

September 30, 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: Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

Public: Steve Wadelton, John Meeker, Robert “Rocky” Tomlinson, Sheila Anson.

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 September 16, 2010 Regular Meeting, the September 23 Special Meeting and the September 24 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

MOTION:

To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion:

Mark explained that this would deal with an update/discussion of material storage at the Highway Garage on Blackville Road.

The motion passed unanimously.

Communications:

None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Resignation of Peter Talbot from the Historic District Commission:

A letter has been received from Peter Talbot confirming his resignation from the Historic District Commission as of the end of the August 16, 2010 meeting. Peter had been a member since 1993. The Board of Selectmen accepted his resignation with appreciation for his years of service.

First Selectman’s Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Special Selectmen’s Meeting Scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2010 at 7:00p.m. Agenda:

Board of Selectmen and invited members of the Parks and Recreation Commission to explain selection process for Beach House tenant/caretaker to settle FOI Complaint Docket #2010-299. Hank Martin will serve as Facilitator and questions will be accepted from the public that are relevant to the FOI complaint.

* Board of Selectmen/Land Use Commission Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Meeting:

Tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

* Housatonic Railroad Company has received favorable responses from Towns and would like to

continue the development of passenger service between Pittsfield, MA and Danbury, CT

OLD BUSINESS:

*** Discussion of Washington Primary School Lease:**

Mark explained that the Region #12 Lease Committee met Monday 9/27 and addressed issues/concerns that Washington had, i.e. term of lease, number of 10 year renewals, establishment of maintenance fund, etc. Mark is comfortable with the changes made, as is Town Attorney David Miles. He will send copies of this latest draft to members of the Board of Finance for their review (their approval is not necessary). By State Statute, the lease will need to be approved by the Planning Commission prior to going to a Town Meeting for townspeople approval. Motion:

To support Draft #22 of the Primary School Lease and to proceed with the process for approval.

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

*** Cell Tower update and discussion:**

Representatives of Verizon Wireless, AT&T and T-Mobile attended a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen on September 24th. Some residents of Calhoun and Ives expressed visual concerns. Mark has subsequently contacted AT&T and T-Mobile requesting information on what they would propose to install on the tower as co-locators with Verizon. Most townspeople who have contacted this office have expressed support of a telecommunications tower on the proposed Highway Department site.

Motion:

To work with the Cell Tower Committee and proceed, with their recommendation, on hiring a consultant and working on the lease.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion:

Verizon has provided a great deal of information and fulfilled all requests made to them. Selectmen are in agreement to move forward.

The motion passed unanimously.

*** Material Storage at Town Garage property:**

ZBA had recommendations in regard to the area that would be used for material storage at the Blackville Road Town Garage site. The Selectmen have addressed these with Howland & Associates and changes have been made to the plans. The Town will re-submit them to ZBA – applying for a variance.

Residential setbacks need to be abided by, as a portion of the property is located in a residential zone.

NEW BUSINESS:

*** Purchase of a used generator for the Highway Department:**

The Town has the opportunity to purchase a used generator for \$4000. New would cost approximately \$8-9000. Discussion occurred about its capacity to run the entire garage, the benefits of purchasing new equipment with certain features, etc. It was decided to do more research. * Bid for new or used pick up truck:

truck:

Motion:

To extend an Invitation to Bid for a new or used pick up truck according to specifications provided by the Highway Director and First Selectman.

By Nick Solley, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

* Robert “Rocky” Tomlinson expressed concern about the Town becoming “overly regulated” with ordinances, regulations, fee schedules, etc. He feels it is up to the Board of Selectmen to bring normalcy back to Town.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:34 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