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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.

Public: John Meeker, Duncan Woodruff.

Bidders: Jerry DeRubbo-W.I. Clark, Co.; Lee Baldwin-H.O. Penn; David Goulet-F & W Equipment.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the August 10, 2011 and August 17, 2011 Special Meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Communications:

* Letter from Representative Arthur O'Neil urging residents to take advantage of "Tax Free Week" – August 21 – August 27th. No CT tax will be charged on clothing and footwear.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Appointment of Deputy Fire Marshall:

Motion:

To appoint Thomas Osborne as Deputy Fire Marshall. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion:

Mark explained that he had received notification from the State Department of Public Safety that Mr. Osborne had successfully completed the required course and fulfilled all requirements to become a Fire Marshall. John Meeker asked if the position had been posted. Mark stated it had not and further explained that Mr. Osborne had approached him and indicated his interest in the position as Mr. Etherington, the current Fire Marshall for the Town, may be retiring in a couple of years. Mr. Meeker felt there were others in Town who were certified and may be interested as well. Mark stated he had learned of one individual after speaking with Mr. Osborne, who had already started the certification process, and may contact that individual to ascertain his future interest(s). Mark further explained that by State Statute (which he quoted) he and the Board of Selectmen have the authority to appoint the Fire Marshall and/or Deputies. Preference shall be given to members of the local Fire Department.

The motion passed unanimously. A tentative meeting with Mr. Etherington, the current appointed Deputies, Mr. Osborne and Mr. Lyon is scheduled for next Wednesday.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported:

* AT&T DSL Service:

AT&T has notified Mark that they have a potential site for installation of an IPDSLAM box (for

expansion of DSL service) on Baldwin Hill. Kevin Smith, Highway Director, has reviewed the site and sees not problem with site lines, plowing, or road maintenance. Abutting property owners have also been notified by AT&T.

* Tom Osborne, Tree Warden and his committee of Bob Papsin, Sarah Gager and Denise Arturi, are continuing to work on replanting plan of trees in Bryan Plaza. There may be a grant available from the Forestry Department. They will be meeting with the Conservation Commission in September to discuss their plans further.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Opening of Bids for Backhoe/Loader:

The following bids were received:

1) H.O. Penn, Newington, CT

Model: CAT 420E

Bid: \$96,990.00

Options: Trade-In Allowance: \$15,000.00

Quick-coupler tool carrier: \$ 9,800.00

2) Tyler Equipment, Berlin, CT

Model: Volvo VL70

Bid: \$95,687.00

Options: Trade-In Allowance: \$15,000.00

Quick-coupler tool carrier: \$3,699.00

Bid:

3) F & W Equipment, Orange, CT

Model: Case 580 SN

Bid: \$95,307.00

Options: Trade-In Allowance: \$15,000.00

Quick-coupler tool carrier: \$ 3,250.00

Bid:

4) Liftech, Bloomfield, CT

Model: JCB 3CX-14

Bid: \$88,400.00

Options: Trade-In Allowance: \$19,000.00

Quick-coupler tool carrier: \$ 1,785.00

Bid:

5) W.I. Clark, Wallingford, CT

Model: John Deere 3102J

Bid: \$92,880.00

Options: Trade-In Allowance: \$17,500.00

Quick-coupler tool carrier: \$ 3,150.00

Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the September 1, 2011 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

* Discontinuance of a portion of Clark Road:

This is scheduled to be on the agenda for the Planning Commission meeting in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Schedule Public Informational Meeting Special Board of Selectmen Meeting for discontinuing a portion of Clark Road:

An Informational Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Abutting property owners will be notified.

* Solar Panel Contract with DCS Energy:

Town Attorney, David Miles, has reviewed the contract, sees no problems and recommended the addition of a paragraph that would simply clarify several issues. Roof mounted panels would be installed on Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot Fire House, River Walk Pavilion and the Senior Center. Ground mounts would be installed at the Town Highway Department and the New Preston Fire House. A structural engineer has reviewed all sites except for the Town Hall (Mark has made contact to have this done). The Town would be responsible for building permits, etc. There was discussion as to the age of roof shingles and determining if any would need to be replaced prior to installation. After further discussion noting the possible concern that Town residents may have regarding the aesthetic effect the panels would have – particularly on the Town Hall – a public information meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. A Special Board of Selectmen's meeting will follow to vote on the signing of the contract with DCS.

Visitors: No comments.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary