

August 19, 2010

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon and Selectman Nicholas N. Solley.

Press: Ann Compton – VOICES.

Public: Chris Charles

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and noted there was a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the August 5, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen by Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

* The Hollister Homestead a/k/a Hollister House Garden, owned by George Schoellkopf at 294-300 Nettleton Hollow Road, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service on June 11, 2010. The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of historic properties recognized by the Federal Government as worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering and culture.

* Peter Houldin, President of the Village Improvement Society, reported that the Verrastro Family, owners of the Washington Food Market, held the second annual Gene Verrastro Memorial Golf Tournament on June 27th. This year the tournament included a fund raising component as part of the program and designated the Village Improvement Society as the recipient of the proceeds. A donation of \$650 in Gene's name was made that would help offset the costs of the planters and trees recently installed in the plaza.

* First Selectman Lyon contacted the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the availability of State Bridge Grant funds for bridge repairs. At this time there are no State Bridge Grants available; however, the Town of Washington would be eligible for Federal Bridge Grants (80% of the cost). There are two bridges on Walker Brook Road in need of repair and one could be covered by a grant. The possibility of slip lining the bridge as an alternative to replacement is being considered. The project would have to go out to bid including consultant and engineer with a 14-18 month time frame. There are no changes to the bridge so the approval process is minimal. Mark will move forward with the application. The second bridge in question also needs slip lining and doing both bridges simultaneously could save some construction cost.

* Hartford Freight Liner has notified the Town that cab and chassis for the new Town Highway truck is due to be delivered soon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

* Regional School District #12 Board of Education has submitted their attorney-approved lease proposal for Washington Primary School to the First Selectman. Town Attorney David Miles will review the

proposal and a special meeting for the Board of Selectmen will be scheduled to discuss his recommendations. Roxbury and Bridgewater's proposals are identical to Washington's and the three First Selectmen will meet to discuss the lease with the Region 12 Lease Committee.

Visitors: No comment.

Adjournment:

* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:47 PM as there was no further business for discussion, by Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila M. Anson
Acting Clerk