

• **October 6, 2005**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Harry H. Wyant.

Visitors: Valerie Andersen, Lyndsey Gruson.

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

Minutes:

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 22, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

• **Lyndsey Gruson**, 62 Frisbie Road, came to discuss the **possible abandonment of the south end of Frisbie Road**. Dick read Mr. Gruson's letter and explained that the Board of Selectmen would refer the matter to the Road Discontinuance Committee to research and review. They will in turn come back to the Selectmen with a report - then to a Town Meeting for a final decision. Mr. Gruson requested that the Selectmen, if possible, give a "feeling" of their opinion to the Zoning Board of Appeals. There was discussion as to the exact section of road Mr. Gruson would like abandoned. The Board of Selectmen will report at the next meeting the finding of the Road Discontinuance Committee.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations

• **Appointments: Motion:** To appoint Larry O'Toole, Valerie Friedman, Kathy Gollow, Roger Cannavaro and a member of the Board of Finance to be appointed by the Chairman, to the Employee Compensation Task Force. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Valerie Andersen asked why this task force was needed - couldn't the Board of Selectmen review and make any necessary administrative decisions? Nick Solley and Dick Sears explained that the Board could do this but they felt it worthwhile to have this group gather data and report their findings. This is something that was done several years ago and it was felt to be very useful and beneficial.

• **Resignations:** Dick Sears read a letter from **Valerie Friedman** to Hank Martin, **resigning from the Zoning Commission**. Dick asked that the minutes reflect the letter has been received with regret and the Selectmen expressed their gratitude for the work she has done for the Town of Washington.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

• **Invitation to Bid for Painting of Salt/Sand Building: Motion:** The Town of Washington will accept sealed bids for the staining of the salt/sand building located at the Town Garage, 12 Blackville Road, Washington Depot, CT. Bids will be received until 4:00p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at the Selectman's Office, 2 Bryan Plaza, Post Office Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794. Specifications may be obtained at the Selectman's Office or by calling 860-86-2259. The building should be inspected prior to the submission of bid. Current liability and worker's compensation insurances are required. The Town of Washington reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the bid in the best interest

of the Town of Washington. The Town is an Equal Opportunity Employer. By Dick Sears, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

- **Valerie Andersen asked to speak re: the October 3, 2005 Town Meeting.** Valerie felt that issues that were on the agenda were of importance and those that were defeated should possibly be revisited at a later date. However, she felt that the necessary research had not been done prior to the meeting and resulted in the defeat of proposed ordinances. She did not feel that amendments should be made to proposed ordinances at the Town Meeting. She also felt that people who were involved in putting forward a proposed ordinance should be at the meeting to answer any questions the public may have. She asked that these minutes reflect her thoughts.

Adjournment: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 4:55p.m. as there was no further business. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary