

June 25, 2009

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

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman Nicholas N. Solley
Press: Ann Compton – VOICES, Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Motion:

To reappoint Charles Boucher to the Building & Property Commission until 7/1/2012

Dorothy Hill to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/2012

Phyllis Allen to the Judea Cemetery Commission until 6/30/2014

Dean Sarjeant to the Lake Waramaug Authority until 6/30/2012

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion: All of the above commissioners were contacted and willing to serve another term. The motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman's Report: Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Chipsealing, because of weather delays, will now hopefully begin the week of July 6, 2009.

* Department of Public Health/American Heart Association has designated Washington a HEARTSafe Community. "This three year designation recognized the Town's commitment to provide improved cardiac response and care to the residents of Washington utilizing the "Chain of Survival" of early 9-1-1 access, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, defibrillation and advanced care." The Selectmen offered congratulations and gratitude to our Ambulance Association and emergency responders for their hard work and dedication resulting in this designation.

* Washington Primary School Lease is about to expire. There are still issues with Region #12 and their lack of proceeding with the repair list that had been prepared for the school and grounds. Bid packages and architects have been hired but no work has been done. Mark suggested that the Washington Board of Education members be invited to a Special Selectmen's Meeting to discuss this further. Apparently Bridgewater and Roxbury have the same concerns and the three First Selectmen will be meeting.

* Washington's Probate Court Update: The State is moving forward with its plan to consolidate the Probate Courts. Mark and Judge Cherniske have been working together to look into various options and to consider what is best for the Town.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Abandoning Town Right-of-Way on Calhoun Hill Road:

John Herrmann, East Street resident, has approached the Board of Selectmen regarding an abandoned right of way of the Town's along Calhoun Hill Road that abuts his property. He would like to acquire it

in order that his property could extend to the current road. Nick Solley explained that this particular section was replaced by the new road, therefore it may not have to be formally “discontinued” or “abandoned” – perhaps could be a “transfer”, approved by the Planning Commission and by the legislative body at a Town Meeting. Motion: To contact Attorney David Miles to begin the process to turn over the old Calhoun Hill Road right-of-way to Mr. Herrmann. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

*** Beach House Update:**

Nick explained that the permitting process is moving along – a variance has been obtained from ZBA, applications have been submitted and will be discussed at IW on July 8, and Zoning on July 27. Bids for the demolition and reconstruction of the Beach House are due on 7/2.

Visitors:

* Ann Compton inquired about the Town’s possible purchase of property at 108 New Milford Turnpike. Mark explained that the environmental testing had been completed-no hazardous waste was found, no environmental issues. There was “junk” located on the property and the Town is currently working with the owner to have this cleaned up before proceeding with the purchase. There is no definitive timetable at this time.

* Jack Coraggio inquired about when the Town’s lease with Region #12 for the Washington Primary School expires. Mark informed him June 30th and at this point the Town would most likely prefer to work on a one-year extension as opposed to a five-year lease.

Adjournment:

* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen’s Secretary