**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes**

**November 3, 2016**

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

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

Public: Valerie Anderson, Dan Sherr, Ed Frisbie, Ted Vanasse, Fran Kielty, Valerie Sedelnick, Liz Page, Dawn Belanger, Nick Solley.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 20, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** The following communications has been received:

* **Joe Mustich Letter to the Editor** re: Gilmore Girls Fan Fest.
* **Brian Fernandez email:** re: Gilmore Girls Fan Fest.
* **Deb Packard letter:** re: Gilmore Girls Fan Fest.
* **Washington Business Association business owners:** re: Gilmore Girls Fan Fest.
* **Northville Amateur Radio Association, Inc.** **(NARA):** thank you to the Washington Volunteer Fire Department in upgrading the Public Safety transmitter site on Fenn Hill Road.

Copies are attached to the minutes filed with the Town Clerk.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

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

* **Tinker Hill Road** (off Loomarwick Road) paving is complete. This completes the paving projects for the Town for this season. Some patching and pot hole filling will take place before winter sets in.
* **New Businesses opened in Town:** Valley Spirit, Newbury Place, Plain Goods, Owl and New Preston hairdresser.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Hiring of Fire Code Inspector:** David Lathrop submitted the only application for the advertised position of part-time Fire Code Inspector. The Selectmen have offered Mr. Lathrop, a retired Fire Marshall from Ridgefield and resident of New Milford, the position.
* **Opening of Bids for a new 6-Wheel Dump Truck:** The following bids were received:
1. **Shaker Family Ford Lincoln**, Watertown, CT

WH Rose Body: Bid: $78,943

 Trade-In: $19,000

 Plow Option: $ 4,785

Universal Body: Bid: $80,714

 Trade-In: $19,000

 Plow Option: $ 5,194

1. **Modern Dodge Ram,** Thomaston, CT

2016 WH Rose Body Bid: $78,160

 Trade-In: $19,000

 Plow Option: $ 4,785

2016 Universal Body Bid: $79,631

 Trade-In: $19,000

 Plow Option: $ 5,194

2017 WH Rose Body Bid: $77,534

 Trade-In: $19,000

 Plow Option: $ 4,785

2017 Universal Body Bid: $79,005

 Trade-In: $19,000

 Plow Option: $ 5,194

1. **Place Motors,** Massachusetts

WH Rose Body: Bid: $80,452

 Trade-In: $14,280

 Plow Rebate $ 2,000

 Bids will be reviewed by the Selectmen and Kevin Smith, Highway Director, and will be awarded at the Selectmen’s meeting on November 17, 2016.

* **Worcester Road signage:** Selectman Dave Werkhoven reported he has been working with Kevin Smith regarding the signage for Worcester in the hopes of clarifying access to Riverwoods. Will try the signs prior to working on renaming of the road.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**Visitors:**

* **Valerie Anderson,** Board of Education member, reported that three letters have recently been received re: the AGSTEM program: 1) the State of CT has approved the AGSTEM program incorporatingexisting space. 2) the State of CT has approved the Region #13 AGSTEM program as an “A Priority”. 3) the Bond Counsel has assured the Region the project is “good to go”. The next step is for the Business Committee to begin working with numbers – cost of the new plan, business plan, cash flow, etc. The Selectmen would like to hold another Special Selectmen’s meeting with the Board of Ed once plans are completed.
* **WBA Members** attended to express their support and positive feedback from the Gilmore Girls Fan Fest, siting examples of “new business” from people, not only at the Fest, but who have come to Town since the event – as far away as Switzerland!

**Adjournment:**

* **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.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