

October 15, 2009

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: Ann Compton – VOICES, Jack Coraggio – Litchfield County Times.

Public: Valerie Friedman, Michael Scuteri.

Call to Order:

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

MOTION:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion – Mark explained that this had to do with a Resolution authorizing him to sign a State grant.

The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the October 1, 2009 Regular Meeting with the following correction:

Under the First Selectman's Report "AARA" grants should be "ARRA" grants.

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

Communications:

* Letter from the Planning Commission regarding the implementing of traffic calming measures:

Adelaide Roberts, Chairman of the Planning Commission, wrote a letter to the First Selectman explaining the Commission's concern about continued speeding in Town, particularly in the Depot. One of the short-term goals of the Depot Study was to implement "traffic calming" measures. As the Town has purchased a flashing speed limit sign that shows drivers how fast they are going, the Commission respectfully requested that it be used. The Selectmen discussed the request and Jim Brinton explained he had gotten the necessary permits to place the sign on State roads (in addition to Town roads). The Selectmen agreed to speak with the Resident Trooper and request it regular use.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark reported on the following:

* Tinker Hill Road:

Paving from West Shore Road up to #55 has been completed. Paving of driveway aprons and "finish work" will be done the week of October 19th.

* DOT Meeting:

Stimulus funds for bridge work would amount to only \$275,000 for the Town of Washington. As the total cost for the Town would be approximately \$675,000 to \$1 million, and the difference is not budgeted, the funds cannot be utilized.

* Plumb Hill Road:

Drainage work is scheduled to begin next week.

* Town Meeting:

At the October 5th, 2009 Town Meeting, the Resolution scheduling the Annual Town Budget Hearing and Meeting was amended to hold the Budget Meeting on Saturday, May 22nd, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. The amended Resolution passed. At the October meeting, several of those in attendance had a recollection of an Ordinance being passed several years ago that stated that all Town Meetings would be held at 7:30 p.m. unless there was an emergency. Supporting documentation of this ordinance was not located until after the meeting had adjourned. A Special Town Meeting will have to be held to change the May meeting from Saturday at 10:00 a.m. back, most likely to the original May 20th date, at 7:30 p.m.

* Flu and H1N1 vaccines:

The New Milford VNA has notified the Selectmen's Office that the supply of vaccines they were scheduled to receive for the seasonal flu has been decreased and the H1N1 vaccine is just beginning to be distributed in the State. A flu shot clinic is scheduled for October 29th at the Senior Center but this is not yet confirmed because of the supply issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Opening of Bids for the construction of a fireplace at the River Walk Pavilion:

The following bids were received:

1)Michael Scuteri, Seymour, CT	\$24,000.00
2)FSM Services, New Milford, CT	\$17,750.00
3)Lenny Fleet, Warren, CT	\$23,500.00
Fieldstone Option	\$25,500.00
4)Johnson's Masonry, Roxbury, CT	\$19,900.00
5)Stephen Saharek, Washington, CT	\$23,735.00

Additional Recommendations suggested.

The Selectmen will review with the Parks and Recreation Commission and will award the bid at the Selectmen's Meeting on October 29th, contingent on funding being in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Local Bridge Program Resolution:

Motion: To pass the following:

Be it Resolved, that Mark E. Lyon, First Selectman of the Town of Washington is authorized to sign the agreement "Project Grant Agreement Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Washington Under the Local Bridge Program for Nettleton Hollow Road over Sprain Brook, Bridge N. 05164.

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

Visitors:

* Valerie Friedman expressed appreciation for the paving and drainage work done on Romford Road and West Morris Road respectfully.

Adjournment:

* Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:49 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