turn around other than in his driveway. Mr. Mustich and Mr. Cornet have offered suggestions such as "Closed to vehicular traffic". Nick Solley offered to look into this further.
- **Board of Education Elections:** Dick told Don Brigham that the Board was looking into the matter he brought up several weeks ago at a Board of Selectmen's meeting regarding placing candidates for the Board of Elections on a ballot (as opposed to a Town Meeting vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Motion:** To extend an **Invitation to Bid to renovate and existing 3200 square foot open air pavilion and construct a new 868 square foot masonry addition** containing public restrooms and storage space on Town property located at the Washington Primary School grounds. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00p.m. on August 12, 2004 at the Selectmen's Office. Plans are available in the Selectmen's Office.

- **Motion:** To extend an **Invitation to Re-Bid a used 1993 Ford/Collins Civitran 10-passenger bus used for senior transportation.** By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved. Sealed bids will be received until 4:00p.m. on July 29, 2004 at the Selectmen's Office. This is being re-bid as no bids were received the first time around.
- **Motion:** Whereas, the Selectmen unanimously endorse a proposed Agreement between the Towns of Kent, Warren and Washington and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for public access to and the protection of Lake Waramaug, known as the "**Lake Waramaug Agreement**", a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, a motion is made to hold a **Special Town Meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2004** at 7:30p.m. to authorize the First Selectman to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Town of Washington. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Dick Sears explained that he had recently received a copy of the DEP agreement to provide motor boat access to Lake Waramaug using the Washington boat ramp. Before this becomes active, all three towns must sign it - therefore the call for the Special Town Meeting. The three First Selectmen are hopeful for their town's support. The agreement specifically outlines the number of boats allowed per day, the need for boat inspections each time they enter the lake, etc. There will be no changes for the residents of Washington, Warren and Kent. Non-residents of these towns will be limited - up to twenty per day (13 of which will be for campers at the State Park and 7 from the general public. There is not a limit to car top boats but all need to be inspected. Washington will make improvements to the boat ramp and will be eligible for a grant of \$100,000 from the State to do this improvement. Dick further explained that this has been in the works for several years - starting in Alan Chapin's term. The Selectmen of the Towns feel strongly that this agreement is in the best interest of the townspeople and the Lake when alternatives are considered. **Motion:** To hold a **Public Information Meeting on Thursday, August 12, 2004** to discuss the **Lake Waramaug Agreement.** By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved. Senator Roraback will attend this meeting as will Tom McGowan of the Lake Waramaug Task Force to answer questions re: the Agreement and give presentations re: invasives, etc. Mark Lyon asked what if one of the Towns voted "no". Dick explained all three Towns need to approve of the agreement in order for it to go into effect. If it is not approved by the Towns, the State will most likely put a boat ramp at the State Park and the limitations on numbers and inspections would most likely not be as stringent.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:04p.m. as there was no further business to discuss. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary