

January 20, 2011

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman Nicholas N. Solley

Public: Ed & Pat Werner, J. Meeker, Wayne Hileman, Kerry Dorton, Diane Dupuis, Tim Coakley, Andrea Coakley, Pat Devlin, Janelle Pollack, Joslyn Pollack, Bill Pollock, Jack Conygio, Matthew DeGruttola, Briana DeGruttola, Ulrich Vilbois, Imad Afiouni, Christine Afiouni, Robert Odom, Simone Odom (names taken from sign in sheet)

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

Motion:

Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the minutes of the January 6, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, as submitted. Nicholas N. Solley, Selectman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Communications: None

Appointments/Resignations: None

First Selectman's Report:

Mr. Lyon reported that because of recent snowstorms there has been a lot of overtime and the town hired several private contractors to assist with clean up efforts. He noted that the highway crew has done an excellent job.

The First Selectman went on to say that Route 45 through New Preston center would be closed starting January 24th for road repair. There will be extra signage installed to ensure that the public is aware that the New Preston Business District will remain open. Mark Lyon reported on the recent press release concerning at least six burglaries in town since September of last year. Mr. Lyon described these burglaries as "quick" crimes of opportunity and encouraged the public to be on the look out for strange cars, lock their doors and report suspicious activity to the Resident State Trooper office or call 911.

Old Business

Discussion of lease for proposed cell tower on Highway Department property continued.

First Selectman Lyon confirmed, in conversations with the CT Siting Council, that any modification/additions to an application is done through the siting council, that local regulations are given serious consideration and other than a building permit no other town permits are required. The siting council is not required to abide by the town's planning/zoning regulations but must consider them; the town needs to have justification for their regulations. Mr. Lyon went on to say that if the town is seeking any limits or monitoring of emissions for the proposed cell tower these should be worked out before the application to the siting council is done. Selectman Nicholas Solley noted the next step would be another meeting with the Cell Tower Committee.

Public Information Meeting scheduled for 1/29/11 with AT&T representatives re: proposed cell tower at 17 Warren Road.

Mark Lyon, First Selectman stated that the meeting has been set for Saturday January 29, 2011 at 10:00am at the Town Hall. AT&T will attempt another balloon float for January 27th, if not January

29th. AT&T attorneys, engineers and specialists will be present; this will be a public information meeting (questions and answers) the town is providing the space and introduction. Mr. Lyon hopes it will be kept as an exchange of information. Diane Dupuis asked to have the Land Use Commissions give input on this application; Mark Lyon will speak with Land Use Coordinator Janet Hill. Selectman Nicholas Solley stated that the town would provide a PA system for this meeting. This public meeting is for both Washington and Warren residents. Pat Werner asked if after the January 29th public meeting residents could attend the next selectmen's meeting to discuss the cell tower application. Mr. Solley encouraged residents to do so to discuss possible concerns such as height of the proposed tower, access to the tower, proximity to the school etc. Several members of the public expressed concerns with the effect on the neighborhood i.e. the hardship on property values and asked the town to hire representation to help the taxpayers. A letter was submitted dated March 26, 2003 signed by Elaine C. Luckey, First Selectman, and Nicholas N. Solley and Harry H. Wyant, Selectman Re: Proposed AT&T cell tower at 911 Rabbit Hill Road, Warren, CT. The public asked for the same representation/support from the town as was given on prior cell tower applications. Selectman Solley said they would take it into consideration.

New Business: None

Visitors: None

Motion:

Nicholas N. Solley, Selectman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Submitted subject to approval,

Pamela L. Osborne, Acting Secretary