

# November 7, 2013

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

**Public:** Nick Solley, Chris Charles.

**Press:** Loumarie Rodriguez-VOICES, Jack Coraggio – Waterbury Republican.

## **Call to Order:**

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the October 24, 2013 Regular Meeting and the October 29, 2013 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

**Communications:** None.

## **Appointments/Resignations:**

\* Appointment of Anthony J. Bedini to the Buildings and Property Commission until July 1, 2016. Mark Lyon has spoken with Tony Bedini re: this appointment. Tony has been very involved with the conditions of Town properties, work completed and work still needing to be done, etc.

Motion:

To appoint Anthony J. Bedini to fill a vacancy on the Buildings and Property Commission until July 1, 2016.

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

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

Mark Lyon reported the following:

\* Solarize Connecticut Campaign:

Mark has attended several meetings and has appointed several "Ambassadors" for the Town. There will be an official kickoff of the campaign on November 20, 2013 at 7:15 p.m. to begin to get the word out to the public. This is a joint venture with the Town of Roxbury. For every solar installation done, the Town will receive energy points that can be put toward solar installation(s) for the Town itself.

\* Northwest Connecticut Council of Governments (NWCOC):

will be merging with the Northwest Hill Council of Governments with an office in Goshen, CT. Staff will remain the same. With the larger merger, there will be more offerings to the Town in areas such as economic initiatives, housing, etc.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Filing by the Town for “party” status with the CT Siting Council re: cell tower application on Town Property by Homeland Towers:

Motion:

To file for Party status with the Connecticut Siting Council for the application made by Homeland Towers for the construction of a cell tower on Town property.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey.

Discussion:

Attorney Burt Cohen of Murtha Cullina has recommended this filing as opposed to filing as an “Intervenor”. The motion passed unanimously. Mark has asked the Land Use office to send an email to the various commissions requesting they submit any questions they may have by November 19th – the Town has the opportunity to submit this information to the Siting Council by November 26th. It is advisable to get as much information to the Siting Council prior to the Public Hearing on December 3rd. As a Party, the Town will have the opportunity to present testimony, ask questions of the applicant and others. A site visit is scheduled for December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. – there will be a balloon float-weather permitting. The “evidentiary hearing” will be held at the Town Hall from 3:00-5:00p.m. The public hearing (at which the public can comment) will be held at 7:00 p.m. If all goes well, the Siting Council will rule on the application by the end of the first quarter of 2014.

Construction and activation would occur after that.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Resolution authorizing the First Selectman to execute documents on behalf of the Town of Washington with the Homeland Security Grant program:

Mark Lyon explained that this is done every year in order to receive equipment, etc. through Homeland Security grants.

Motion:

Resolved, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and Further Resolved, that Mark E. Lyon, as First Selectman of the Town of Washington, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen 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 and unanimously approved.

## **Visitors:**

\* Mary Anne Greene, Selectmen’s Secretary and resident of the Town of Washington, expressed gratitude to Tony Bedini for his service to the Board of Selectmen and to the Town.

\* Mark Lyon also thanked Tony for his diligence on numerous projects and his willingness to continue on the Buildings and Property Commission, stating it has been a “pleasure” to work with Tony and will continue to be so.

\* Tony Bedini thanked the Selectmen and the Town for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Selectmen and assured us “he wasn’t going very far”.

**Adjournment:**

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

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

Respectfully submitted, Mary Anne Greene Selectmen’s Secretary