

May 13, 2010

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton and Nicholas N. Solley.

Public: Valerie Friedman.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Motion:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion:

Mark explained this would have to do with the appointment of an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

* Motion:

To approve the minutes of the April 29, 2010 Regular Meeting and the May 6, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Appointment of Bob Papsin as an alternate to Inland Wetlands:

Mark reported that Bob Papsin has expressed his wanting to volunteer as an alternate to the IW Commission. He has emailed Mark his willingness to make the commitment and understanding of the time involved. He has attended several meetings, met with Chairman Tony Bedini and is willing to attend workshops. Bob has recently retired from working with State's DEP. Following discussion, the Selectmen felt there was no need to wait until the next meeting to appoint Bob. Motion: To appoint Robert Papsin, registered unaffiliated voter, as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/12. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Titus Road Clean-up is progressing. Processing has begun and to date 250 yards of topsoil has been generated. Rough grading 125 feet from river has started and, weather permitting, the Town is within a week from completing the agreed plan with Inland Wetlands in regard to the violation issued against the Town.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Town Meeting Agenda:

The third item on the May 20 agenda is to amend the Ordinance Establishing a Housing Commission. The amendment would allow for the appointment of two alternates as follows:

*The Commission shall consist of five (5) ADD: **REGULAR** members ADD: **AND TWO (2)***

ALTERNATE MEMBERS who shall be electors of the Town of Washington, and shall serve without pay, to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The initial appointees of the Commission shall be one (1) member who shall serve for a term of one (1) year; two (2) members who shall serve for a term of two (2) years; two (2) members who shall serve for a term of three (3) years; all such members to hold office to the first day of July in the year of the expiration of their term and thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th day of June. ADD: The initial alternate appointees of the Commission shall be one (1) alternate member who shall serve for a term of one (1) year; one (1) alternate member who shall serve for a term of two (2) years; all such alternates to hold office to the first day of July in the year of the expiration of their term and thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years expiring on the 30th day of June.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Northwest Connecticut Regional Housing Council:

Jack Boyer, a member of this Commission, has spoken with Mark Lyon regarding the Town of Washington making a \$100 contribution. There are thirteen member towns and the contribution is used for payment of secretarial services, presentations, etc. Motion: To contribute \$100 to the NW Council of Housing Commission. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

* Valerie Friedman asked about there being a public informational hearing on the cell tower. Mark explained that the first step in the process – receipt of a draft lease, has occurred (which is being reviewed by Town Attorney David Miles). Following the receipt of a technical report from Verizon there will be a 60-day period in which a second balloon float will occur as well as the public informational meeting. Verizon can take information received at this meeting and possibly make changes to the final application that would be submitted to the Siting Council. Valerie asked if there would be a need for a Town Meeting to approve the lease, and/or the placement of the cell tower on Town property. The Selectmen are awaiting David Miles' comments and answers to these type of questions.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary