

June 23, 2011

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: Clifford Woodruff, Tom Osborne, Bob Papsin, Denise Arturi, Lori Carusillo, John Meeker, Carolyn Hyde.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

MOTION:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion: Additional agenda items needed to be discussed are an appointment to the NW CT Convention Visitors Bureau and discussion of discontinuing a portion of Clark Road.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the June 9, 2011 Regular Meeting and the June 23, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Communications: None.

Appointments and Resignations:

* Resignation of Louis Magnoli from the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion:

At the request of Lou Magnoli, to approve his resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission with gratitude for his twelve years of service.

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

* Reappointment of Nicholas Solley to the Building and Property Commission; of Charles LaMuniere, Anthony Bedini and Anthony Martino to the Inland Wetlands Commission; Georgia Whitney to the Judea Cemetery Commission; and Sandy Papsin to the Lake Waramaug Authority:

Motion:

To reappoint Nicholas Solley (D) to the Building Property Commission until 7/1/14; Charles LaMuniere (D), Anthony Bedini (U) and Anthony Martino ® to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/14; Georgia Whitney ® to the Judea Cemetery Commission until 6/30/16 and Sandy Papsin (U) to the Lake Waramaug Authority until 6/30/14.

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

* Appointment of Patte Doran as an alternate to the Housing Commission:

Ms. Doran has expressed her interest and submitted a letter to this effect. She has been the Commission's secretary since it's inception. She has the endorsement of Wayne Hileman, Chairman.

Motion:

To appoint Patte Doran (U) as an alternate to the Housing Commission until 1/1/14.
By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

* Appointment of Whitney Ryan and Laura Eanes Martin to the Parks and Recreation Commission:
Both Whitney and Laura have expressed their interest, submitted letters to this effect and have the endorsement of the entire Parks and Recreation Commission.

Motion:

To appoint Laura Eanes Martin (D) to the Parks and Recreation Commission until 1/1/13 and Whitney Ryan ® until 1/1/14.

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

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Marble Dale Cell Tower:

The CT Siting Council has heard and approved the petition to add 10 feet to the existing telecommunications tower in the Marble Dale section of Washington.

* Pond at 154 Shearer Road:

Mark has met with Curt Smith, who has also been working with Fire Chief Mark Showalter, regarding the creation of a second pond at 154 Shearer Road. The existing pond and the new pond would both be used for fire ponds. Property owner would provide a permanent easement to the Town for use of the ponds for fire protection. The project is in it's early stages – The Army Corps of Engineers will be involved, the Town's permitting process will need to be done, etc.

* Wilber Road Parking:

The Town's Zoning Commission scheduled a site visit for today and will be working on answering questions and concerns of the Wilber Road residents regarding the parking of Community Table employees on Wilber Road as well as the owner and general manager of the restaurant who did go through the proper permitting process. Carolyn Hyde, Wilber Road resident asked if the Selectmen had come to a conclusion about installing No Parking signs. Mark explained that at the present time he and the Board were hesitant to take this step siting the fact that the official border of the Commercial District (in which the restaurant is located) goes to the center of Wilber Road. The employees are not parking in the travel portion of the road.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Discontinuance of a portion of Clark Road:

At the request of Lori Carusillo, the Board of Selectmen has begun to research the possibility of discontinuing a portion of Clark Road. Abutting land owners will need to be contacted as discontinuing would affect their ability to further sub-divide. If these property owners wish to discuss further they will be invited to a Special Selectmen's meeting. The Town Attorney has also been contacted. If the adjoining property owners were in agreement, the matter would be referred to the Planning Commission and if they approve, the discontinuance would need to be voted on at a Town Meeting.

Motion:

To begin the process of discontinuing a portion of Clark Road.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

* Tom Osborne, Tree Warden, re: cutting trees in Depot:

Tom attended this evening's meeting to report that four crimson king maple trees in the Plaza – along sidewalk abutting the old Texaco Station – are deteriorating and need to be taken down. Possible ideas for replacement trees would be flowering crab apple or dogwood. Grass would be planted and perhaps mountain laurel and/or rhododendron near the Routes 47 & 109 wall. All plantings would be done keeping in mind that at some future time the parking pattern in the Depot may be changed. Tom estimates the cost of materials to be \$2500-\$3000. Realizing this has not been budgeted for, he would attempt to raise the money privately. Tom also thanked his "committee" of Bob Papsin, Denise Arturi and Sarah Gager for assisting him. All of this would take place in the fall. The public is invited to give opinions/ideas or ask questions. A public information meeting could also be scheduled.

* Invitation to Bid for Road Repairs:

As a result of the heavy damage done this spring many Town roads are in need of repair – some more than others.

Motion:

To extend an Invitation to bid for the replacement of undermined pavement and curb on a section of Winston Drive and Findley Road. Bids will be received until 4:00p.m. on July 7, 2011.

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

Visitors:

* Bob Papsin, Mygatt Road inquired as to the work that is being planned for Mygatt Road. Mark explained that WMC Engineering has been awarded the bid and their work will begin in the not-too-distant future. Bob also asked if the water run-off Scofield Hill Road would be addressed. Mark explained the drainage in the Mygatt Road right-of-way would be addressed but that Scofield Hill was not in the scope. Highway Director Kevin Smith and the Highway Department will work on the Scofield drainage issue and maintenance..

* Clifford Woodruff asked that the following letter become a written part of these minutes:

June 23, 2011 – Washington Board of Selectmen

Dear Sirs:

At the Selectmen's meeting on March 31, 2011, I brought to your attention that Michael Ajello, the Town of Washington Wetlands and Zoning Enforcement Officer was treating me and the legitimate zoning and wetlands violations, which I had reported to his office with negligence, skullduggery and malfeasance. I then asked you to permanently recuse Michael Ajello from any and all of his official Town duties including wetlands, zoning and zoning board of appeals. You requested that I furnish supporting documents, which I did at our meeting on April 12, 2011. I supplied further communications on May 9, 2011 and asked that they be read aloud at the May 12, 2011 selectmen's meeting. Subsequently, I received a telephone call from Mr. Lyon informing me that the selectmen had met and discussed the merits of my complaint and had ordered the permanent recusal of Michael Ajello from all of his official town duties with regards to any of my property or any of the properties of Roberta Smith of 31 and 35 East Shore Road, New Preston. I was also informed that Janet Hill would handle any current or future zoning, wetlands or z.b.a. duties of the aforementioned properties thereby permanently replacing Mr. Ajello.

I take this opportunity to thank and laud your selectmen for your decisiveness and steadfast resolve in this matter. Let this serve as a reassuring example to the Town of Washington taxpayers that their selectmen represent them with concern, compassion and diligence. I also thank Janet Hill for her

willingness to add to her already overwhelming workload.

*Sincerely,
Clifford G. Woodruff
3 West Shore Road
New Preston, CT 06777*

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. And...Enjoy the Washington Volunteer Fire Department Carnival!

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary