

February 4, 2010

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.

Public: Steve Farnham – Hine Brothers, Peter Talbot.

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 January 21, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the minutes of the January 28, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* Probate Court Administrator, Paul Knierim, has written to the First Selectmen of the Towns that will form the Connecticut Probate District No. 22, acknowledging the name of the Court and that it will be located in the Town of Southbury. The Towns forming this District will be Bethlehem, Oxford, Watertown, Woodbury, Southbury, Roxbury and Washington.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

First Selectman Lyon reported the following:

* Verizon representatives have walked the property that is tentatively a site for a telecommunications tower on the Town's Highway Department property on Blackville Road (behind the upper storage barn). The next step will be a balloon float, which may occur near the end of this month.

* Budget Workshops are continuing with the various Departments and Commissions and the Board of Selectmen. Mark complimented all Departments for their cooperation in trying to keep the budget at little or no increase.

* Lake Waramaug Authority member Tom McGowan, Resident Trooper Steve Sordi, the Board of Selectmen and members of the Parks and Recreation Commission have met to discuss staffing of the Town of Washington's boat launch on Lake Waramaug, and changes to the Boating Inspection Program that would require all motorboats to enter the Lake through Washington's boat launch after being inspected. This would allow for better enforcement and aid in the prevention of invasive species in the Lake. Mark has spoken with the First Selectmen of Kent and Warren and all agree that having the boat launch staffed by an inspector all hours the launch is open, is a budgetary concern for all three towns on the Lake but are in support of the importance of this inspection process.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Awarding of Bid for Dump Truck for the Town Highway Department:
The Selectmen reviewed the re-bids with Kevin Smith, Highway Director

Motion:

To award the bid for a Dump Truck to Freightliner of Hartford, CT with a Tenco body package for a total of \$129,882.90. With the trade-in, \$119,382.90.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Steve Farnham of Hine Brothers asked for reasoning behind this decision. It was advised he speak with Kevin for specifics but Nick Solley explained that there had been some issues in the past with our International equipment and the references checked regarding Freightliner were all very positive.

NEW BUSINESS:

* To set the Total Income for the Tax Relief Program for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners for the previous calendar year: By Town Ordinance, the Tax Assessor can recommend an amount to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance for their approval. This amount of total income is usually slightly higher than the State's maximum allowable income for tax relief.

Motion:

To set the Total Income for the Tax Relief Program for Elderly and Disabled Homeowners for the previous calendar year at \$41,500.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

* Extend an Invitation to Bid for a fire truck body:

Motion:

To extend an Invitation to Bid for the furnishing of one custom built stainless steel fire apparatus body, installation of a Hale 1250 front mount pump and various equipment as specified. The Town of Washington will supply an International chassis as specified. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:30p.m. on March 4, 2010 at the Office of the First Selectman, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, Post Office Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794. Bids will be opened at 5:30 p.m. at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on that date. Bidders shall include proof of a bond in the amount of the bid to cover the cost of completing the apparatus as specified. Specifications are available from the Selectman's Office at the above address or by calling 860-868-2259.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

* Peter Talbot – Mill Race Road Project:

Peter presented the Board with a letter to be part of the record which requests being placed on the agenda of an upcoming meeting "to discuss the Town's future plans at 16 Titus Road and possible development on adjacent properties." Peter's hope is that if and when the property is developed, it be done to the benefit of the village and the community. Those interested in the Mill Race Road proposal may review the ideas at www.petertalbotarchitects.com/millracerd. At the meeting, Peter would like to informally review his research, hear comments, and answer questions from the Selectmen and the public. His hope is that the Selectmen would write letters of support to the Board of Finance and Zoning Commission in support of further study and related funding of flood plain mapping and planning studies. A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was scheduled for March 25, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. Land Use Commissions, Housing and Parks and Recreation Commissions, abutting property owners and the public

are invited to attend. Nick Solley made the suggestion that possibly monies not used for the Depot Study be used for the mapping and engineering expenses especially as the FEMA mapping would relate to any future work in the Depot as well as the school grounds.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:14 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Reconvened Meeting:

First Selectman Lyon reconvened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to announce that a closing was held this afternoon finalizing the purchase of 108 New Milford Turnpike by the Town of Washington.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary