

**April 2, 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.

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

**Motion:** To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

**Discussion:** This will be to extend an Invitation to Bid for the Transfer Station operation and related services. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

\* Motion: To approve the minutes of the March 19, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

**First Selectman's Report:**

Mark Lyon reported the following:

\* Special Town Meeting Reminder:

Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. -agenda – 1) approval of the purchase of 31 +/- acres at 108 New Milford Tpk. for \$500,000 of previously allocated Open Space Funds; 2) nomination of candidates for four positions on the Board of Education.

\* Earth Day:

April 25 & 26, 2009. Dumpsters will be located at the Town Hall for disposal of roadside cleanup – various other activities being sponsored by the Washington Environmental Council.

\* Bart Clark/Oakwood Environmental Associates:

Has been hired to do engineering services for the beach house and beach area renovation. The Selectmen are hopeful to begin Land Use applications/process and hopefully being work next fall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

\* WPS Update:

Mark reported that he has been working with the First Selectmen of Roxbury & Bridgewater and they have drafted a letter to be sent to the Board of Education with their concerns and recommendations. Our Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance are very concerned with the work that needs to be done at the Primary School, its being done efficiently and, just as importantly, concerned with the ongoing maintenance, which has been lacking in the past. Also of concern is funding of the work. This has not yet been determined and the Town's are currently working on their budgets for the next fiscal year. All three Towns would like to see a position put in place (facilities manager, project engineer) that would be involved from start to finish with the projects and then manage the maintenance once they are completed. The Selectmen, realizing they cannot dictate to the Board of Education, would like to send this letter, which would strongly convey their points and offer recommendations. Nick Solley and Jim Brinton spoke in support of the First Selectmen and the concerns of the public. Motion: To endorse the draft letter to the Board of Education and recommend the signature of the First Selectmen of Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington and its delivery. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

\* Election of Board of Ed Members:

Remind those interested in the new process – nominated at the Special Town Meeting on April 8, voting to take place at the Region #12 budget referendum tentatively scheduled for May 5. Four Washington representative positions will be expiring – terms beginning July 1. Any number of candidates may be nominated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Invitation to Bid/Transfer Station: Motion: To extend an Invitation to Bid for Operation of the Transfer Station for one year; Hauling of Municipal Solid Waste for three years, Curbside Collection and Hauling of Recycled Materials for three years and Disposal of Construction and Demolition Materials and Scrap metal for three years. Sealed bids will be received from qualified contractors until April 23, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Further information may be obtained from the Selectmen's Office. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

\* Jack Coraggio from the Litchfield County Times asked the Selectmen for clarification on the Primary School issue which resulted in discussion of the importance of having a maintenance plan in addition to the work needing to be done plan. If a person were hired by the Region (as mentioned above) he/she would be responsible for all three primary schools as well as the middle/high school.

**Adjournment:**

\* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:05 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Secretary