

September 23, 2010

Special Meeting

Present:

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

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Additions/deletions to October 4, 2010 Annual Town Meeting Agenda:

Motion:

To set the agenda for the October 4, 2010 Annual Town Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall as follows:

- 1) To set the dates for the annual Town Budget Hearing and annual Town Budget Meeting in May 2011.
- 2) To adopt Food Service Establishment Licensing Ordinance and amend Ordinance # 307A that sets Health Department inspection fees.
- 3) To amend Ordinance #107 that sets the time of Town Meetings.
- 4) To approve an ex-budget appropriation for tax refunds.
- 5) To rescind Ordinance #602 Hours for Alcoholic Liquor Sales on Sunday.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion:

Item #3:

Mark explained that Washington is one of the few towns in the area that does not require food establishments to be licensed. We do Health Department inspections four times a year per State regulations. By licensing these establishments, the inspections would continue as part of the licensing fee (which would be less than the cost of four inspections) and would be beneficial to them when catering in other towns that may require licensing. It would also give the Health Department more leverage to correct deficiencies.

Item #4:

The Town's auditor had advised that the overpayment of property taxes between 2001-2008 needs to be addressed. At the time overpayments were made, the Tax Collector made attempts to notify the individuals or financial institutions and no responses were received on these in question. The funds became a "surplus" in the General Fund. The Board of Finance has recommended that another attempt be made to refund the overpayments. An ex-budget appropriation from the 2010-2011 would need to be approved by the legislative body.

Item #5:

Ordinance #602 that deals with the sale of alcohol in Washington on Sundays was passed in 1945. Subsequently, the State of Connecticut has passed a law that controls the hours and sale of alcohol and states that any Town laws that were in effect prior to 1971 are null and void. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 9:35 a.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