

August 4, 2011

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

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

Public: John Meeker, Dick Carey, Lillian Lyon.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Communications:

Mark Lyon reported receiving the following:

* Letter from ASAP thanking the Town for its continued support and including a schedule of upcoming events and programs.

* Letter from CIRMA that was hand delivered by Colleen White, CIRMA agent for the Town on Tuesday, August 2nd . Because of the Town's long-standing relationship with CIRMA, the Town received a Members Equity Distribution check in the amount of \$5718. The letter states "Your commitment to risk management and focus on loss reduction efforts have contributed to our financial strength. This is an unrestricted distribution, as such, you can determine how and when to use these funds." The check will be deposited into the General Fund.

Appointments/Resignations:

None.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Meeting with AT&T representatives:

AT&T will begin to expand DSL service in the Town of Washington by installing four or five IPDSLAM boxes that will replace obsolete equipment. When the locations are determined the Town and abutting property owners will be notified and asked for input within 30 days.

* Meeting with Gary Fitzherbert:

Gary will be the Board of Finance representative on the Region #12 Long Range Planning Committee. Others representatives from the Town will be asked to join the Committee prior to the September Board of Education meeting. The Long Range Planning Committee will work on developing a plan from September through January or February and then report back to the Board of Education. Some individuals have expressed interest and Mark will follow up with them.

OLD BUSINESS:

*** Discontinuance of a portion of Clark Road:**

Abutting property owners of the portion of Clark Road under discussion for discontinuance have been contacted by letter and all have responded except for one. At this point, no one has voiced any objection. The process for discontinuance has been explained. The Selectmen had some discussion regarding the upkeep, right to travel, etc. The abutting property owners would continue to have a "right-of-way" even if the Town has no obligation to maintain, etc. Town Attorney David Miles will be contacted to provide clarification, and a public information will be scheduled at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting. The recommendation to discontinue the portion would then go to the Planning Commission and then to a vote at a Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Extend an Invitation to Bid for a Backhoe/Loader:**

Motion:

To extend an Invitation to Bid for an all-wheel drive diesel powered backhoe/loader, minimum 90 hp, minimum 1.2 cubic yard 4 in 1 bucket, extendable dipper equipped with Wain-Roy Quick Change Tool Hitch Swinger Coupler System or equivalent. Specifications are available from the Office of the First Selectman at 860-868-2259 or selectmen@washingtonct.org. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:30p.m. on August 18, 2011 at the Office of the First Selectman, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, Post Office Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794. Bids will be opened at 5:30p.m. on August 18, 2011 at the Board of Selectmen's meeting.

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

*** RFP for replacement of culvert at Shinar Mountain and Walker Brook Road:**

Motion:

To extend a Request for Proposal for Engineering Services related to the replacement of Shinar Mountain Road Bridge over Walker Brook at Walker Brook Road. Quotations should include preliminary engineering services, bidding/contract services and construction (design/contract) services. Specifications are available from the Office of the First Selectman at 860-868-2259 or selectmen@washingtonct.org. Sealed Proposals are due in the Office of the First Selectman, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, P.O. Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794 by 4:30 p.m. on September 1, 2011. They will be opened at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 1, 2011.

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

Visitors:

* John Meeker asked about the status of the parking issue on Wilbur Road by Community Table employees and patrons. Mark explained that it had been discussed at the last Zoning Meeting but he had not yet heard of any determination and/or action. John asked about the status of the construction of a cell tower on Town property. Mark explained that a proposed lease agreement had been sent to Verizon but there had not been any word back as of this meeting. John asked if the Shepaug Youth Work Force was up and running. Mark explained that thanks to fundraising efforts by Denise Arturi, this program had begun with two young high school students who are working at the Judea Garden, and various other locations around Town.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary