**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes**

**April 7, 2016**

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

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

Public: Ralph Averill, Nick Solley, Chris Charles, Erica Ryland.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven and unanimously approved.

**Communications:**

* **Tim Tierney letter** asking the Town to consider creating a parking area between Titus Road and the river as there is an apparent lack of parking spaces for businesses in the Depot – for employees and patrons. Mark Lyon explained that creating this type of area would need to go through Land Use for any necessary permits and approvals. He also offered to walk the area with Highway Director, Kevin Smith.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

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

* **2016-2016 Budget:** The Board of Selectmen continue to work on the budget and will present to the Board of Finance on Monday, April 11th. Preliminary numbers from CCM show the State grants to the Town being reduced by as much as 50%.
* **Cell Tower:** Mark has learned that track and jitterbug phones are not working in the Depot due to the type of signal AT&T is using on its tower. If another carrier applies to be added to the tower, the Siting Council will notify the Town. In meetings with LCD, Mark has encouraged Verizon to make such an application.

**OLD NEWS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Request of the Washington Environmental Council to waive the fee for use of the Main Hall:** Ann Kimball, Director of the WEC, has written requesting the Selectmen waive the fee for use of the Main Hall for its annual Moon Dance fundraiser to be held in September. All proceeds go to scholarships for Shepaug students who will be majoring in environmental studies. **Motion:** To approve the request of the Washington Environmental Council to waive the fee of $750 for use of the Main Hall on September 24, 2016. However, the $1500 deposit, Certificate of Insurance will be required as well as payment of the on-duty custodian. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

* **Chris Charles** suggested that should parking be considered on Titus Road as mentioned above, that thought be given to the Depot’s inventory of septic soils.

**Adjournment:**

* **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:46 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