

January 30, 2014

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen Richard O. Carey and Jay Hubelbank.

Public: Tony Bedini, Rocky Tomlinson, Nick Solley, John Kuck.

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 16, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the January 23, 2014 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Dick Carey, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* Woodbury First Selectman Bill Butterly sent a thank you to the Selectmen of Washington for "lending" Highway Department employee, Rich Lamothe, to Woodbury in their time of need.

* Clark Chapin has written regarding electric suppliers and cautioning residents to be aware of price fluctuations, contracts with new suppliers on line, etc.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Resignation of Susan Bishop-Wrabel as an alternate on the Planning Commission:

Susan has written tendering her resignation as her professional obligations have made it difficult to attend meetings. This leaves a vacancy for an alternate on the Commission - Mark will notify the Democratic Town Committee and ask for suggestions.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported on the following:

* 2012-2013 Financial Audit of the Town has been completed. At the completion of the fiscal year, there was a surplus of funds and overall revenue had increased.

* Board of Education Informational Meeting regarding regionalizing the three primary schools will be held Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Board of Ed member, Tony Bedini, explained that this meeting would be dealing with the building and costs only - not the educational plan. Repairs to the Shepaug Middle/High School may also be discussed. Tony further explained the Region #12 Board of Education was planning on one referendum in April to vote on both the middle/high school repairs and the consolidation of the primary schools - presented in two or three questions. Dick Carey suggested there also be discussion at this informational meeting about declining school population in the Region and projections for the

future.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Awarding of bid for the Town Garage Design/Build Project:

Mark Lyon explained that the Board of Selectmen and Buildings and Properties Commissioners met with Todd Parsons of Lenard Engineering who had reviewed all the bids received then met with the two lowest bidders - PDS Construction and Hawley Construction.

Motion:

To award the Design Build Project for the Town Garage to PDS Construction & Engineering for \$1,503,971.00.

By Dick Carey, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion:

The Selectmen explained that both low bidders submitted excellent proposals, and after careful examination of all points, chose PDS. John Kuck of Hawley Construction expressed his "sadness" on not being awarded the bid. He stated that Hawley was the lowest bidder and felt they were more than qualified for the job. The Selectmen stated that timing of construction, daily on-the-job supervision, etc. were all key factors in their choice.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Visitors:

* Rocky Tomlinson spoke of a community service project taken on by the Republican Town Committee - residents of Town may purchase for \$20 a reflective street number sign that can be affixed to a mailbox or fence post. This will greatly assist emergency services in responding to a home. For more information, contact Rocky Tomlinson at 860-488-7711.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:52 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary