

November 21, 2002

Present:

Selectmen: Elaine Luckey, Nick Solley, Harry Wyant

Guests: Steve Sordi, Resident State Trooper; Caleb Shropshire, Town Constable

Press: David Lombino, The Litchfield County Times; Mark Daft, Voices

Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Selectman's Office.

Police:

L.W.A. Boat: Resident Trooper Steve Sordi and Constable Caleb Shropshire appeared before the Selectmen to discuss the future of the boat previously used by the Lake Waramaug Authority. They felt it would be beneficial to have the extra boat available for certain regattas and in the event that major repairs were needed on the new boat. Cal reported the Authority, as well as the First Selectmen of Warren and Kent, are in favor of keeping the boat; and that a resident of the lake has offered to house the boat. The Selectmen were agreeable to keeping the boat. Costs for liability insurance will be investigated but it was not felt that property insurance would be necessary. With regard to the new boat, Cal will investigate the possibility of storing it where it is winterized.

Police Explorer Vehicle: Trooper Sordi reported a new police vehicle has been ordered and should arrive within 6-8 weeks. The Town will purchase this through a State contract. He suggested the 1995 Explorer, which has about 95,000 miles, could be used by town police in lieu of their own vehicles for many functions occurring on weekends, in the summer, etc. Recent repairs have left this vehicle in good shape and it probably would not bring in a great amount if sold. Nick noted the importance of garaging all town vehicles and current space will be reviewed. The Selectmen agreed to hold on to the vehicle for now and to obtain the price quoted in the Blue Book. Insuring this vehicle will also be investigated.

Police Equipment Grants: Trooper Sordi asked the Selectmen to consider three state grants available through the State Department of Public Health. Each grant is for \$3,000 and may be used to obtain equipment such as defibrillators and oxygen tanks. The Town would be responsible for 30% of the costs and would have to provide the full funding prior to being reimbursed for the remaining 70%. Steve will pursue more information on these grants, as well as other sources of funding for medical equipment and police protective vests. The Board appreciated his initiative.

Minutes: Nicholas Solley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24th and November 7th meetings as submitted. Harry Wyant seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Communications:

Bedini: A letter was received from Tony and Sharon Bedini complimenting the staff at the town hall for their assistance and good will during the Bedini's construction of their new home. They are both delighted with the Town and especially the friendliness of the people. Welcome to Washington!

Appointments/Resignations:

Inland Wetlands: Elaine reported she has been trying to contact Mark McGowan, a member of the Inland Wetlands Commission, to no avail. It is believed he has moved from Town. Since it is important that commissioners be available for meetings, she will write again; and if there is no response, it will be assumed Mr. McGowan no longer wishes to remain a member of the Commission. A replacement will be sought.

Personnel Policies: Harry Wyant made a motion to approve the Town Employees' Personnel Policies as revised. Nicholas Solley seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

New Business: Elaine reported Luke Fraley has asked for permission to tape a movie scene on Sunny Ridge Road on December 15th beginning at 1 p.m. for his Senior Project He has contacted neighbors and the police to insure this project runs smoothly. Elaine has approved this project.

Town Conservation Easement: Elaine reported she had signed a conservation easement on behalf of the Town to maintain the natural setting at 121 West Church Hill Road. She had confirmed approval for this with the chairman of the Planning Commission, Town Counsel and the attorney for the property owners. She will now investigate establishing an Ordinance to transfer the responsibility for monitoring this property to the Conservation Commission. She will have Town Counsel draw up an Ordinance for consideration at a town meeting.

Bioterrorism Agreement: Elaine reported the State Department of Health is the recipient of a Cooperative Agreement Award "Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism" from the Centers for Disease Control. The goal of the program is to improve state and local public health preparedness for bio-terrorism events, other outbreaks of infectious disease, and other public health threats and emergencies. Robert (Rocky) Tomlinson has agreed to serve as the Town's Emergency Response Coordinator between the D.P.H and the Washington Health Director. He also serves as the Town's Emergency Coordinator for fire, police and ambulance services. Elaine noted she has executed a contract with the D.E.P to obtain funds in the amount of \$3,217.20, which would be used to cover expenses involved in this program. The Town has been placed in three separate regions for field epidemiology, smallpox mass vaccination and a Bioterrorism planning.

Boys Club Wall: Harry reported the wall separating the parking lot of the Boys Club and the Pickett property is in need of repair. The road foreman and/or Building and Property Commission will be asked to review this situation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant