

November 21, 2013

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

Public: Clifford Woodruff, Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson, Janet Wildman, Nick Solley, Chris Charles, Tony Bedini, Mike Sivick, Addie Roberts, Jane Boyer, Peter Talbot.

Press: Loumarie Rodriguez.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* Cramer & Anderson Law Firm letter:

regarding their offering legal municipal services. Mark Lyon explained that the Town of Washington has used Cramer and Anderson on individual matters and will most likely continue to do so. However, the Town's agreement with Attorney David Miles to provide services as the Town's Attorney has worked very well and the Town will continue to use him.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Appointment of Anthony J. Bedini to the Planning Commission:

Planning Chairman Addie Roberts, Vice-Chair Sarah Gager and other commissioners have expressed support for this appointment. Mr. Bedini has expressed his interest in serving and attends most meetings.

Motion:

To appoint Anthony J. Bedini (U) as an alternate to the Planning Commission until 12/31/13.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported on the following:

* Solarize Connecticut Campaign Launch was held Wednesday evening (11/20) and was very well attended. Information will be available on the website. The company offering installation of solar systems in Town appears to have very competitive pricing with other companies. Solar feasibility and proposals are free of charge.

* Connecticut Siting Council has granted the Town "Party" status for the cell tower application

made by Homeland Towers for the construction of a cell tower on Town property. One proposal the Town would like to make as a "Party" would be for a single source power generator – eliminating the need for separate generators for the individual carriers.

Motion:

To request the Town be allowed to be part of the testimony at the Public Hearing in regard to single source power generator.

By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

* Jay Hubelbank inquired as to the timetable should approvals be obtained, etc. Mark Lyon explained that if all went well, the tower would most likely be in operation by the third quarter of 2014.

* Governor's Resource Recovery Task Force of which Mark Lyon is a member, is continuing to study the economics of trash to energy.

* Washington to Washington Project has been suggested by the Republican Town Committee. This would be a town-wide project to aid the Town of Washington, Illinois that was heavily hit by a tornado. Town Clerk, Sheila Anson, has contacted the Town Hall in Washington, ILL and will continue to follow up to get more information and in what way we could be most helpful. Presently there is a local bank accepting monetary donations. The RTCs thought was to enlist various Town organizations, Thrift Shop, Lion's Club, PTOs, etc. in hopes of getting donations that would be the most helpful. The idea is very much in its early stages but will hopefully continue to become a reality.

MOTION:

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey.

Discussion:

The request has been made to request the use of Town property as a designated parking space. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Request for Proposal for Public Works Garage Design-Build Project:
Lenard Engineering has completed their plans for the new Town Garage.

Motion:

Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received from qualified Design/Build Contractors by The Town of Washington until 4:30 PM on January 9, 2014 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Details of the proposal and Contract Documents are on file in the office of the First Selectman and may be reviewed during normal business hours. Copies may be obtained at the office of the First Selectman upon the payment of a non-refundable fee of \$75 per set, payable to The Town of Washington. Each prospective proposer, bidder,

subcontractor, or material supplier who purchases Contract Documents shall provide to The Town of Washington their firm's name, address, email address, phone number, and fax number. Technical questions may be directed to: Todd Parsons, PE, Lenard Engineering, Inc. 140 Willow Street, Suite #8, Winsted, CT 06098, 860-379-6669. Each proposer must deposit security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total proposal at the time proposal is submitted, in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Contract Documents. The Bidders attention is called to the requirement to pay prevailing wage rates for work on this project. A mandatory pre-proposal conference to review the scope of work will be held on December 3, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the project site at 10 Blackville Road, Washington, CT. An alternate snowdate will be December 4, 2013 at 9:00 AM. The Town of Washington reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to waive any defects, irregularities, or informalities, if such rejection or waivers are deemed to be in the best interest of the Town. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the name of the Proposer, his address, and with the words "Sealed Proposal, Public Works Garage Design-Build Project" clearly marked in bold letters on the outside of the envelope, on or before the time and date above, to Mark T. Lyon, First Selectman.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

* Request by Ericson Insurance Agency for designated parking spot through Peter Talbot, Architect:

Peter Talbot has submitted a letter explaining that in keeping with the goals of both the Planning and Zoning Commission to increase residential use in the Depot, Ericson Insurance is considering creating a one bedroom apartment at 4 Green Hill Road over what is now Marty's. According to Zoning regulations, the only outstanding hurdle to this a dedicated parking space for this residential unit. A space has been suggested in the lot between the building in discussion and the Pantry. There was considerable discussion regarding the best placement of the spot keeping plowing, etc. in mind. Mark Lyon stated that in theory he, and most likely the Board of Selectmen, would be in favor of this request however they would like to discuss the matter further with Highway Director, Kevin Smith and give a definitive answer at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Visitors:

* Peter Talbot inquired about the Old Town Garage property on Titus Road. He has heard that due to the activity, noise, etc. Barbara Brinton has lost tenants. Mark Lyon explained that the past several weeks have been very busy, and noisy, with the processing of accumulated road materials into usable material. It is his hope that at the December Zoning Commission meeting, the Town can apply to use an outdoor storage area in the vicinity of the new cell tower site. If this is approved, the materials from Titus Road would be moved over the winter.

* Clifford Woodruff asked if the Town had ever considered designating a fenced in area on Town property as a dog park. He suggested a corner of the Nick Platt Field that would not interfere with the space needed for soccer games, the playground, etc. Mark Lyon explained the subject had come up in the past and a suitable site had not yet been determined. Clifford also asked the Town to give preference to hiring returning veterans. He feels that all too often they have given so much to keep us free and protect us, yet when they return home they get only menial jobs. Mark stated he saw no reason that the Town would not support the veterans if they apply for a job opening. Clifford's third request/suggestion was to have bulletin boards around Town where emergency information, updates could be posted etc. His thought is that the phone calls that went out town-

wide during Storm Albert, etc. was very helpful but if the phone service went out, these boards could be extremely useful in getting the word out. Mike Sivick also suggested computerized message boards.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary