

March 31, 2010

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

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

Public: Tony Bedini, Chris Charles.

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

MOTION:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion: Mark explained that the additional items were a draft resolution regarding the boat launch and business from a Board of Finance Meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the March 18, 2010 Regular Meeting and the March 25, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

Re-appointment of Robert Tomlinson to the Board of Directors of Litchfield County Dispatch:

The Board of Selectmen has been notified that Robert “Rocky” Tomlinson, the Town of Washington’s representative on the Board of Litchfield County Dispatch, needs to be reappointed. The Chiefs of both the Fire Department and the Ambulance Association are in agreement with this reappointment.

Motion:

To re-appoint Robert Tomlinson to the Board of Directors of Litchfield County Dispatch as the Town’s representative.

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

First Selectman’s Report:

First Selectman Lyon reported the following:

Planting of Trees in Bryan Plaza:

As follow up to the discussion at the last Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen, a request was made to the Village Improvement Society for the purchase of trees for the Plaza. Jan Poskas heard of the project and has contacted the Selectmen’s Office explaining her wish to donate the funds for the project. The Selectmen gratefully accepted her offer and would like the record to show the appreciation of the Town to Ms. Poskas for her generosity! A letter expressing the Town’s gratitude will be sent to her.

Energy Grant for Photovoltaic Solar System at Arrow Point:

The final commitment had been received that was applied for by the towns of Warren and Washington.

Verizon Cell Tower proposal:

Actual and simulated photos of the proposed tower site on the Town's highway department property have been received. At the present time, a tower between 100 and 110 feet tall with triangular arms is being proposed (not a monopole). The technical report and a draft lease proposal are being worked on and will be sent to the Town as soon as they are completed. The Selectmen will have the Town Attorney review as well as other interested individuals. The Board of Selectmen will also compare what is received with other neighboring town's contracts regarding cell towers.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ActualFood.com venture proposed by Greg Grinberg:

Mr. Grinberg will be invited to the next meeting to discuss further.

Discussion of funding of Flood Plain study at old town garage site:

Mark Lyon and Nick Solley will be attending next week's Planning Commission meeting to request using funds that had been allocated for the Depot Study and that are remaining in the Capital Budget to be used for engineering and survey work at 16 Titus Road. If possible, all parties concerned would like to extend the study to include the Primary School grounds. Until the flood plain issue is resolved, it appears as if any suggestions regarding the old town garage property and/or the Primary School grounds cannot go further. The engineering and survey work will need to go out to bid if the Planning Commission is in agreement with the request for funds.

Waiving of rental free for a fundraising event at the Pavilion:

A request has been received from the McGrath family who is renting the Pavilion in June for a picnic/fundraiser with all the proceeds being donated to the American Federation for the Prevention of Suicide.

Motion:

To waive the fees for the renting of the Pavilion as requested by the McGrath family.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Ex-budget Appropriation for Fire Department:

The Board of Finance approved an ex-budget appropriation for equipment for the Fire Department at their meeting last week with the condition that it be approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion:

To approve the ex-budget appropriation request by the Fire Department and to review all invoices received prior to approval for payment.

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

Boat Launch Inspection Procedure:

The Lake Waramaug Authority and the Parks and Recreation Commission, along with Resident Trooper Sordi have written procedures for the inspection of boats prior to their entering Lake Waramaug. The procedures/regulations allow the Authority to enforce the inspection process. The Parks and Rec have

accepted the regulations as submitted by the Authority and approval is required by the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will review and take action at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Visitors:

Chris Charles asked the Selectmen about the road materials being stored at the old town garage site on Titus Road. Mark explained that much of the material would be processed and re-used by the Town Highway Department. The Town is hopeful that in the not too distant future there will be an alternative space for storing of such material. Chris further explained that several years ago a sub-committee, formed by First Selectman Alan Chapin, looked into accessing property above the Blackville Road Highway garage and members of that committee may be able to share information. This may also have bearing on the proposed cell tower site.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:10p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary