

January 9, 2009

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

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton and Nicholas N. Solley.
Press: Ann Compton – VOICES.

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

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 23, 2008 Special Meeting and the December 23, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Appointment of Philip M. Dutton to the Conservation Commission: Motion: To appoint Philip M. Dutton (D) as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/2010. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mr. Dutton has expressed an interest in serving on this Commission, has submitted his “bio” and has attended several meetings. He will be filling the alternate vacancy created by Diane Dupuis’s appointment as a full member of the Commission last month. The motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman’s Report:

* Region #12 Board of Education: Mark attended the Board’s last meeting and reported that Dr. Storm, Superintendent, has initiated a plan to address maintenance issues at the three primary schools by appointing a Task Force. This committee will address all existing conditions and ongoing issues with maintenance. Dr. Storm has sent a letter to the First Selectmen of Roxbury, Bridgewater and Washington regarding this. Jim Brinton brought up the importance of continued maintenance once something is addressed and/or repaired.

* Shovel Ready Projects: Mark has sent a letter to Governor Rell’s office with a prioritized list of projects the Town of Washington is ready to put out to bid immediately if funding should become available. (This was discussed at the last Board of Selectmen’s meeting.)

* Paramedic Program: Roxbury First Selectman Barbara Henry has done a commendable job negotiating with Campion Ambulance who was agreed to renew the contract with Housatonic Valley Regional Paramedic Program - keeping the cost for the coming year at the present level.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Acceptance of Transfer Station lease: As discussed previously, the Selectmen have been negotiating with Attorney Linc Cornell and the Ranieri’s regarding the Transfer Station lease. Motion: To approve a lease with Mr. & Mrs. Roger Ranieri for use of their land for the Town’s Transfer Station as follows: January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 for the current rate of \$1000/month. July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 for \$1250/month and July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013 for \$1400/month. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS: Done.

Visitors:

* Ann Compton: Ann questioned if the Region #12 maintenance issues/projects would be something that

would be bonded and if consolidation of the primary schools was off the table. Mark explained that the Town of Washington would be opposed to further discussion on renovation vs. consolidation until a decision is made on Bridgewater's appeal.

Adjournment:

* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary