

July 31, 2003

Present: First Selectman Elaine Luckey, Selectmen Nick Solley and Harry Wyant.
Press: John Addyman, VOICES

Call to Order: First Selectman Elaine C. Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:35p.m.

Minutes: Motion: To accept as presented the minutes of the July 17, 2003 Board of Selectmen meeting by Elaine Luckey, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: Mrs. Luckey has received letters of resignation from **ZBA** from **Heman Averill** and **Reese Owens**. Both are effective immediately and both terms expire 11/05. Elaine has spoken with Ed White, ZBA Chairman, who feels he can do with two less on the commission until the November elections. Felt it would be difficult for the selectmen to appoint two people now when they may or may not run and/or be elected in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

Town Beach Signs: There was a lengthy discussion about the signs that have been at the beach and the proposed signs. There is a triangular piece of land - the ownership of which is in dispute, that was also discussed. Town Attorney David Miles could use regulations passed by the Selectmen (ref: Ordinance 1201 which gives the Selectmen the authority to adopt and enforce rules and regulations in regard to the Town Beach area) to take action, if necessary, regarding this piece of land and the equipment stored on it. **Motion:** To have two signs made up for the Town Beach Parking Lot that read: NO OVERNIGHT PARKING - 10:00 P.M. - 7:00 A.M. by Elaine Luckey, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To have two or three signs made up for the Town Beach Parking Lot that read: BEACH PARKING ONLY - 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (seasonal) by Nick Solley, seconded by Elaine Luckey and unanimously approved. These signs would also support the Parks and Recreation Commission with their concerns about who is parking there, how long, and when.

Speed Limit signs on Popple Swamp Rd: Elaine received a phone call from a resident expressing concern about the speed of cars on Popple Swamp and there being no speed limit signs. The Selectmen felt there should be one 35-MPH sign going in either direction on the stretch of road between Scofield Hill and Upper Church Hill. Will check with Police Department to see if that speed is appropriate for that road.

60 minute Parking across from market: George Verrastro from the Washington Food Market is concerned about the number of parking spaces across from the Market that are being taken up by employees of various other businesses. The Selectmen felt enforcing "time limit" parking would be difficult. It was decided to contact the Washington Business Association and request they notify Depot businesses at their next meeting to please park elsewhere - perhaps behind Town Hall.

Handicapped Parking spaces: The two spaces to the right of the Market are currently next to each other and it is difficult for the passenger in the far right space to navigate the curb around the tree. The Selectmen will discuss with George at the Market the idea of placing one space on either side of Market door.

Town Hall Parking: The use of the parking lot behind the Town Hall will be discussed at a later meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Randy Snook - TROC and BRRFOC Rep: Mr. Snook has agreed to be the Town's representative at the once a month meetings of TROC and BRRFOC. He will be taking the place of Valerie Friedman who can no longer do it. The Selectmen asked that the minutes reflect their appreciation for the excellent job she did.

Sweeper Bids: Motion: Based on information in house, an Invitation to Bid, due August 28, 2003, will be Legally Noticed for a road sweeper by Nick Solley, seconded by Elaine Luckey and unanimously approved.

Motion: An Invitation to Bid, due August 28, 2003, will be Legally Noticed for the purchase of the Town of Washington's present road sweeper by Nick Solley, seconded by Elaine Luckey and unanimously approved.

Curbside Recycling Pick Up: Nick Solley would like the minutes to reflect the dissatisfaction with Chuckin' It - the company that was awarded the bid to pick up the recyclables each Monday. We have not yet received a signed contract from them nor have they submitted their proof of insurance. Each week there have been many missed pick-ups. Three letters have been sent to them this week alone and they have not responded to these or repeated phone calls. The Selectmen understand there is a period of time allowed for learning the routes, etc. but do not understand the lack of communication. Nick suggested that if things do not improve by the next Selectmen's Meeting to consider them in default.

Adjournment: Motion: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m. by Nick Solley, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary

ADDENDUM: After conferring with Parks and Recreation and Beach personnel, Elaine Luckey, by conference call with the Selectmen on August 1, 2003, made the motion to change the aforementioned regulation regarding the "No Overnight Parking - 10:00p.m. - 7:00a.m." sign at the Beach to read: NO PARKING AFTER DARK. This motion was seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.