

August 1, 2002

First Selectman Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

Present:

Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nicholas Solley, Harry Wyant

Guests: April Crumrine

Press: David Lombino, The Litchfield County Times

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School Playground: April Crumrine brought the Selectmen up-to-date on the fundraising activities for the new community playground proposed for the Washington Primary School and provided an income and expense report on the project. She reported the old playground had been boarded up for a year and a half and the manufacturer had gone out of business. The new playground will consist of a 60'x40' Safari playscape, which is capable of holding up to 140 children at one time, as well as a swing set and gymnastic circuit. Plans include installing the Safari playscape on August 3 and the gymnastics circuit on 8/24. Since this is such a large project, the playground building committee felt it should be professionally installed.

April reported this has been a major fundraising activity during the past year and complimented the many residents who had worked so hard on so many projects. Approximately \$47,000 has been raised through an auction, food sales, private donations, etc. Expenses will be approximately \$57,381, which is \$6,300 over budget, mainly due to installation costs. April requested the Town consider making a donation to the project. She noted the school district is providing the underlayment for the project. The Selectmen reported there are no funds budgeted for this project and it would be necessary to go to the Board of Finance with this request. Kathy Gollow also noted the Village Improvement Society had indicated they would consider a donation, once the financial needs were determined. The Selectmen will review this with the Board of Finance and the V.I.S. will receive the updated information provided.

Minutes:

July 2: Elaine Luckey moved to approve as written. Nicholas Solley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

July 18: These minutes were tabled until the next meeting.

Communications:

Appointment of Assistants to Town Clerk and Registrars of Vital Statistics: Communication has been received from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) regarding Public Act 02-137, which was passed during the 2002 General Assembly session. This Act amends the sections of the General Statutes which had provided selectmen with the authority to approve the appointment of assistant town clerks and assistant registrars of vital statistics. CCM has indicated they are opposed to this legislation, which leaves the appointment process solely under the jurisdiction of the town clerk or registrar of vital stats. Elaine reported Town Clerk Sheila Anson had indicated she agrees it would be in the best interest of the Town that the selectmen maintain this approval, which would require the passage of a town ordinance. The Selectmen agreed to present an Ordinance for consideration at the October town meeting.

Appointments/Resignations:

Historic District Commission: It was noted there are two alternate vacancies on this Commission. Representatives who are residents of the Town's three districts are being sought to fill these vacancies.

Old Business:

Upper Church Hill/Sunset Lane Intersection: The Selectmen agreed they would determine if the sight line is improved at this intersection once the highway department has completed clearing..

Transfer Station Signs: Harry reported clarity of the signs at the transfer station is being addressed. The Selectmen did not feel a need to adjust fees at the current time. They agreed if the material brought in exceeds the regular capacity of a one-ton truck due to the use of additional sideboards, etc., additional fees may be charged by the attendant.

New Business:

Bids: Nicholas Solley made a motion to extend an invitation to bid for a new commercial mower and a 2002 pay loader as approved in the capital budget, with bids due at 4 p.m. on August 29th. Elaine Luckey seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow
Selectman's Assistant