**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes**

**January 12, 2017**

***Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.***

**Present:** First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman David Werkhoven.

Public: Tony Bedini, Steve Wadelton, Nick Solley, Joe Kowalski.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:34p.m.

**MOTION:** To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven. Discussion: approval of the new Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the December 29, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

* **Appointment of Darryl Wright as Fire Chief: Motion:** To approve the appointment of Darryl Wright as Chief of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven. Discussion: Darryl was elected by the members of the Fire Department at last night’s meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
* **Resignation of Margaret Cheney from the Inland Wetlands Commission:** At the request of Inland Wetlands Chairman, Tony Bedini, Mark Lyon will contact Alternate Commission member, Margaret Cheney, and request her resignation as she has not attended a meeting in over a year. Tony has indicated there is someone interested in becoming a member who will be active on the Commission. Mark asked that this potential candidate submit a letter of interest and resume.

**First Selectman’s Report:** Mark Lyon reported:

* **Odd winter weather** has caused havoc on the Town’s dirt roads due to freezing and thawing. The Highway Department is dealing with the problems as best as possible.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Joe Kowalski – Fishing Outreach Program:** Mr. Kowalski began this program nine years ago. He takes Vets from all over the State fishing for a day. At the end of the day they receive a rod and reel and a tackle box full of baits – all provided by sponsors he has gotten for his program over the years. He attended this evening’s meeting to request that the boat launch and inspection fees at the Town’s launch on Lake Waramaug be waived. Danbury has approved the waiving of fees on Candlewood Lake. **Motion:** The Board of Selectmen will request the Parks and Recreation Commission waive the boat launch and inspection fee for Mr. Kowalski’s Fishing Outreach Program when using Lake Waramaug. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven. Steve Wadelton, Veteran Service Contact for the Town, voiced his support for this program. The motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors:** No comments.

**Adjournment:**

* **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:50p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dave Werkhoven, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen’s Secretary