

**Special Town Meeting Town of Washington, CT Bryan Memorial Town Hall  
January 3, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.**

Moderator: Hank Martin

Clerk: Sheila Silvernail

First Selectman, Mark Lyon, opened the meeting requesting nominations for Moderator. Hank Martin was nominated by Mary Anne Green with second by Richard Carey and vote passed unanimously.

Moderator: Ok, hi everybody, I'd like to call this special town meeting to order and Sheila could you come up and read the warning please?

Clerk:

*Warning – Town of Washington Special Town Meeting*

*The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon a Resolution authorizing the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Town of Washington, to execute and deliver to Covanta Bristol, Inc., a Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Recycling Services Agreement.*

*Dated at Washington, Connecticut this 20th day of December 2012.*

*Mark E. Lyon, Richard O. Carey, Anthony J. Bedini Board of Selectmen*

Moderator: Thank you Sheila. We have one issue tonight. Should be pretty straightforward and pretty quick. Would you make the motion?

M. Lyon: Yes, Resolved that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to execute and deliver to Covanta Bristol, Inc. on behalf of the Town of Washington a Municipal Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Services Agreement effective December 24, 2012, substantially in the form as that Agreement was approved by the Bristol Resource Recovery Facility Operating Committee on December 7, 2012.

Ok, this was probably a year's worth of negotiations between the operating committee and Covanta Inc. They're currently operator of the trash energy plant where the Town of Washington has been sending its solid waste for approximately twenty years. That agreement is up as of July 1, 2014 and this is a contract to continue those services and also to expand it into having Covanta handle our recyclables. This has been a partnership between the operating committee and Covanta that has been proved to be very cost effective over the years and the contract maintains that for the next twenty years. The operating committee is very happy with this negotiated contract and I think

it'll provide the Town of Washington with economically sound way to dispose of our solid waste and recyclables for the future.

Moderator: The operating committee represents a consortium of towns maybe a dozen or more, seventeen?

M. Lyon: About seventeen towns.

Moderator: Seventeen towns?

M. Lyon: Twenty?

Male: Fourteen.

M. Lyon: Fourteen towns.

Moderator: Fourteen.

M. Lyon: And it, every town has been represented on this board and every town has been and has had input on the negotiations. So it's what I would consider to be a fair, fair and equitable contract. In the handout there's a couple of pages that provide some of the highlights. The thing that is still, the recyclables is still a work in progress. Covanta is currently negotiating deals to handle that and if that does not come to fruition, the organization will continue with its negotiations under the current agreement.

Moderator: Any questions? Yes sir.

Male: Is a twenty-year term, is that standard?

M. Lyon: It's a ten with two five-year extensions and it's what we're operating under now and it seems to be that has been the norm. We have had, there have been some that were five years in the different municipalities, but it enables the municipality and Covanta to put together a long-term plan and it secures it. I've learned over the last five years there's a lot that goes into getting rid of trash and this kind of, it secures us, our future and the ability to dispose of it.

Moderator: Any other questions? Are you ready to vote on the motion? Ok, do you want me to read it again or was Mark's reading sufficient.

R. Carey: Sufficient.

Moderator: All in favor of the motion? Who seconded that motion by the way? Did anybody second it?

S. Wadelton: I'll second.

Moderator: Ok, yes, ok. We have a second and motion on the floor which has just been read and explained by Mark. All in favor of it please say aye.

Audience: Aye.

Moderator: Any opposed?

Audience: [Silence.]

Moderator: Any abstentions?

Audience: [Silence.]

Moderator: Motion carries. The business of the town meeting is finished. Could I hear a motion to adjourn?

R. Carey: You have one.

A. Bedini: Second.

Moderator: Ok, thank you very much.

Adjourned at 7:36 p.m.