

June 12, 2008

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley.

Selectmen James L. Brinton was not able to attend due to the funeral of Eugene "Gene" Verrastro. The Board and the Town of Washington expressed sympathy to the Verrastro family.

Press: Ann Compton-Voices, Jack Coraggio-Litchfield County Times.

Public: Tony Bedini, Chris Charles, Valley Restoration representative.

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Motion: To include subsequent business not already on the Agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: This will include the acceptance of a Proclamation and extending an Invitation to Bid for the WVFD. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 29, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the May 29, 2008 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Resignation of Elizabeth Rives from Historic District Commission:** Mark read Mrs. Rives letter of resignation into the record. Mrs. Rives resigned with the suggestion and hope that J. Allen Kerr, alternate, would be moved up to a regular member. **Motion:** To accept, with regret and gratitude, the resignation of Elizabeth Rives who has served for nearly 7 years on the Historic District Commission. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved. **Motion:** To appoint J. Allen Kerr as a regular member of the Historic District Commission, moving up from an alternate position. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Mark spoke with the other alternate on the Commission and with Mr. Kerr, both of whom were in favor of this appointment. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Appointing of Deputy Fire Marshall:** Mark explained he has spoken with the State Fire Marshall's Office. George Steiner has successfully completed the Fire Investigator module of the Fire Marshall course of study. He will continue with the other courses necessary to become a Deputy Fire Marshall. **Motion:** To appoint George Steiner as a Fire Investigator in the Fire Marshall's Office. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Mark also mentioned that Brian Ohmen has completed all the Fire Marshall courses and once he has been notified that he has successfully passed the examination, he will be appointed as a Deputy Fire Marshall for the Town of Washington.

First Selectman's Report:

- **32 School Street:** The Selectmen's Office has received a Public Notice regarding proposed work at 32 School Street (Town is adjacent property owner). Mark and Kevin Smith, Highway Director, have done an inspection and do have some concerns regarding the proposed driveway, site line, set back, and drainage issues. These will be brought to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

- **Webmaster Search:** Mark explained that the Selectmen's Office has received numerous communications from townspeople expressing their interest in the Town maintaining its website. There have been two people interested in volunteering for this position but are not quite ready to assume the position from Rex Swain. A professional may have to be hired for a specific period to bring whomever up to speed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Map of discontinued portion of Frisbie Road:** Mark explained that currently town trucks (plows, etc) are allowed to turn around on the property privately owned by Mr. Gruson. The Selectmen would like the map of the discontinued portion of Frisbie Road to show a 50'x 50' right of way that would preserve an area for the trucks to continue to make their turns. Once this is received, the map will come before the Selectmen for approval.
- **Opening of Bids for Restoration of the Town Hall Tower and Dome:** The following bids have been received:

1) **Gilder's Studio, Inc.**, Olney MD \$139,000.00

2) **Valley Restoration**, Torrington, CT \$ 68,377.00

3) **United Steeple Jack**, Chestnut Ridge, NY

(Tower: \$67,500.00

Dome & weathervane: \$26,800.00) \$ 94,300.00

Bids will be reviewed by the Buildings and Property Manager and Committee and awarded at the Selectmen's Meeting on June 26, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **DOT Request for No Parking Signs:** The Police Department has requested from the State DOT, "No Parking Signs" to be placed along Route 45 on the Lake Waramaug side of the road in front of the Beach and Boat Ramp area. Approval of this request is needed from the Selectmen. **Motion:** To support the Police Department's request for the No Parking Signs along Route 45 in the area of the Town Beach and Boat Launch. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.
- **Steep Rock Lease:** The Steep Rock Association has requested a one-year lease with the Town of Washington for the 2nd floor space in the Old Firehouse. Mark will review with David Miles and have this done.
- **Invitation to Bid: Motion:** To extend an Invitation to Bid for a 2009 International 7400 SFA 4x4 (SR525) cab and chassis for the WVFD. Bidders must agree to provide preferential scheduling for needed services and must have service personnel and parts available 24/7. Specifications are available from the Office of the First Selectman, Town of Washington, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, CT 06794, 860-868-2259 or by email:selectmen@washingtonct.org. Bids must be submitted to the First Selectman's Office by 4:30 p.m. on July 10, 2008 and will be opened at the Selectmen's meeting at 5:30 p.m. The Town of Washington reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to award the bid in the best interest of the Town. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.
- **Proclamation: Motion:** To accept the following Proclamation:

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Washington, Connecticut

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Verrastro, along with Vincent P. Anelli, Sr., purchased the Washington Food Market on June 11, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Gene became an integral and vital member of the community of the Town of Washington; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to and support of the Town of Washington, its citizens and organizations for thirty-five years; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to the principles of community involvement, his generosity to the Town of Washington, friends, and his beloved family; and

WHEREAS, Eugene "Gene" Verrastro died June 6, 2008, leaving a legacy and the Town of Washington a better place for having known him;

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed, that we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, do hereby declare that Washington will observe June 12, 2008 as **EUGENE "GENE" VERRASTRO DAY**.

Signed this 12th day of June, 2008 by:

Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman

James L. Brinton, Selectman

Nicholas N. Solley, Selectman

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

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:01 p.m. By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary