

October 24, 2002

Present:

Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nick Solley, Harry Wyant

Press: David Lombino, The Litchfield County Times

Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Minutes of the October 9th and 10th meetings were tabled until the November 7th meeting.

Correspondence:

Health Department - Bioterrorism Resolution: The State Department of Public Health is the recipient of a Cooperative Agreement Award from the U.S. Center for Disease Control entitled "Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bio-terrorism." In order to provide available funding to all local health departments, the D.P.H. has requested the Town enter a contract with them for the amount of \$3,217.20 and pass a Resolution to this effect. Elaine Luckey made a motion to approve the following Resolution:

"Resolved, that Elaine Luckey, First Selectman, is authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town, any and all contracts or amendments thereof with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health to improve state and local public health preparedness for bio-terrorism events, other outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health threats and emergencies."

Harry Wyant seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed. Additional requirements include appointing an Emergency Response Coordinator as a contact person, participating in an assessment process, collaborating with CADH and local acute care hospitals to develop emergency response plans for bio-terrorism, enhancing the local Health Department's response capacity, participating in the development of learning systems to build the local public health workforce preparedness and response capacity and assuring local public health workforce participation in related educational and training programs, workshops and conferences.

New Business:

Local Emergency Planning Council: The Town's Emergency Coordinator, Robert Tomlinson, has scheduled a meeting of the L.E.P.C. for Friday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Washington firehouse to review and update, if necessary, the local emergency response. Representatives from the local emergency services, schools and the Town will attend.

Pay Phone - Town Hall: The Selectmen discussed continuing the public pay phone service in the town hall. Use of the phone has been provided through the generosity of the Washington Grange; however, they no longer feel they can fund this service. The Selectmen agreed there is a need to have this phone available in the evenings and on weekends when the offices are closed, as well as to limit daily interruptions in the offices. In addition to concerns for safety and convenience, the Selectmen felt a phone will be required if an elevator is installed in the town hall in the future. It was agreed to ask the phone company to provide a phone gratis to the Town as a public service. If this is not available, it was felt the need is worthwhile and the Town would budget to pay for the service.

Personnel Policies: The Selectmen will review the proposed revisions and vote on them at the next meeting.

Transfer Station Signs: Elaine will obtain an up-dated list of recyclables allowed at TROC and refer them to Wyant & Co. to have a sign made for the transfer station. Harry reported other signage needed for the site is being completed.

Abandoned Roads: The Selectmen discussed procedures necessary to approve the formal discontinuance of abandoned roads. Elaine referred to the following CGS Statutes: Section 13a-49: Discontinuance of Highways or Private Ways, Section 13a-55: Rights-of-way of property owners bounding a discontinued or abandoned highway or a highway any portion of which is discontinued or abandoned, and Section 13a-141(b): Bridle paths; pedestrian walks, bicycle paths. Certain sections of Potash Hill Road, West Mountain Road, Tinker Hill Road and Old Bee Brook Road were discussed. It was agreed to review the law and each road in detail before making any decisions. A small committee will be assembled.

Radar Speed Display Board: Elaine reported the Northwestern CT Council of Governments had assisted in obtaining grant funding to purchase this equipment, which will be shared by the towns of Kent, Warren and Washington.

Grant Writer: Elaine reported she had met with a resident, who is a free-lance grant writer, to discuss assistance in applying for certain grants that might require a great deal of detail, etc. It was agreed this could greatly benefit the Town and will be pursued more specifically.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant