

• **September 6, 2007**

Present: First Selectman Richard C. Sears, Selectmen Nicholas N. Solley and Mark E. Lyon.

Press: Ann Compton-VOICES

Public: Janet Buoniauto, Ken Cornet, Kevin Smith, representatives from bidding companies.

Call to Order: First Selectman Sears called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the August 23, 2007 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Opening of Bids for Boat Ramp and Parking:** The following bids were received:

1. Hawley Construction, Danbury, CT \$296,376.10
2. Stone Construction, Southbury, CT \$339,714.49
3. Knox Construction, Litchfield, CT \$283,500.00
4. Housatonic Valley Construction, Kent, CT \$477,075.00

Bids will be sent to the engineer for review and, if possible, will be awarded at the September 20, 2007 Selectmen's meeting.

- **Opening of Bids for Fire Cistern, New Preston:** The following bids were received:

1. Arrow Concrete Products, Granby, CT \$19,300.00
2. Rotondo Precast, Avon, CT \$19,750.00

plus crane charge of \$ 2,298.00

3. Target Enterprises, Thomaston, CT \$23,598.57
4. United Concrete Products, Yalesville, CT \$22,330.00

Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the September 20, 2007 Selectmen's meeting.

Mark Lyon asked for clarification on bid -Invitation to Bid included delivery and installation. Nick Solley explained that most companies that carry cisterns apparently do not have the equipment, i.e. crane, to place it.

- **Concrete Floor, Town Garage:** The following bids were received:

1. Hawley Construction, Danbury, CT \$27,307.00
2. MGM Concrete Construction, Newington, CT \$23,100.00
3. Sean Masi, AI, Southbury, CT \$27,242.60

Bids will be reviewed and awarded at the September 20, 2007 Selectmen's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request for Proposal for Engineering Services for Walker Brook Road Bridge:** Dick Sears explained that the State DOT inspects all bridges and notifies each municipality of needed repair and or replacement. This particular bridge is next on Washington's list. **Motion:** To request proposals for engineering services related to the replacement of Walker Brook Road Bridge No. 6103. Quotations should include preliminary engineering services, bidding/contract services and construction (design/contract) services. More information may be obtained from the Office of the First Selectman. Bids will be due by 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2007. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.
- **Extend an Invitation to Bid for Tennis Court resurfacing:** Information for specifications was not received by the time of this meeting.
- **Extend an Invitation to Bid for Generator: Motion:** To extend an Invitation to Bid for a 60KW emergency propane fueled generator. Detailed specifications and information may be obtained from the Office of the First Selectman. Bids will be due by 4:00 p.m. on September 20, 2007. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Dick Sears explained that the preparation work for a generator for the Town Hall had been done with the understanding that the Town was to be the recipient of a generator, donated by a local resident. Unfortunately and for unknown reasons, the donator chose to donate the generator to another municipality. Therefore, purchase of a generator is now necessary. Mark Lyon asked if the bidding process had been circumvented because of this "promise" of a donation and should the project as a whole been put out to bid. The other Selectmen felt that the preparation work had been done in stages and it is unfortunate that the donation fell through. Mark abstained and the motion passed.
- **Proclamation Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the New Preston Congregational Church:** Dick read a Proclamation, approved by the Board of Selectmen, that will be read at the New Preston's Congregational Church's celebration on Sunday, September 9, 2007. A copy is attached to these minutes on file with the Town Clerk.
- **9/11 Proclamation Honoring the Town of Washington's Emergency Services:** Dick read a Proclamation approved by the Board of Selectmen, that will be read at the Ceremony held at the Washington Depot Firehouse on 9/11 at 9:30 a.m. A copy is attached to these minutes on file with the Town Clerk.
- **Sign for Nick Platt Field:** Lisa Easter, Parks and Rec Commission Coordinator, sent a memo to the Board of Selectmen asking for permission to have a sign posted at the Nick Platt Field stating that the park closes at dusk. This comes as a result of complaints of loitering and vandalism. The Selectmen unanimously approved the placement of such a sign. This now gives the Police the authority to act.
- **E-Waste Recycling:** Dick explained he had been doing research on the problem of what to do with

"Electronic waste" in the Town. This would include computers, TV's, VCR's, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries, etc. At present, many are being disposed of in the solid waste containers and as they contain hazardous chemicals, they should not be. The Town of Morris is working with a company called "WE RECYCLE" that provides containers and picks up E-waste for a fee. The program is designed to pay for itself by user fees. Morris is extremely pleased with the working of the program. \$3000 would be the approximate cost to purchase a container and a pallet jack. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of such a program, should there be a "trial period," etc., with the Selectmen agreeing that it would be very beneficial to the Town and to the environment. **Motion:** To request an ex-budget appropriation of up to \$3000.00 from the Board of Finance to begin an E-Waste Recycling Program in the Town of Washington. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Sears and unanimously approved.

- **Used-oil furnace:** Dick spoke of the problem of what to do with used motor oil in the Town. Titus Park Garage no longer wants to take oil from the public - for reasons of storage, cost, etc. The Town of Warren has installed a furnace in their highway department garage that uses the waste oil collected in their Town. For Washington to do this, a furnace would need to be purchased and installed in our garage. This system, installed, would cost approximately \$14,000. If the Selectmen felt it was something to pursue, an ex-budget appropriation would need to be requested or a vote taken at a Town Meeting. The Selectmen spoke of the need for maintenance of such a system- especially if there was contamination, transportation of the oil from the transfer station to the garage, possibility of people dropping at garage as opposed to transfer station, cost, etc. Mark offered to do more research. Nick felt that if it were something the Town wished to pursue, it would be better to figure it into the budget process for the next fiscal year.

- **New Police offices:** The Police Department will be completely moved into their new offices in the Old Firehouse by next week. An Open House is scheduled for September 25, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Visitors:

- **Janet Buonaiuto** asked about asbestos and lead testing of the old boathouse at the Town Beach property that had been demolished. Testing for lead had not been done. Dick explained that if there was thought that this was problematic, he was certain that the demolition company and or the company removing the materials would have pursued it. Janet also stated it was her understanding that a form needed to be filed with the State and this was not done. The Selectmen will follow up on this. She also asked if plans for the boat ramp had changed that would affect the permits that had been gotten from the Land Use offices. Dick explained that the only changes were more detailed specifications needed for the bidding contractors.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:39 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dick Sears, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary