

November 10, 2010

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman Nicholas N. Solley.

Press: Ann Compton – VOICES.

Public: Judge Victoria Cherniske, John Meeker.

Call to Order:

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

To add subsequent business not already on the agenda.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion: Mark explained Judge Cherniske has requested to speak to the Board of Selectmen regarding probate records.

The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

* Motion:

To approve the minutes of the October 28, 2010 Regular Meeting, the November 3, 2010 Joint Meeting with the Building & Property Commission and the November 4, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Communications:

State Department of Transportation approval of crosswalks:

Requests for crosswalks on Route 202 by the White Horse Tavern and on Route 47 from Parsonage Lane to Kirby Road have been approved. Installation will hopefully occur in the not-too-distant future.

Appointments/Resignations:

None.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported on the following:

Old Town Garage clean up is progressing for moving materials to new garage on Blackville Road.

Cell Tower Committee and Board of Selectmen will be scheduling a meeting regarding moving ahead with the lease with Verizon for the proposed tower on Town property.

Generator for Highway garage:

An electrician, other than Wright Electric, will be performing a load test before any further decisions are made on the purchase of the used generator vs. purchase of a new one.

OLD BUSINESS:

Awarding of bid for Highway Department Pickup Truck:

Motion:

To award the bid for the Town Highway Department Truck to Litchfield Ford for a F-250, \$23,035 minus \$2340 trade-in for a total of \$20,695. which includes the following four options: limited slip axle, all terrain tires, roof clearance lights and up fitter switches.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

,u>Awarding of RFP for Shepaug River Floodplain mapping:

Motion:

To award the bid for surveying services for mapping of a portion of the Shepaug River Floodplain to Samuel P. Bertaccini, Jr. per RFP with addendums for \$13,653.00.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley.

Discussion: Lenard Engineering has reviewed, insurance has been received, etc.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judge Victoria Cherniske re: Probate Records:

“Tara” attended today’s meeting to discuss what will happen with the Probate Court records once the Probate Court consolidation occurs and the Town’s Court is closed. She explained the State Probate Administration’s regulations and guidelines regarding records, paperwork, volumes, storing, those that have been or will be microfiched, those that can and will be destroyed, etc. for the different years. The Town’s Court has volumes dating back to 1832. Residents of Washington will be able to go to Southbury to access information. There was discussion as to whether or not the Town can and should keep all volumes (which are made up of copies of original documents) and if so where they will be stored, and who will be responsible to oversee them. Tara personally has concerns about volumes being destroyed (once they are microfiched) as she feels these records are important for the history of the Town. John Meeker suggested the possibility of looking into their being stored at the Gunn Library. The Board of Selectmen will review and discuss further.

Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security Resolution:

Motion:

To pass the following Resolution:

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 Board of Selectmen, 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 Nick Solley.

Discussion:

Mark explained we pass this authorizing resolution each year and it deals with any equipment the Town may receive from DEMHS will be maintained by the Town (i.e. emergency communication equipment).

The motion passed unanimously.

Request from Lenard Engineering to put monitoring wells on Town property:

Mark explained that Lenard Engineering had contacted him in regard to the clean up of contaminated soil at the old Texaco Station. The Department of Environmental Protection is requiring monitoring wells to be installed as part of the abatement for a period of time and some will need to be on Town property

(grassy area between gas station and sidewalk in the Plaza). Motion: To approve the request of Lenard Engineering to place monitoring wells on Town Property in Bryan Plaza. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley. Discussion: Lenard will provide a map showing the exact locations of the wells prior to their being installed. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

John Meeker asked if the new pickup truck being purchased would have the Town's logo on the side. He indicated that there are other trucks that presently do not have it. The Selectmen will speak with Kevin Smith and ask that all trucks have it placed on the side door.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:16 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