

September 2, 2010

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.

Press: Ann Compton – VOICES, Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

Public: Valerie Friedman, Wayne Hileman, Chris Charles, Lillian Lyon, John Meeker, Steve Law, Rocky Tomlinson, Keith Templeton.

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion:

To approve the minutes of the August 19, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the minutes of the August 25, 2010 and August 31, 2010 Special Meetings of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* After School Arts Program has written the Board of Selectmen thanking the Town for its continued support and included an invitation to a reception and presentation for the Summer Grant Program recipients at the Washington Art Association on September 26th. * United States Census 2010 has written the Board of Selectmen thanking the Town for its cooperation, assistance and providing of space for the 2010 Census. A Certificate of Recognition was included.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Appointment of Edward S. Bent (D) to the Housing Commission:

Mr. Bent has written the Board of Selectmen expressing his interest in serving on this Commission. He has attended Housing Commission meetings and Chairman Wayne Hileman expressed the favorable comments of his Commission on this appointment.

Motion:

To appoint Edward S. Bent as an alternate to the Housing Commission until 1/1/13.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

First Selectmen's Report:

Mark reported the following:

* Special Selectmen's Meeting has been scheduled with Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile representatives. They will present more information on equipment that may be installed. The Selectmen and the Town would like to have as much information as possible prior to negotiating the lease. A balloon float will be done Friday, September 10 from 8:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the proposed locations at the Town's Highway Department. Floats will be done at 110 and 130 feet heights. Visual analysis will also be done from various locations around Town.

* Washington Primary School Lease:

First Selectmen from Roxbury, Bridgewater and Washington met with the Region #12 Lease Committee.

Several issues of concern in the proposed leases were discussed. The Lease Committee will prepare another “Draft Lease” for review by the Towns.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Replacement of Route 47 Bridge by DOT update:

Mark reported that there have been discussions with Steep Rock regarding the proposed pedestrian bridge for the new Route 47 bridge that will be constructed at Hidden Valley re: fencing, guard rails, placement, etc. Steep Rock has also been working with the DOT and an arborist to discuss saving two trees that initially were thought needed to come down. Steve Law, Executive Director of Steep Rock, explained and confirmed that Steep Rock had two concerns – saving the trees if at all possible, and the aesthetics of the pedestrian bridge and maintaining the view of the river when traveling over the bridge.

* Discussion of recording of Board of Selectmen’s meeting:

Mark explained that recording of the Selectmen’s meetings is not required. They are business meetings, not hearings. What would be the relevance or value of recording – in addition to the minutes being filed, stored, etc. in the form they presently are? Nick Solley stated he felt that the policy of taking minutes should remain as it is – and the Selectmen should not make a recording a requirement. He also felt that the Selectmen should have the right to record a meeting if there were questions, controversial issues, speakers, etc. All Selectmen were in agreement to continue “business as usual”.

NEW BUSINESS:

* 9/11 Proclamation:

Motion:

To honor all lives lost on September 11, 2001, particularly members of emergency services, and to show our appreciation to those who serve, September 11, 2010 will be declared as The Town of Washington’s Emergency Services Day by passing the following Proclamation.

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, the terrorist actions in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania of September 11, 2001, will never be forgotten by the citizens of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington supports the honoring of all lives lost as a result of that tragedy, particularly the members of all emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington recognizes that a free and open society depends upon citizen involvement in caring for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the highest form of citizenship is when individuals place the safety and well-being of others above themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington deeply appreciates those who so unselfishly serve—the volunteer members of our Town Emergency Services;

NOW THEREFOR, be it proclaimed, that we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington,

Connecticut, does hereby declare that Washington will observe September 10, 2010 as Emergency Services Day.

AND FURTHERMORE, be it proclaimed, that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, invites all citizens to give thanks for and honor all volunteer members of our Town Emergency Services.

Signed, this second day of September, 2010 by:

Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman

James L. Brinton, Selectman

Nicholas N. Solley, Selectmen

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

A September 11th Memorial Service will be held at the Depot Firehouse on Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. There will also be a Blood Drive at the Fire House on September 10.

Visitors: No Comments.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.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