

# January 17

**Present:** First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen Richard O. Carey and Anthony J. Bedini.

**Press:** Mike Preato – VOICES.

**Public:** Robert Tomlinson, Nick Solley, Ray Vergati – Homeland Towers.

## **Call to Order:**

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

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the January 3, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Dick Carey, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Dick Carey, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

## **First Selectman's Report:**

Mark Lyon reported the following:

\* CHK Architect, Hugh Schweitzer, coming tomorrow to meet with Selectmen and members of the Buildings and Property Commission to discuss plans for the lower level of the Town Hall and to discuss the stage area and auditorium. Mark explained that at the meeting last week with the Selectmen, Buildings & Property Commission and Bryan Memorial Town Hall Trustees, the consensus of opinion was to reconstruct the stage area as a meeting room – divided from the Main Hall auditorium, with the possibility of “raising” the floor level.

\* New Highway trucks – the last new truck has been received, one is still having the sander installed.

2013-2014 Budget Workshops with the Board of Selectmen will begin next weeks. Schedule will be posted.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Proposed cell tower on Town property update:

Mark Lyon explained that the most recent draft lease has been reviewed again by Murtha Cullina (on behalf of the Town), and has worked with Ray Vergati of Homeland Towers, to clarify the last few details.

Motion:

To accept the proposed Lease Agreement with Homeland Towers and to move the process forward for approval of placement of a cell tower on Town property at a Town Meeting.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

The next step will be the balloon float – scheduled for January 26, 2013 from 7:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Inclement Weather date: February 2, 2013).

Motion:

To scheduled a Public Information Meeting on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall.

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

\* Homeland Towers will provide information and photos for the public – including simulations of the different type towers. Following the Public Information Meeting, a Special Town Meeting will be held for the townspeople to vote on acceptance of the lease. Once the lease is signed, Homeland Towers will solicit providers and once that is successfully done, will go to the Siting Council. The Siting Council will assign a docket number and informs the Town of the application. It then has 90 days in which a public information meeting and/or balloon float can be conducted; or, the Town can waive the 90-day period, as this will have already taken place. If waived, the Siting Council can proceed with the application process and schedule a Public Hearing.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

\* DEMHS Memorandum of Agreement:

Motion:

Be it resolved that the First Selectman may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security many and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and further resolved, that Mark E. Lyon, as First Selectman of Town of Washington, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Washington and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini.

Discussion:

Mark explained that this M of A is done annually to give him the authority to act on behalf of the Town in applying for State Homeland Security grand funding and “custodial ownership” of equipment.

The motion passed unanimously.

\* Regional School District #12 school budget voting hours:

The Board of Education has proposed changing the hours for the School Budget referendum from 6.m. to 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Superintendent Pat Cosentino will agree to this change if the Boards of Selectmen in Bridgewater, Roxbury and Washington approve.

Motion:

To accept the suggested change of 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. as the hours for the School Budget Referendum.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

\* Election of Board of Education members:

The Selectmen discussed the process for election of Washington's Board of Ed members - nominations and vote taken at the annual May Town Meeting; or to hold a Special Town Meeting in late March or early April to nominate candidates, have them provide information, etc. and then have their names placed on a ballot at the School Budget Referendum. The Selectmen decided on the latter and will notify the Board of Education.

**Visitors:**

\* Robert Tomlinson – Director of Emergency Management, advised the Selectmen that he has attended several meetings regarding safety and security following the tragedy in Newtown. The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) will be holding a meeting on February 4, 2013 from 4:00-6:00p.m. at the Washington Depot Firehouse. Private and public school representatives will be invited to get together with the LEPC for discussion that will involve “all hazards”.

**Adjournment:**

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:25p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Secretary