

# Town of Washington

2 Bryan Plaza, PO Box 383  
Washington, CT 06794  
Special Town Meeting  
April 30, 2014

Moderator: Nicholas Solley  
Clerk: Sheila Silvernail

First Selectman, Mark Lyon, called the meeting to order with requests for moderator. Jay Hubelbank nominated Nicholas Solley with second by Rod Wyant and motion passed unanimously.

Moderator: Good evening everybody, thanks for braving the lovely summerlike elements tonight. First order of business is for Sheila Silvernail to read the call of the meeting.

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 Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:

- 1) To approve the appropriation of funds for the construction of the new Highway Department garage at 10 Blackville Road, Washington Depot, CT.

Dated at Washington, Connecticut this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2014.

Mark E. Lyon, Richard O. Carey, Jay Hubelbank  
Board of Selectmen

Moderator: Thank you Sheila and I'll ask Mark Lyon to come up and please make the motion.

Mark Lyon: Ok, move to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$737,336 to construct a new Highway Garage at 10 Blackville Road. Funds to be appropriated from Connecticut State Local Capital Improvement Funds \$160,000; reappropriation of Capital Nonrecurring Funds Fiscal Year 2010-11 Building and Property Line C \$172,336; Fiscal Year 2011-12 Building and Property Line B \$125,000; and Accumulated Bridge Reconstruction Funds up to \$280,000.

Moderator: There's a motion. I'd like a second if you would.

Liddy Adams: Second.

Moderator: That's right, Liddy Adams. Now Chet, need a little explanation.

Mark Lyon: As I'm sure all of you are aware, we're in the process of rebuilding the garage that was lost in the fire in May 2012. We spent a lot of time looking at the building that was lost and our current needs looking to the future. It was decided that we should improve upon what we lost. So at the bottom of the handout here there's a brief description of the new garage compared to the old garage. This new garage was designed to be more efficient and better serve the needs of the town, provide more storage space for our equipment as well as an increased maintenance area to maintain the equipment.

We have already settled on the insurance to the tune of \$593,000+ and in October of 2012 we appropriated \$350,000 of LoCIP [Local Capital Improvement Funds] and at that point in time we were considering just reusing the old facility and adding bays. So through the course of the planning and looking into that possibility, that became less desirable. It wasn't going to allow us to build a facility that would meet the current and future needs of our Highway Department. So we went back to the drawing board, so to speak, and put together the proposal that's depicted here in this handout as well as on the back of the board.

The funding is the Local Capital Improvement Funds are funds that are set aside annually by the State of Connecticut for towns to use for capital improvement projects. I've talked to the administrators about this and this is a perfect example of the type of work that they hope to see funded with those monies.

The two building and property lines that we're reappropriating were back in 2010-11 and 2011-12. We started setting aside capital funds and looking to the future needs of the Highway Department with the thought of perhaps at some point in time buying the adjacent property. Subsequent to that being sold, it is no longer available. It would be, more or less, a reinvestment of the funds into a different part of the project.

The accumulated bridge construction funds, we set aside anywhere from \$50,000 to \$300,000 a year for bridge work so that we can accumulate funds over the years to fund these projects that run in the range of anywhere from \$500,000 to \$3-million. Currently our

bridge fund has \$1.1-million in it which we will have to replenish over the course of the next two to three years with an appropriation in our annual budget. The use of this money doesn't curtail any of our bridge projects. So this is just a matter of rather than going to the bank and borrowing money and paying interest, we're using funds that we've accumulated and we'll be able to restore before they're needed for bridge projects. That's that.

Moderator: Questions or comments?

Mary Anne Greene: Well done.

Moderator: Yes. This is a lot of money. Ok, there's been a motion and a second for the motion that Mr. Lyon read earlier. Do we want that motion reread? Anybody? Everybody's all clear? Alright, then we'll proceed right to a vote. To approve an expenditure of the amount of \$737,336 to construct a new highway garage at 10 Blackville road, all in favor of this motion please signify by saying aye.

Audience: Aye.

Moderator: Opposed?

Audience: Silence.

Moderator: Abstentions?

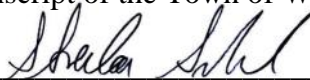
Audience: Silence.

Moderator: Thank you very much. Is there a ballgame on tonight? [Laughter]

I'll accept a motion for adjournment. Mr. Hubelbank, Mr. Carey, thank you very much. We're adjourned. Thank you everybody.

Adjourned 7:37

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I, Sheila Silvernail, certify to the best of my ability the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of the Town of Washington Special Town Meeting on April 30, 2014.

 Dated at Washington, CT this 1st day of May 2014.