

• **December 4, 2003**

Present: First Selectman Richard Sears, Selectmen Harry Wyant
Press: John Addyman, VOICES
Visitor: Valerie Friedman

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

Minutes: Motion: To approve the minutes of the November 20, 2003 Board of Selectmen's meeting as presented by Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Valerie Friedman came to the meeting as a follow up to a letter she had sent to the Selectmen requesting that the Tax Assessor be required to analyze the 2003 revaluation results by comparing the market value of homes to the reval amount. The purpose of this analysis would be to make sure the system is fair. Dick Sears explained that since Selectmen Nick Solley was not present at today's meeting, he would like to address this issue again at the next meeting of the full Board. Ms. Friedman stated she had done research on this subject and has interesting materials from Norwalk and will share this with the Board. She feels that the evaluation should start immediately and that it should be done by the Assessor's office.

Communications: Letter from Valerie Friedman - see above.

Appointments/Resignations: Dick Sears announced there were no appointments to be done at this meeting however there would be several at the next meeting as several commission member terms expire.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Plan of Conservation and Development** has been accepted and adopted. Dick Sears would like to congratulate and thank the many volunteers who have spent countless hours working on this project in particular George Bender, Chairman of the Planning Commission and other members of the Planning Commission. Dick also mentioned that he would be holding a meeting of the Commission Chairmen in January to discuss the implications of the new POCD.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **DOT Agreement re: Senior Van: Motion** by Harry Wyant, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved: **Resolved:** That Richard C. Sears, First Selectmen, be empowered to enter into an Agreement on behalf of the Town of Washington, Connecticut with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for a cash grant toward the purchase of a wheelchair accessible motor vehicle for service to elderly and/or disables persons in accordance with FTA Grant # CT-16-0029 and State Project # 270-5216.

- **Democracy Cup Award:** The Town of Washington has again won the State's Democracy Cup for having the highest percentage of registered voters participating in the recent election (66.1%). There will be a celebration in January.

- **Traffic Study:** Dick Sears stated he has been approached by many residents of Town about the amount of traffic and the increased speed of vehicles in Town. It is a public safety issue. Dick has spoken with the Resident State Trooper and the constables. Increased monitoring is being done and the most dangerous areas are being identified. In the next few weeks, Dick would like to appoint a "Traffic Committee".

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary