

August 20, 2009

First Selectman Mark E. Lyon called the Selectman's Meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Mark Lyon, Nicholas Solley

Guests: Ann Compton, VOICES, Ray Reich, Washington Parks & Recreation Commission Chris Charles, Tony Bedini

Minutes:

Mark Lyon moved to approve the minutes of the August 6th regular and August 13th special meetings as submitted. Nicholas Solley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Communications/Correspondence:

ASAP:

A letter of appreciation has been received from the After School Arts Program for the Town's donation of \$5,000. This had been included in the 2009-2010 General Fund budget as in past years.

Lake Waramaug Ass'n.:

A request for the Town to contact the CT DOT regarding speeding in the Lake Waramaug area, especially West Shore Road, was received. Better signage was suggested. Mark will contact the DOT to request a speed survey be done, if they determine it is warranted.

Selectman's Report:

Hazardous Waste Day:

HWD is scheduled for September 19th from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the New Milford Railroad Station. In addition to other hazardous waste, Mark reported computers, monitors, etc. will be received at no charge to individual residents. The Town, however, pays for its percentage share of the total waste collected.

Nettleton Hollow Bridge:

NHB will be officially reopened on August 21. Final inspection by the engineer is scheduled for August 25th. Mark felt it was a "Good job, well done!"

56 Tinker Hill Road:

Mark reported he and the Highway Director Kevin Smith met with this resident to discuss access to this property. A former owner had been granted access as a right-of-way over an abandoned roadway. Minor repairs will be done to the beginning of the roadway and discussion will continue.

Calhoun Hill Road/Herman:

A survey and further information has been received regarding the abandoned Town right-of-way on the Herman property. Mark will confer with the town attorney and the Planning Commission to determine what is required to transfer or sell this property to the adjoining landowner. It was noted the matter will eventually be presented at a town meeting for consideration by the voters.

Old Business:

Town Beach Update:

Nick reported the bid for the excavation phase of this project will be awarded and an invitation to bid for the landscaping/planting phase will be extended. Things have been going along smoothly and bids have been within the projected budget. Work will begin shortly after Labor Day. Mark reported they had met

with the bidders and the architect to upgrade the insulation package for the building. The building contractor is working with an HVAC contractor is looking into an air & heat exchanger for the apartment as well as the bathrooms in the basement in the summer. This should reduce the size of the heating plant. Bid advertising has been run in larger newspapers as required for the use of State grant funds. Local contractors are hired whenever possible.

New Business:

Town Beach/Boathouse Project:

Excavation Phase: Mark Lyon made a motion to award the bid for this project to Stone construction of Southbury , CT in the amount of \$81,218. Nicholas Solley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Motion:

Nick Solley made a motion to included subsequent business not included on the posted agenda. Mark Lyon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

JAG Grant:

A Justice Department grant available through the American Assistance Recovery Act for \$9,100 requires a Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to enter into agreement for this funding. Mark Lyon made a motion to approve the following resolution:

“Resolved that Mark E. Lyon is hereby authorized to make, execute and approve on behalf of the Town of Washington any and all contracts and amendments and to execute and approve on behalf of this municipality other instruments a part of or incident to such contracts and amendments, effective until otherwise ordered by the Board of Selectmen.”

Nicholas Solley seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

Transfer Station Lease:

Mark Lyon made a motion to approve a four-year lease with Roger and Sally Ranieri for the continued rental of their property on Clark Road for use as the transfer station. The lease will extend from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013. The parties had previously agreed upon the terms. Nicholas Solley seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously passed.

Parks and Recreation Funding Request:

The Parks & Recreation Commission reported additional funding of \$1,600 may be necessary to cover unanticipated costs in the boat launch personnel line item of the budget. Due to increased traffic, the recent reconfiguration of the boat launch area and parking changes, it is difficult for the Beach Director to manage both the boat ramp and the beach areas during hours when the boat launch employee is not on duty. Additional help is needed between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. from July 31 through Labor Day. A part-time employee has been hired to insure there is an attendant on duty. Rather than requesting an additional appropriation at this time, Mark Lyon suggested this overage may only be necessary in that line item, while the overall P&R budget may remain in line. He appreciated the Parks & Recreation Commission informing the Selectmen about this.

Invitation to Bid – Town Beach Landscaping/Planting Phase:

Nicholas Solley made a motion to extend an invitation to bid for the landscaping/planting phase of this project until September 3, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Bids received will be read aloud at the Selectmen’s meeting at 5:30 p.m. Specifications will be available to the public on August 24th. Mark Lyon seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Gollow, Selectman's Assistant