

December 23, 2008

REGULAR MEETING

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.

Press: Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION: To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion – to accept a resignation of a commissioner that had not been received prior to the posting of the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion: To accept the minutes of the December 11, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the December 11, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Resignation of David Thomson:

Mr. Thomson has submitted a letter of resignation from the Inland Wetlands Commission effective 12/31/08. Motion: To accept the resignation of David Thomson from the Inland Wetlands Commission with gratitude for his service to the Town of Washington and the points of view he brought to the Commission. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved. Mark has contacted the Republican Town Committee notifying them of the vacancy and the need for possible candidates. IW Chairman, Tony Bedini, has requested that any potential candidates attend at least one meeting prior to their appointment.

* Appointment of Diane Dupuis:

Motion: To appoint Diane Dupuis as a regular member of the Conservation Commission (moving up from an alternate) until 1/1/2012. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

* Reappointments:

Motion: To reappoint Susan Payne as a regular member and Richard Sonder as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission until 1/1/2012. To reappoint A. Allen Kerr as a regular member of the Historic District Commission until 1/1/2014 and Scott Tilden as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission until 1/1/2012. To reappoint Wayne Hileman and Susan Werkhoven to the Housing Commission until 1/1/2012. To reappoint Sheila Anson and Christopher Kersten to the Parks and Recreation Commission until 1/1/2012. To reappoint Adelaide Roberts as a regular member of the Planning Commission until 12/31/2013 and Richard Carey as an alternate member of the Planning Commission until 12/31/2011. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report: Mark reported:

* Paramedic Contract:

Roxbury's First Selectman, Barbara Henry, will be discussion contract options, first year terms, etc. with

Campion Ambulance and will report back to the other First Selectmen prior to acceptance of the final agreement.

*** Alliance Energy:**

Energy conservation (changing of light bulbs and fixtures) in Town buildings has been completed with some changes to the original work order. Representatives from Alliance Energy will meet with Mark with an “as done list”, and will then submit their report to CL&P.

OLD BUSINESS:

*** Report/Recommendations of Land Use Consultant:**

Mark reported that Mr. Conor’s report has been well received by the Commissioners and staff and some work has already begun incorporating his recommendations on such things as the phone system, speaking with staff members, etc. Nick Solley felt Mr. Conor’s report represented honest and candid input and could be used as a kind of “Plan of Development” for the Land Use Office. The Selectmen agreed changes will be discussed would like to maintain Mr. Conor on an hourly basis to assist with recommendations, job descriptions, etc.

*** Old River Road Discontinuance:**

Mark has met with the surveyor for the owners of the property that abuts the portion of Old River Road that was discontinued by approval at a Town Meeting. The new maps show proposed lot line changes, plan addresses issues of maintenance etc. Other abutting landowners will be contacted as well. Motion: To accept the maps submitted by Mr. Franco’s surveyor, review with Town Council and file on land records as necessary. By Mr. Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Schedule a Special Town Meeting re: re-appropriation of funds:**

Mark explained that the Town’s audit, although not complete, has shown that in the 2007-2008 fiscal year, two departments were over budget although the entire budget was under spent by \$7000.00. In order to reapportion funds to cover the overpayments, a Town Meeting needs to be held to approve this. Motion: To schedule a Town Meeting for January 8, 2009 at 7:30p.m. to approve the reapportionment of funds in the 2007-2008 budget. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

*** Jack Coraggio, Litchfield County Times** asked about the lease issues with the Region #12 Board of Education for the Washington Primary School. Mark explained that the list of necessary work, along with cost estimates, for such things as the roof, windows, drainage, etc., has been submitted to the Lease Committee but the Town has not received any further word on this. There was general discussion about possible future reimbursement from the proposed Federal/State government’s economic stimulus program for “shovel-ready projects”.

Adjournment:

* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:04 p.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

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton and Nicholas N. Solley.
Conservation Commission members Susan Payne and Kelly Boling.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:01p.m.

Motion: To enter in to Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue at the request of the Conservation Commission. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Executive Session was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and the Selectmen re-entered their Special Meeting. No motions were made as a result of the Executive Session.

Adjournment:

* Motion: To adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:32 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary