

## June 26, 2008

### Present:

First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton, Nicholas N. Solley. Press: Ann Compton – VOICES, Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

### Call to Order:

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

### MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the June 12, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

### Appointments/Resignations:

Motion: To appoint Brian Ohmen as Deputy Fire Marshall. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion: Mark explained that Brian has successfully passed all required courses and Don Etherington is looking forward to working with him. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To reappoint Barbara Johnson as Assessor until 6/30/2012. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mark thanked Barbara for her willingness to be reappointed and has told her “she has to stay!” The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To reappoint Nicholas N. Solley to the Building & Property Commission until 7/1/2011. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Nick Solley abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: To reappoint Charles LaMunier and Anthony Bedini to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/2011. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Motion: To reappoint Dennis Hussey to the Judea Cemetery Commission until 6/30/2013. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Motion: To reappoint Sandra Papsin to the Lake Waramaug Authority until 6/30/2011. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

### First Selectman’s Report:

Mark reported: Nettleton Hollow Bridge Project will not happen until next year. Lenard Engineering has filed all the appropriate applications with the Department of Transportation who in turn has filed with the Department of Environmental Protection. Because of governmental “red tape,” the project has not gotten on the DEP’s list for review and/or projects to be completed this year. Mark and Roger Hurlburt from Lenard will contact each agency to make sure what needs to be done, is done. Lenard and the Town had completed all necessary paperwork and had met all deadlines.

Northeast Communications and the Town have renewed the annual contract for the Town’s emergency radio tower service.

Recycling Committee applied for a grant through the State and will host a program on July 24th at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall, “Recycling Makes Sense”. Local businesses, schools, etc. have been invited and will learn more about recycling practices.

Steve Wadelton has agreed to accept the position as webmaster. The Board of Selectmen is very grateful to him for taking on this task and again extended their thanks to Rex Swain for his years of service to the Town and his willingness to continue to help Steve.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Awarding of Bid for Restoration of the Tower and Dome: Motion: To award the bid for Restoration of the Town Hall Tower and Dome to Valley Restoration of Torrington, CT for \$68,377. By Nick Solley,

seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: the bid has been reviewed by the Building and Property Commission, Lee Levesque, Building and Property Manager. The motion passed unanimously. Frisbie Road: Mark explained the Board of Selectmen has received a letter from Mr. Gruson of 61 Frisbie Road, which states the Town continues to have the right to use the existing turn around “until such time as we – or any subsequent owner – build to town standards, a turn around for the use of town equipment.” The letter continues to state that the owners of 61 Frisbie Road will be solely responsible for paying for any new turn around that is built. Mark will speak with Town Attorney, David Miles, regarding the proper way to have this information recorded so there is no question in the future.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Alliance Energy Contract: Mark explained that he has spoken with the Board of Finance and they are agreeable to having the Board of Selectmen sign a contract with Alliance Energy who has done an energy audit of all Town of Washington owned buildings. Mark has spoken with other Towns and/or school systems who have worked with Alliance and followed their recommendations for installation of energy efficient lighting, etc. and found they have been very satisfied. There is the potential of saving up to \$7280 per year in energy costs. Motion: To empower Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman, to sign the contract with Alliance Energy on behalf of the Town of Washington. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

STEAP Grant: Motion: Resolved, that Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman, be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement entitled: “Town Beach at Lake Waramaug STEAP 2008-19” between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Washington. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

MOTION: To include subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: this business is in regard to the Town’s lease with Steep Rock. The motion passed unanimously.

Steep Rock Lease: Motion: To renew the lease between the Town of Washington and the Steep Rock Association for the period 7-1-08 to 6-30-09. Rental will be \$1100.00 per month.

#### Visitors:

Mary Anne Greene explained she had received an email for a Commander Keith from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Michigan in May regarding a Lt. Elliott Malloy Norton who had served in the Civil War and who had received a Congressional Medal of Honor. Lt. Norton was born in Washington, CT. A Gravestone Dedication was to be held in Kalamazoo, MI and part of the ceremony involves putting a “pound of dirt” from the veteran’s birthplace on the grave. The Board of Selectmen agreed to honor the request and gathered the pound of dirt from several notable locations around town – Cogswell Tavern, Brinsmade Homestead, Judea Cemetery, Farrand Homestead, Averill Homestead and Burying Ground, First Congregational Church and Bryan Memorial Town Hall. A letter of thanks has been received which was read. Also included were three Certificates of Appreciation for each of the Selectmen, which Mary Anne presented to them.

#### 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen’s Secretary