

August 6, 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

Public: Chris Charles, Mary Jo Keating.

Call to Order:

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

Motion:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion:

Business will deal with a Resolution authorizing the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen to enter into documents necessary for CT Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security grants; and extending an Invitation to Bid for paving of Romford Road.

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion:

To accept the minutes of the July 23, 2009 Regular Board of Selectmen with the following corrections:

Under “Education” requested by Tony Bedini: 1st paragraph:

“Tony Bedini said that the Board of Education had been told that an estimator had been hired at the cost of \$9,000 to price out the three lists for the elementary school’s repairs. It is expected that the costs will be completed by August 24th. When the estimate is complete, the Business Manager will review the lists and costs with a bonding agent to determine what items are bondable. Multiple bids for the flat roofs at Booth Free School and Burnham School were received on 22 July. The Business Manager and Architect will review them and make a recommendation to the Board of Education.”

3rd paragraph:

“Tony hopes that the water management problems, for which plans, specifications and pricing exist for both WPS and Burnham, will be addressed this year before winter. Replacement of the gym roof at WPS is also waiting to be addressed. Preliminary pricing exists for the gym roof.

The Selectmen noted their appreciation of Tony’s efforts on behalf of the Town.”

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

First Selectman’s Report:

Update on Road/Bridge Work:

Work on the Nettleton Hollow Road Bridge is going well. Water is flowing through the new culvert. May be ready for paving in two weeks, weather permitting.

Work on Painter Ridge Road is complete except for the placement of topsoil on shoulder of road – this will be done next week, weather permitting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on Old Texaco Station clean up.

Mark reported that following correspondence with the owners of the property, conversations took place and as a result, clean up has begun – removal of trash, weeding, cutting of brush, painting trim on building, repair of broken windows, etc. The Selectmen explained that when this work was completed there had been an offer by some residents to put planters along the parking area to replace the yellow tape. This will be discussed further. The Selectmen expressed their appreciation to this positive response.

Report on Town Beach Project:

Nick Solley reported that the Town has gone out to bid on the Excavation Phase of the Town Beach Project – these are due on August 13. A pre-bid meeting was held on August 4 and was well attended by interested bidders. The project will begin mid September. An Invitation to Bid will be extended in two weeks dealing with the planting and landscaping of the property. Energy saving measures have been incorporated into the plans, which will include blown in insulation in the walls, ceiling and siding. Storm doors will be installed as well. There was discussion as to the addition of solar panels. However, at this time, this is not thought to be prudent – the roof line would need to be changed in order to benefit from more sun exposure. This would require going back to ZBA and also would not take into consideration the obstruction of the view by neighbors. However, this type of thinking will be kept in mind for future projects.

Chris Charles expressed his appreciation of the steps that have been taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion of section of Tinker Hill Road not currently maintained by the Town:

Mary Jo Keating, a resident of Tinker Hill Road attended this evenings meeting to discuss the Town's maintenance of a section of the road she and her husband need to use to get to their home. This section has not been maintained for many years and has fallen into disrepair. Ms. Keating feels it is currently dangerous and she is often fearful of getting in or out of her property. The previous owners lived there only part time and it was apparently not a problem. In checking through records, it had been explained to the previous owner that in order for the Town to take over maintenance a turn around would need to be created for Town equipment to get in and out. Mark Lyon reiterated this thought and also explained budgetary considerations – the amount of money that would need to be expended to repair the road for the benefit of one home, vs. projects that need to be done on roads that benefit dozens of homes. After further discussion, it was agreed that previous land records, easements, the possibility of granting the property owner a right of way, etc. would be looked into as well as scheduling a meeting with Ms. Keating, the Selectmen and the Highway Director on site. Ms. Keating expressed her appreciation of the Selectmen's willingness to work with her and discuss this further.

Resolution authorizing First Selectman to sign Encroachment Agreement with State DOT:

Mark explained that this has to do with a retaining wall at the Boat Launch which is in the State's Right of Way and would authorize him to sign the agreement that was adopted in March 2009. Motion: To pass the following Authorizing Resolution:

Be it resolved that Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman of the Town of Washington, is authorized to sign the Connecticut Department of Transportation Agreement "Encroachment Agreement CT Rte. 45 Retaining Wall" adopted by the Washington Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, on March 6, 2009.

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

Resolution dealing with Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security grants:

Mark explained that in order for the town to enter into agreements, apply for grants, etc. with the DEMHS, the Board of Selectmen and he as First Selectmen, need to be authorized to do so.

Motion:

To pass the following Authorizing Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Washington Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mark E. Lyon, as First Selectman of the Town of Washington, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Washington Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents. The undersigned further certifies that Mark E. Lyon now holds the office of First Selectman and he has held that office since November 20, 2007.

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

Invitation to Bid for Reclaiming and Repaving of a portion of Romford Road.

Motion:

To extend the following Invitation to Bid:

The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington will receive sealed bids for the Reclaiming and Repaving of a portion of Romford Road, from Route 109 to the intersection of Turner Road, approximately 21 ft. wide x 4287 +/- feet long. Bids will be accepted until 4:00p.m. on August 13, 2009 in the Selectmen's Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, P.O. Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794. For specifications, please call the Selectmen's Office at 860-868-2259. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at 4:30 p.m. The Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to award the bid in the best interest of the Town of Washington.

Dated at Washington, Connecticut this 6th day of August, 2009.

Mark E. Lyon

James L. Brinton

Nicholas N. Solley

Board of Selectmen

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

Adjournment:

Motion:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary