

• **November 15, 2007**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley, and Mark E. Lyon.

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES

Public: Chris Charles

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the November 1, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: Dick explained he had emailed Mr. Engel requesting a meeting be set up for presentation of the Washington Primary School plans to the Region #12 Board of Education Building Committee.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Renewable Energy Task Force: Motion:** To appoint Eileen Hearn to the Renewable Energy Task Force. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Dick explained Eileen would be joining Elliot Davis and John Maxwell on this Task Force and more volunteers are needed. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Tree Warden: Motion:** To appoint Thomas Osborne as Tree Warden for the Town of Washington. By Dick Sears, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Dick explained that Tom wrote the Board of Selectmen expressing his interest in this position, noting his education and experience in the nursery and horticulture field. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Inland Wetlands vacancies:** Dick reminded the Selectmen of the two alternate vacancies on this commission and the third alternate has not attended the last 12 meetings. Mark Lyon stated he is aware of a couple of townspeople who may be interested and hopes there will be appointments in the near future.

MOTION: To include subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Nick Solley, seconded by Dick Sears. Discussion. Nick explained this had to deal with a personnel issue and requested the Board go into Executive Session at the end of this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Visitors:

- **Mary Anne Greene asked** that the minutes reflect deep appreciation and gratitude to Dick Sears and Nick Solley as they end their terms as First and Second Selectmen respectively. Thank you!
- **Mark Lyon** reiterated the above sentiments pointing out Nick's 32 years of continuing service to the Town in various capacities and Dick's hard work and dedication as First Selectman noting he has "set a benchmark" by which to go by. He asked that Nick "not disappear" and "looks forward to continuing to

work with Dick on the Board."

- **Chris Charles** also thanked Dick and Nick and promised to continue to "be around."

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 4:40 p.m. to enter into Executive Session. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the Regular Meeting from Executive Session at 4:50 p.m.

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary