

Town of Washington Annual Town Meeting

Bryan memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, CT

October 7, 2019

Moderator: Hank Martin

Clerk: Mary Anne Greene

VOTE RECORD

CALL to ORDER: First Selectman, Mark Lyon, opened at 7:30 p.m. requesting nominations for Moderator. Hank Martin was nominated by Jay Hubelbank with second by Lillian Lyon and unanimously approved.

WARNING: Town of Washington Annual Town Meeting
The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:

1. To set the dates for the Annual Town Budget Hearing and Annual Town Budget Meeting in May 2020.
2. To approve the transfer of property (Parcel B between 64 & 66 River Road), Washington Depot, CT 06794 to ROMAC, LLC.

Dated at Washington, Connecticut 19th day of September 2019.
Mark E. Lyon, David Werkhoven, Jay Hubelbank
Board of Selectmen

MOTION #1: **RESOLVED: To schedule the Annual Town Budget Hearing to consider the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. and the Annual Town Budget Meeting to vote on the 2020-2021 Town Budget for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Motion: by Mark Lyon, Second by Dave Werkhoven

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed unanimously

MOTION #2: **RESOLVED: That the Town of Washington acting by the First Selectman, Mark E. Lyon, is authorized to convey and transfer to ROMAC LLC a certain parcel of land shown as Parcel B, 0.10 acre, bounded on the east by 66 River Road, on the west by 64 River Road, on the north by 60 River Road shown and**

depicted on a certain map entitled Property Boundary Survey Map prepared for ROMAC LLC 52, 60, 64, 65, 66, and 69 River Road, Washington, Connecticut on June 2019. Which map shall be filed in Washington land records and which conveyance shall be made on the condition of said filing on the condition that the grantee indemnify and pay the town legal fees and expenses pertaining to the negotiations and transfer of that such conveyance made by quit claim deed prepared by grantee's attorney and approved by the town attorney.


Motion: by Mark Lyon, Second by Jay Hubelbank

Discussion: by Mark Lyon providing explanation of map handout and work on property. Richard Schlossberg asking questions.

Vote: Carried with none opposed, one abstention

ADJOURNMENT: All in agreement for adjournment at 7:53 p.m.

I, Sheila Silvernail, certify to the best of my ability the foregoing is an accurate vote record of the Town of Washington's Annual Town Meeting on October 7, 2019.

 Dated at Washington, CT this 8th day of October 2019

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MINUTES & TRANSCRIPT

First Selectman, Mark Lyon, opened at 7:30 p.m. requesting nominations for Moderator. Hank Martin was nominated by Jay Hubelbank with second by Lillian Lyon and unanimously approved.

Moderator:

Thank you, Mark. A couple of things to say before we officially open meeting. The first is that this is the last meeting that will be held under the oversight of Mark Lyon as First Selectman. After twelve years, it's been a pleasure working with him during all of the meetings.

Secondly, this Thursday night there will be a forum for candidates First Selectman and Board of Selectmen. It's a strong slate of candidates, Jay Hubelbank, Jim Brinton, Michelle Gorra and a few others that are not here tonight. There should be a lot of information passed out at the forum and a system for public written questions to candidates.

Now I call this Annual Town Meeting to order and ask the Clerk to read the Warning.

Clerk:

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Moderator: Thank you, so we have two items on the agenda tonight. For each there will be a resolution, a second, discussion to continue as long as you want, then a vote. Any questions? Mark, would you present the first resolution?

M. Lyon: **RESOLVED: To schedule the Annual Town Budget Hearing to consider the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget for Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. and the Annual Town Budget Meeting to vote on the 2020-2021 Town Budget for Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Moderator: That's about the same verbiage as in past years. Dave, did you have a question?

D. Werkhoven: Second.

Moderator: Second, thank you. Any questions on dates of the meetings next spring? Are we ready to vote? All in favor of the motion just read, please say aye.

Mixed Voices: Aye.

Moderator: Any opposed? Any abstentions?

Audience: [Silence]

Moderator: The motion carries. Mark, shall we go on to the second one?

M. Lyon: **RESOLVED: That the Town of Washington acting by the First Selectman, Mark E. Lyon, is authorized to convey and transfer to ROMAC LLC a certain parcel of land shown as Parcel B, 0.10 acre, bounded on the east by 66 River Road, on the west by 64 River Road, on the north by 60 River Road shown and depicted on a certain map entitled Property Boundary Survey Map prepared for ROMAC LLC 52, 60, 64, 65, 66, and 69 River Road, Washington, Connecticut on June 2019. Which map shall be filed in Washington land records and which conveyance shall be made on the condition of said filing on the condition that the grantee indemnify and pay the town legal fees and expenses pertaining to the negotiations and transfer of that such conveyance made by quit claim deed prepared by grantee's attorney and approved by the town attorney.**

Moderator: Is there any explanation before we take questions?

M. Lyon: We need a second.

Moderator: Right.

J. Hubelbank: Second.

Moderator: Thank you.

M. Lyon: If you look on the map, there's a section that was done last year that was transferred under the same terms. Then there's a little square at the end of it which is what we're talking about now. This is a piece of the old railroad bed that was deeded to Washington when the railroad went out of business. As of last year, we didn't know that we owned the railroad bed. It was not an issue. There's no use of it for the town. There's no use of this little one-tenth of an acre for use by the town. ROMAC LLC is the owner of basically this whole band now. They must have been all separate parcels so the multiple road numbers. They are paying our attorney as well as all the fees involved.

Moderator: Any questions? Yes.

R. Schlossberg: Has ROMAC been a good neighbor and free of controversy or legal issues?

M. Lyon: He has been doing a lot of work on the property along the river. He's also been very diligent in getting all the proper permits for the work. Eventually as his plan is completed, he'll be doing a lot of planting. The invasive species along the river have been cleaned, regraded, reseeded, and part of the permit is for replanting native trees along the river.

R. Schlossberg: Are there any issues with the Conservation Commission or Inland and Waterways with them?

M. Lyon: No, he's gotten all the proper permits through Inland-Wetlands.

R. Schlossberg: I'm Richard Schlossberg of Washington.

M. Greene: May I have your address please sir?

R. Schlossberg: 36 Hifield Drive.

M. Greene: Thank you.

Moderator: Any other questions? I just have one. I understand that the tenth of an acre doesn't have much utility from the point of view of the

town. Does it have much utility from the point of view of the receiver of the land?

M. Lyon: All it does is take that little slice of railroad bed property deeded to Washington and turns it over. He owns all the property abutting it.

Moderator: Any other questions? Are we ready to vote? All in favor of approving the resolution just read regarding the transfer of this parcel of land, please say aye.

Mixed Voices: Aye.


Moderator: Any opposed? Any abstentions.

Male: Abstain.

Moderator: One abstention, the motion carries. Our business is done, and I suggest that we adjourn.

Adjournment: All in agreement for adjournment at 7:53 p.m.

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