**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes**

**May 16, 2019**

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

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

Public: Dan Sherr, Chris Charles.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

**MOTION:** To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: to extend an Invitation to Bid for a used roller for the Highway Department. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

* **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dave Werkhoven and unanimously approved.

**Communications:**

* **Letter from Sandy Papsin re: Housing Trust property:** Sandy Papsin, Mygatt Road, has written the First Selectman expressing concerns regarding the conditions of the Vincent property owned by the Washington Community Housing Trust – trash, deterioration of the farm house and grounds. Both the Town and the State have committed funds for the development of low cost/limited equity homes to the Housing Trust and feels the Trust should take responsibility for the upkeep of the property in consideration of the neighborhood and the Town. Mark Lyon explained it was his understanding that the closing on funds from the State was in the near future and offered to bring these concerns to Bill Fairbairn, President of the Housing Trust. Selectman Jay Hubelbank asked that the Housing Trust notify the Town when the funding comes through.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

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

* **Annual Town Budget Meeting** this evening at 7:30p.m.
* **Shepaug High School Graduation** will be held on June 15, 2019 in front of Bryan Memorial Town Hall (due to construction at the school). Due to the volume of traffic in the Depot on Saturday mornings, parking will be at the Washington Primary School. Shuttles will be available to transport. Resident Trooper Matt Costella has arranged for additional police coverage to assist with traffic, etc. In the event of heavy rain, the ceremony will be held at Shepaug’ s Auditorium, however this will limit the number of guests who will be able to attend.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Technology:** Jay Hubelbank reported the Tony DeLeone will be leaving Ed Advance (the company that provides technical support to the Town). He will be replaced by someone with his knowledge and who has installed similar equipment.
* **Region #12:** Jay Hubelbank and Mark Lyon participated in a walk-through of the building project at Shepaug a couple of weeks ago. Project updates can be found on the Region #12 website.
* **New Preston Falls Project:** Dave Werkhoven expressed his opinion that the work that is being proposed at New Preston Falls is a good project that should be supported.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Adult Services Survey:** Mark Lyon reported that a committee led by Dan Sherr and Tony Bedini has been meeting and working with CERC to develop a survey that has been emaiedl to 976 Washington residents. To date, 203 have been received and another request to complete the survey will be sent out in the Friday email blast from the Selectmen’s Office. The purpose is to determine what people see as needs for Washington’s Seniors.
* **Invitation to Bid: Motion:** To extend an Invitation to Bid for a used roller for the Highway Department. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: the Highway Department has rented one and is very pleased with the results on the Town’s dirt roads. The motion passed unanimously.
* **Happy Birthday First Selectman Mark Lyon!**

**Adjournment:**

* **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:49p.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 Assistant