

# August 7, 2008

**Present:** First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen James L. Brinton, and Nicholas N. Solley.

**Press:** Ann Compton – VOICES

**Public:** Tony Bedini

## **Call to Order:**

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

**MOTION:** To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. **Discussion:** Mark explained that in order for the town to receive grant monies from the State of Connecticut a Nondiscrimination Resolution needed to be passed and placed in the file. In this particular case, the grant is about the Beach House and parking area at the Town Beach. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Minutes:**

\* **Motion:** To accept the minutes of the July 24, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the July 28, 2008 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. **Discussion:** The July 28th emergency meeting had to do with the approval of an additional \$7500 for the renovation of the Town Hall Tower and Dome. This would allow for a third coat of paint on the tower, which was felt to be in the best interest of the job and prolong and preserve the work being done. Even with this addition, Valley Restoration was still the low bidder. The motion passed with Jim Brinton abstaining as he was not able to be present at the July 28, 2008 meeting.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

**First Selectman's Report:** Mark reported:

\* Alliance Energy Solutions, with whom the Town had signed a contract for upgrading of the lighting in Town buildings, has notified the Town they have been forced to place the project on hold as the CL&P Energy Efficiency Fund has been suspended due to budget issues. As a result, CL&P is not funding projects at this time. Alliance has lobbied with CL&P and the Department of Public Utilities for reinstatement of funding for projects. The DPUC is currently reviewing the budget situation and ruling is expected by the end of August.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* **Request for Proposal-Land Use Consultant:** As per the discussion at the last Board of Selectmen's meeting with chairmen of the Land Use Commissions, the Board of Selectmen is prepared to publish a Request for Proposal. The Selectmen reviewed this Request today and made suggestions to include in the more detailed "job description" that will be available from the Selectmen's Office. **Motion:** To extend a request for proposals for consulting services related to the study of the Town's Land Use Office. Issues to be addressed are staffing levels, division of tasks and overall organization of the Land Use Office. An understanding of CT Land Use Regulations, responsibilities of town land use commissions and a working knowledge of municipal land use offices and issues is a must. Contact the Office of the First Selectman, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, CT 06794 (860-868-2259) or [selectmen@washingtonct.org](mailto:selectmen@washingtonct.org) for detailed specifications. Proposals will be received until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2008 at the above address.. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. **Discussion:** Following receipt of the proposals by August 29th, the Selectmen will review, ask questions, discuss, and

speak with possible candidates with the hope of “hiring” by the Selectmen’s meeting on September 4th. The motion passed unanimously. The RFP will be sent for publication in a local paper and sent directly to persons who have been recommended or suggested.

\* Assessor’s Clerk position has been advertised.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Nondiscrimination Resolution: See above under Motion to add subsequent business. Motion:

RESOLVED: The Town of Washington hereby adopts as its policy the nondiscrimination agreement and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes 4a-60(a)(1) and 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in the State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** No comments or discussion.

**Adjournment:**

\* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:50 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