

September 3, 2009

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman James L. Brinton.

Public: Chris Charles.

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion:

To approve the minutes of the August 20, 2009 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Communications:

* September 11th Memorial Service:

Mark Lyon read the following Press Release:

The Washington Volunteer Fire Department will host a Memorial Service to remember the fire fighters, emergency medical service personnel, law enforcement officers, military personnel, and civilians who died in the attack on our country on September 11, 2001.

This year in an effort to allow people who might like to attend but cannot during the day, the Fire Department is changing the time of our service from morning to evening.

The public is invited to join us at the Washington Depot Fire House, 109 Bee Brook Road, on Friday, September 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The service is expected to last approximately one half hour. The Ladies Auxiliary will provide a light reception after the service.

For more information, contact Tom Osborne at 868-7473 or Mark Showalter at 868-9042.

* Mark announced that a Blood Drive will also be held at the Washington Depot Firehouse on September 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

* Congressman Christopher Murphy's Office has been meeting with the District Manager of the US Postal Service. There is a list of 13 post offices that are scheduled to close or consolidate in the district – none of which are in Washington. No more will be listed until after October 1st.

* 108 New Milford Turnpike:

The Town of Washington has received its deposit back from the seller's agent. First Selectman Lyon has written a letter expressing the Town's disappointment and requesting a re-opening of negotiations. He has heard nothing back as of this writing.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Opening of Bids for the Landscaping Phase of the Town Beach Project:

The following bids were received:

- 1) Kent Greenhouse, Kent, CT - \$23,041.60
- 2) Environmental Designs, Southington, CT - \$33,895.00
+ \$ 1,845.00 alternate
- 3) Nature Shaper, Roxbury, CT - \$27,965.00
- 4) L&G Landscaping, Washington, CT - \$19,782.46
+ \$ 2,685.25 alternate

The bid will be awarded at the regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting on September 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Adjusting of Transfer Station Fees for the disposal of tires:

Mark Lyon explained that the adjustment to is necessary because of the rise in the Town's cost for disposal.

Motion:

To adjust the cost of disposal of tires at the Transfer Station as follows:

motorcycle from \$3.00 to \$3.50;

light truck from \$4.00 to \$5.00; and

large truck from \$12.00 to \$13.00.

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

* September 11th Proclamation:

Motion:

To adopt 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 11, 2009 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 fourth day of September, 2009 by:
Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman
James L. Brinton, Selectman
Nicholas N. Solley, Selectmen

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

* Proclamation honoring the 30th Anniversary of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department:

Motion:

To adopt the following Proclamation:

*TOWN OF WASHINGTON
PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department, is celebrating it's Thirtieth Anniversary, and

WHEREAS, the Ladies Auxiliary has been an integral and vital member of the community of the Town of Washington; and

WHEREAS, they have provided unwavering dedication and support to the Washington Volunteer Firemen for these thirty years,

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed, that we, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, do hereby declare that Washington recognizes the Ladies Auxiliary of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department.

Signed this 3rd day of September 2009:
Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman
James L. Brinton, Selectman
Nicholas N. Solley, Selectman

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

Visitors:

* Chris Charles inquired about the Beach Project and the heating system for the Beach House specifically.

Mark explained that the project contractors, Ruscoe and Sedito, are reviewing and also looking at the air circulation system for the lower level/basement. A dehumidification system will most likely be used in the bathrooms and office.

Chris explained that a smaller heating system can be installed if enough insulation is in place, etc. which can result in substantial savings to the Town.

Adjournment:

* Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:43p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary