**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes**

**February 9, 2017**

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

**Present:** First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen David Werkhoven and Jay Hubelbank.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven and unanimously approved.

**Communications:**

* **Review of Waterbury Water Plan:** Edwin Matthews of Rivers Alliance, and who had been very involved in the Shepaug River lawsuit several years ago, sent an email to interested parties regarding Waterbury’s filing a water conservation and water emergency plan with the DEEP. Edwin is requesting that a consultant be hired to review these plans with the cost being shared by the original lawsuit parties. Mark Lyon will get more information regarding the time commitment needed and subsequent cost.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

* **Appointment of Carrie Rowe to the Conservation Commission: Motion:** To approve the appointment of Carrie Rowe as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/20. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Her appointment was recommended by Conservation Commission Susan Payne. Carrie has submitted her “resume” and statement of interest. The motion passed unanimously.
* **Resignation of Joe Mustich from the Housing Commission:** Joe has submitted a letter of resignation from the Housing Commission effective immediately due to personal reasons. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with gratitude for his five years of service.

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

* **Winter Maintenance Budget:** Although today’s snow storm was only the second “snow event” the Winter Maintenance Budget has been hit hard due to the numerous ice events which consumed a great deal of road treatment, and the multiple gradings and use of materials on the dirt roads due to the freezing, thawing effects. If necessary, a special appropriation of funds will be requested of the Board of Finance.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Extension of Bid Deadlines: Motion:** To extend the deadline for the RFPs for the Town VOIP Phone System and SIP Trunks to Friday, February 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Interested parties expressed a need of more time to adequately prepare the RFPs. The motion passed unanimously.
* **Plaza Project:** Jay Hubelbank inquired as to the status of this project. Mark Lyon reported That there are only a few details to be worked out and that the hope is to go out to bid in the Spring and have construction begin in the Summer of 2017.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Lion’s Club request to waive fee for the use of the Main Hall:** The Lion’s Club will again be holding a Trivia Night at the Town Hall on 4/1/17. As this is a fundraiser for the Club and the many projects it supports, they have again requested the waiving of the use fee (the Selectmen approved this request for the previous two Trivia Nights). **Motion:** To approve the request of the Lion’s Club to waive the use fee for the Main Hall for Trivia Night with the conditions that they provide the necessary insurance, submit the deposit for the use of the Hall and cover the cost of the custodian. By Dave Werkhoven, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.
* **Discussion of School Board elections:** Four of Washington’s representative will be up for re-election in May. As in the past few elections, the Selectmen will schedule a Special Town Meeting in early April for nominations of candidates. Voting for the Board of Ed members will take place on the same ballot as the School Referendum in May. The date and agenda for this Special Town Meeting will be set at the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**Visitors:** None.

**Adjournment:**

* **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dave Werkhoven, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen’s Secretary