

April 11, 2013

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen Richard O. Carey and Anthony J. Bedini.

Press: Mike Preato – VOICES.

Public: Edie Johnson, Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson, Donna Dutcher, Rod Wyant, Karen Craparo, Rocky Tomlinson, Keith and Barbara Templeton, Pam Collins, Margot Finnegan, Fran DeSimone, Sharon Morrissey, Jane Moore, Barbara Carey, Nick Solley.

Call to order:

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the April 2, April 3 and April 4, 2013 Special Meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

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

MOTION:

To amend the Agenda for today's meeting to move the Senior Center presentation as the first item for discussion.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Discussion of Senior Center – survey results, needs, etc. with representatives from the Senior Center:

Sharon "Sam" Morrissey presented the Board of Selectmen with the results of a survey conducted by the Senior Center. Approximately 2800 surveys were sent to all residential homes in the Town of Washington. There were 111 respondents – 97 over the age of 60, 14 under the age of 60. The Survey covered demographics of Washington, Roxbury Bridgewater and Morris; and sizes of those towns' senior centers. It went on to ask questions relating to exercise, types of programs – academic, arts/crafts, outdoor, lunches, computer programs, day trips, classes, etc. The committee's summary of the survey results "is that there are programs that could be made available to our seniors that our present facility cannot accommodate, therefore does not meet the needs of our seniors' interests. It is well accepted that our senior population is growing because of the aging baby boomers. We feel that Washington needs to start to address this future issue; and we request that you might consider starting to fund for a new or alternative senior center to what we have presently." General discussion followed regarding funding through the Town, grants, fund raising as well as possible locations – i.e. old Town Garage site, flood plain issues, etc. The Selectmen assured those present that they are in favor of looking ahead and supporting a new

Senior Center in the future.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Appointment of Laird Davis as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission:
Mr. Davis has met with Tony Bedini, Chairman of Inland Wetlands, as well as Mark Lyon and has expressed his interest in serving – both verbally and in writing.

Motion:

To appoint Laird Davis as an alternate to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/13.
By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Special Town Meeting April 4, 2013 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Board of Education resulted in there being 7 candidates for four positions. All names will be placed on the May 7, 2013 Region #12 budget referendum ballot. There will be a forum on April 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to give the candidates an opportunity to present their views and answer questions. Hank Martin will moderate. The candidates are incumbents Jim Hirschfield, Valerie Anderson, Frannie Caco and new candidates Jennifer Pote, Peter Tagley, Peter Bowman and Richard Deanne.

* Aquarion Water Company has completed emergency power backup work for the water systems located on Cook Street (Depot), Quarry Ridge and Judea Water on the Green.

* Discount prescription cards through the Connecticut Council of Municipalities will be made available to Washington residents in the upcoming weeks. Our local pharmacy – Washington Health Center, and the chain pharmacies are willing to participate.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Awarding of Bid for Baldwin Hill Road Pavement Rehabilitation:

Four bids were received for this project and have been reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and Highway Director.

Motion: To award the bid for the Baldwin Hill Road Pavement Rehabilitation to Waters Construction, Bridgeport, CT for \$223,020.00. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

* Petition for a Town Ordinance to change the term of the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen, Tax Collector and Treasurer from two years to four years: On April 8, 2013, the Town Clerk's office received petitions regarding placing the establishment of a Town Ordinance changing the term of the above mentioned on a Town Meeting agenda. The Registrars of Voters checked the number of signatures and their validity.

Motion:

To accept the petitions submitted and to place the item requested on the May 16, 2013 Annual Meeting agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

* Regional telecommunications service credit for CMED services:

By State statute, every municipality is eligible for a regional telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) services.

Motion:

To designate Litchfield County Dispatch, which provides telecommunications service for Washington Ambulance, as the recipient of this telecommunications service credit which will amount to \$1067.10.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

* Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to sign an agreement with the State regarding the Walker Brook Road Bridge grant:

This grant and project have been approved by the State.

Motion:

Resolved, that Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman, be and hereby is, authorized to sign the agreement entitled "Agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Washington for the Development of the Walker Brook Road #3 Bridge (DOT Bridge No. 06103) over Walker Brook utilizing Federal Funds from the Highway Bridge Program".

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary