

August 31, 2011

Special Meeting

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. Highway Director Kevin Smith.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

To enter into contract with DCS Energy to install solar panels:

Motion:

To enter into contracts with DCS Energy to install solar panels on Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot Fire House, Washington Senior Center, River Walk Pavilion and at New Preston Fire House, Town Highway Garage.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion:

The Public Information Meeting was held on August 24, 2011. The majority of attendees were in favor of the proposals presented - looking favorably on the Town's initiative to be energy conscious and pleased with the projected savings. Mark has also spoken to several towns that have worked with DCS, installed their panels and were all very pleased. Today is the deadline for signing the contract.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting with Highway Director, Kevin Smith, regarding potential emergency road repairs resulting from Hurricane Irene:

Kevin explained that a great deal of the work that will be needed as a result of the recent hurricane will require substantial amounts of material. Spring Hill Road has been shut down as the bridge has been compromised. As it is not a road with any residences, it will not be given a priority at the present time and an engineer will be hired to review. Tompkins Hill Road and Cook Street both suffered structural damage and will be given priority. An engineer will also be needed for both these roads. Senff Road is structurally sound but will need regravelling and the culvert will be looked at for future storms – may be undersized. Many other roads suffered severe washouts along edges and will also be taken care of. Cost estimates will be done for needed repairs and FEMA will also be assessing damages for reimbursement to the Town. Several property owners suffered damage to their homes and/or property and they too will be referred to FEMA and their insurance companies.

Orchard Lane and Kinney Hill Road (off Slaughterhouse):

S & S Paving and Seymour Sealing will be starting a project on these two roads using a new method and materials. They will be reclaimed, graded and paved. This new process is being tried on these roads, as they are not heavily traversed. If the material "fails" the companies will redo the roads at no cost to the Town. If it holds up well, the Town may use it on larger, busier roads. This new process/material is less expensive than the traditional paving materials and is "greener"-using recycled asphalt as aggregate.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.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