

February 14

Present: Selectmen Richard O. Carey and Anthony J. Bedini.

Press: Mike Preato – VOICES.

Public: Jane and Jack Boyer, Nick Solley.

Call to Order: Selectmen Dick Carey called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the January 31, 2013 Regular Meeting and the February 5th, 2013 Special Meeting #1 and Special Meeting #2 of the Board of Selectmen.

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Communications:

Email correspondence from Joe Mustich:

The following email was received and read into the record at Mr. Mustich's request:

"Hi Mark, Last night at the Washington Business Association meeting and dinner at the White Horse Pub, Wykeham NIMPB Peter Talbot admitted how opposed he was to Marty's when it first opened.....Now Peter absolutely loves it....Perhaps there's a lesson to be learned here, and someone should share it with all Wykeham (Inn) and South St (Gunnery) NIMBYs in town.

Cheers, Joe

P.S. It also came up last night about how awful the Depot looks with the loss of the Norway Maple trees, down branches and railings along River Walk, abandoned bldgs etc.....it looks a mess... and it's bad for business...Perhaps the Wykeham and South St NIMBYs could expand their vision a little more....and help us clean up the Depot.....To be continued....

(NIMBY: Not In My Back Yard).

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Setting the Agenda for the March 9, 2013 Special Town Meeting:

Motion:

To set the Agenda for the March 9, 2013 Special Town Meeting as follows:

The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:

1) To approve an "Option and Ground Lease Agreement" between the Town of Washington and Homeland Towers, LLC."

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Girl Scout Day Proclamation:

The Selectmen issued the following Proclamation:

***Girl Scout Day Proclamation
A Proclamation Celebrating 101 years of Girl Scouting***

WHEREAS, March 12, 2013, marks the 101st anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, which began in 1912 when Savannah, GA native Juliette Gordon Low gathered 18 girls to provide them the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually;

WHEREAS, 1912 was also the year in which Girl Scouting started in the state of Connecticut;

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, and character who act to make the world a better place; and,

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Leadership Program helps girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place; and,

WHEREAS, through the dedication, time, and talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, and areas of expertise, Girl Scouts of Connecticut offers the Girl Scout Program to over 47,300 girls in grades K-12 across the state of Connecticut; and,

WHEREAS, the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, requires girls to make a measurable and sustainable difference in their community, assess a need and design a solution, find the resources and support to make it happen, and complete the project;

WHEREAS, core programs around Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), environmental stewardship, and healthy living, help girls develop a solid foundation in leadership; and,

WHEREAS, today, more than 59 million American women are Girl Scout alumnae and 3.2 million girls and adult volunteers are active members;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Mark E. Lyon, Richard O. Carey and Anthony J. Bedini by virtue of the authority vested in us as Selectmen of the Town of Washington, do hereby applaud the Girl Scouts of the United States of America for over 100 years of leadership and expertise as the voice for and of girls, proudly proclaim March 12, 2013, as Girl Scout Day.

Visitors:

Jane Boyer:

Mrs. Boyer informed the Board of Selectmen that Bill Pollock, Arbor Services, has met with the

Washington Garden Club and will again be trimming, feeding and cabling the Charter Oak tree on the Town Hall grounds at no charge. The Selectmen expressed their sincere gratitude and will acknowledge same to Mr. Pollock. Jane also inquired what percentages of insurance payments have been received by the Town in regard to the pending claims. Dick Carey explained that the Town has received increment payments for the Highway Department garage fire to replace trucks and mechanic tools, etc. Final numbers are still being reviewed for replacement – construction – of a new garage. As for the Town Hall, increment payments have been received for the new heating system and demolition required after the propane explosion. Final figures are still being worked on for reconstruction of windows, the Main Hall stage area, downstairs meeting room area, etc. Jane asked about RFPs being sought for architectural work at the Town Hall. Tony Bedini explained that drawings have been prepared and work is being done to create a set of specifications to go out to bid for the lower level. The Main Hall level will be dealt with in the not too distant future. Jane also inquired about the chain link fence and planting of new trees on Bee Brook Road in the area of the new bridge. Dick Carey explained this was State property and the Town had no responsibility for this.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:50p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary