

July 21, 2011

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: Selectmen James L. Brinton and Nicholas N. Solley.

Press: Ann Compton – VOICES

Public: Tony Bedini.

Call to Order:

Selectman Nicholas Solley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the July 7, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen with the correction to add: *“The Selectmen may now look at a generator....”* under the Visitor section of the minutes and to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* Letter to the Board of Selectmen from the Historic District Commission re: improvements to curb and walkways at the First Congregational Church:

HDC Chairman Alison Gilchrist wrote to the Board of Selectmen (letter dated July6, 2011) regarding the Town’s proposed improvements to the curb and walkways beside the Congregational Church as the property lies within the Green Historic District. On July 13, 2011 First Selectmen Lyon replied by letter stating that he and Highway Director Kevin Smith reviewed and approved plans that had been prepared by the Church for work in the Town’s right of way in conjunction with the Church’s proposed installation of handicap access – “Uplift Project”. These plans were submitted to the HDC and approved at the April 2011 meeting. No other work, other than that presented, is planned.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

Selectmen’s Report:

Nick Solley reported:

* Chipsealing has been completed on the following roads:

Popple Swamp, Curtis, Painter Ridge, Plumb Hill, Loomarwick, Tinker Hill, Shearer, Revere and Sandstrom. A press release had been sent to the local papers.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute a contract with the CT State Library:

Motion:

Be it resolved that Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality (Town of Washington) a contract with the Connecticut State Library for an Historic Documents Preservation Grant.

By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion:

The Selectmen explained that the Town Clerk applies for this grant annually.

The motion passed unanimously.

*** Request for a flagpole at the Town Beach by Joe Mustich:**

Joe Mustich sent an email to the Board of Selectmen regarding the placement of a flagpole at the Town Beach that may be paid for by the Rotary Club of Washington. Parks and Recreation discussed this at their meeting and had no objection. The Selectmen had no objection but felt a few details needed to be worked out, such as lighting the flag if it were to stay up 24 hours a day, if it is only up during daylight hours, who will be responsible for raising and lowering it. They will refer the matter back to Parks and Rec with the hope of working out these details.

Visitors:

*** Joe Mustich or Ken Cornet:**

1) threat against Ken Cornet;

2) police response:

Joe Mustich has contacted the Selectmen's Office personally and by email and requested to be on this meeting's agenda regarding a threat made against Ken Cornet at a Washington Art Association event. Neither Joe nor Ken attended this meeting. The Selectmen are aware of the incident and Masseur Mustich and Cornet's concerns. As the matter is currently being investigated by the Connecticut State Police, the Selectmen felt they should not comment at this time.

*** Ann Compton, VOICES, re: Plaza Trees:**

As a follow-up to Tom Osborne's attendance at the June 23, 2011 Board of Selectmen's, Ann inquired about the cutting down and replacing of deteriorating trees in Bryan Plaza. The Selectmen thought this was going to be a project for the fall, notices would need to be placed on the trees prior to their being taken down, and a public information meeting could be scheduled as well. They will follow up with Tom.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:46 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