

September 17, 2009

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: Tony Bedini, Chris Charles, Ray Underwood, Jason Eddy-Kent Greenhouse.

Call to Order: First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion: A request has been made for the Selectmen to do a Proclamation for the Judea Chapter of the DAR.

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

* Motion: To approve the minutes of the September 3, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* Thank you note from New Preston Cemetery Association has been received thanking the Town of Washington for its contribution to their maintenance fund.

* Mary Jo Keating, Tinker Hill Road has sent an email expressing her appreciation to the Town for the repair work done to the end of the road from which she accesses her property.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

* Household Hazardous Waste Day scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009, New Milford, 9:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

* Mark Bobman, Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee, reported he has received inquiries from Olivers regarding "single stream" recycling pick up and compacting. Other municipalities have done this and found an increase in recycling as residents do not need to separate. Mark Lyon will speak with Rich Oliver for more details on this type of pick up and if it would alter his and/or the Town's costs.

* Romford Road paving is complete, drainage and intersection improvements were also made.

* Tinker Hill (from end of Lake Waramaug) is scheduled to have drainage and paving work done; the dirt section of Findley Road at New Preston Hill Road is also scheduled for paving.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Awarding of Bid for the Landscaping Phase of the Town Beach Project:

Motion: To award the Bid for the Landscaping Phase of the Town Beach Project to L&G Landscaping of Washington, CT for the revised amount of \$20,375.93 (bid amount of \$19,782.46 plus the amount of the required performance bond that was not indicated on the original).

By Nick Solley, seconded by Mark Lyon.

Discussion: Nick explained he had met with Luis Gutierrez, reviewed the plans, plantings, prices, guarantees, etc. Chris Charles asked if the Conservation Commission had submitted suggestions for

plantings. Mark and Nick explained that CC Chair Susan Payne and Dirk Sabin, Landscape Architect, had met and discussed. Jason Eddy of Kent Greenhouse inquired about the change in the bid amount. It was explained that the bid was not revised in any way; the amount changed due to the addition of the cost of the performance bond to Mr. Gutierrez. He was still the low bidder. There was discussion as to what was required at the time of the bid, what was required when awarded and what's required when work starts. Jason expressed some cautionary statements and mentioned that Kent Greenhouse will continue to bid on work of the Town.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Discussion of Lease for rental of Second Floor of Police Station:

Mark and Nick reported that renovations, repairs to the second floor of the Police Station are nearly completed.

Motion: To rent the second floor of the Police Station to Kevin Lamay for \$1200 a month for a one-year period beginning October 1, 2009.

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

* DAR Proclamation:

The Judea Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be hosting a gathering at Judea Cemetery on Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m. in honor of Ebenezer Burgess, a Revolutionary War Patriot and "surveyor of highways" for the Town of Washington. Descendants of Ebenezer's from Colorado and Kansas will be attending.

Motion: To issue a Proclamation honoring Ebenezer Burgess.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. The following was written after the meeting:

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Washington, Connecticut

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The North Purchase of the Town of Woodbury was incorporated in 1779 to become the first township in these United States to be named for our beloved General George Washington, and;

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Burgess, was a dedicated Revolutionary War Patriot, and;

WHEREAS, Ebenezer Burgess, a resident of Washington, became Surveyor of Highways in that Town for the years 1779, 1781 and 1782, and;

WHEREAS, in that capacity, Ebenezer Burgess, did create the grid system of highways that is still used today and was instrumental in creating our Town boundaries that distinguish us from other Towns.

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed, that we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, do hereby declare that Washington will observe September 20, 2009, as part of the State of Connecticut's observation of CONSTITUTION WEEK, as Ebenezer Burgess Day, as a marker is placed in Judea Cemetery by the Arapahoe & Judea Chapters NSDAR.

Signed this 19th day of September 2009 by:

Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman

James L. Brinton, Selectman

Nicholas N. Solley, Selectman

Visitors:

* Chris Charles spoke about the Beach House plans and again expressed his concerns that not enough energy saving standards have been incorporated into the plans and is concerned that the Town has missed an opportunity to build something that will be acceptable for years to come. Chris has submitted his suggestions in writing to the Selectmen.

Mark explained to Chris that his suggestions have been appreciated and have been reviewed with the architect and the Beach Renovation Committee and in fact some have been utilized. Nick and Mark continued to explain that they feel that the new Beach House will be energy efficient within the scope of the budget due to the energy saving measures that have been incorporated.

Chris continued to state that he feels the heating system should have been reviewed more and that opportunities have been missed. Chris then asked to speak about an application that was made to the Inland Wetlands Commission several years ago that dealt with storm water drainage on Romford Road. He maintains that the plans submitted were outdated and did not include all the buildings on the Rumsey Hall campus that were there at the time.

Nick told Chris he was not prepared, having no documents present at this meeting, to discuss this. He reminded Chris he had brought this up before and it was recommended he contact the engineer that submitted the plans and/or Inland Wetlands.

Adjournment:

* Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.
By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary