

August 15, 2002

First Selectman Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present: Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Harry Wyant
Press: David Lombino, The Litchfield County Times

Minutes: Elaine Luckey made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 18 and August 1 meetings as submitted. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business:

Washington Primary School Playground: The Selectmen are awaiting a reply from the Village Improvement Society regarding a donation to this project. Question had been raised if the \$8,000 listed in expenses for underlay of the playground would be an actual expense of the fundraising group or if the Region #12 district would be paying for this as understood from the previous Selectmen's meeting. The Selectmen will consider the request for funding once this information is received.

Depot Firehouse Leases: Consideration had been given to renewing the leases for this building. After discussion with the Building and Property Commission, the Selectmen agreed to use the Consumer Price Index to assist in determining a monthly rental fee. This is currently at 4.7%. Elaine Luckey made a motion to increase the rent for the lower level for Abdella/Schulman from \$650 to \$680/month from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003 and for the upper level for the Steep Rock Ass'n. from \$667 to \$700 from October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003. Harry Wyant seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed. This will be communicated to both renters.

Sunset Lane/Upper Church Hill Intersection: Elaine reiterated previous action taken to improve the sightline at this intersection, which included moving the STOP line by about 10 ft. and clearing brush. Further solutions include installing a STOP sign on Upper Church Hill Road and/or removing larger trees, which would necessitate meeting with the adjacent property owner. Harry felt removing a few trees would be best, while Elaine suggested a STOP sign. Elaine Luckey moved to install a STOP sign on Upper Church Hill Road. There was no second to this motion. The Selectmen agreed to wait until Nick Solley is in attendance to discuss this further. Meanwhile, they will investigate to see if there is a survey on file and will check with police with regard to speeding in this area.

New Business:

Employee Insurances: Elaine Luckey made a motion to allow a representative from the AFLAC (American Family Life Assurance Company of New York) to discuss various benefits available to employees at their own cost. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Hazardous Waste Day: HWD is scheduled for September 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the railroad station in New Milford. Washington residents are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to eliminate hazardous materials from their homes in a responsible manner.

September 11th: The Town's fire company and churches are coordinating services in remembrance of September 11th. Initial schedules include services at the firehouse during the morning hours of September 11th, as well as individual church services that evening, with a community church service on the lawn of the town hall at 8:00 p.m. A more detailed schedule will be publicized.

Old Town Garage Site on Titus Road: Elaine reported Lenard Engineering will continue monitoring

wells at this site and will report their findings. This is a continuation of the original D.E.P order from 1995.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow
Selectman's Office