

# November 23, 2010

*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. **Public:** Chris Charles.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

## **Minutes:**

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the minutes of the November 19, 2010 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

## **Communications:**

\* State of Connecticut/Department of Public Safety:

As of November 1, 2010, Lt. David Delvecchia has been appointed as the new Commander of State Police Troop L – replacing Lt. Sean Boyne who has retired from the Troop L and recently become New Milford's Chief of Police.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

**First Selectman's Report:** Mark Lyon reported the following:

\* Shepaug River Mapping: The aerial mapping of a portion of the Shepaug River Valley will be done next week (weather permitting).

\* AT&T Cell Tower Proposal – 17 Warren Road, Washington: The Selectmen's Office has received the technical report from AT&T for the proposed tower on private property at the above address (part of the property is in Washington and the other in Warren). AT&T will make copies and they will be available at the Town Hall for people's review. A public informational meeting and balloon float will be scheduled in January.

\* Verizon Cell Tower Proposal – Blackville Road, Washington: Mark has emailed the attorney recommended by Blake Leavitt, and has spoken with Phil Markert of the Cell Tower Committee regarding key points the Town would like addressed in the lease. He will also make contact with Litchfield County Dispatch regarding their desire to have emergency communication equipment installed on the proposed tower. In reviewing the Town of Kent's lease, it was noted that a "not to exceed height" was specified. The suggestion was made to contact Verizon's attorney to keep him up to date.

\* Texaco Station Monitoring Wells: Lenard Engineering has sent a map to the Selectmen's Office indicating where the monitoring wells will be placed on Town Property and will meet with Mark next week. The DEP has been involved; work is being done by a licensed/permitted contractor and the project engineered by Lenard. Chris Charles inquired as to what would happen if contamination were found on Town and/or State property. Mark explained that at the present time, monitoring wells have indicated that

all contamination is limited to the gas station property.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

\* Probate Court's record storage:

Mark has reviewed with the Probate Court the records that have already been microfiched, where they are located, etc. Currently all volumes, from 1832 to the present, are located in the Probate Vault in Washington's court. The volumes are verbatim copies of the original documents – either handwritten or typed. The State Probate Administration claims that the volumes are their property, they could take them, microfiche them and then have them shredded. The Town of Washington, by State statute, has paid for the volumes and feels they should belong to the Town. The Selectmen see no problem in keeping them in the vault in Washington's Court after the Court closes due to consolidation but acknowledges a "plan" needs to be in effect for the future. Motion: The Town of Washington's Board of Selectmen agrees to retain all volumes of the Probate Court for the present and will pursue a plan for the future. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Donation of US Flag for Town Hall Lobby:

Ken Cornet and Joe Mustich have offered to donate an American Flag of the Lobby of Bryan Memorial Town Hall. It would hang behind the bust of George Washington. The Board of Selectmen is very grateful and would like to accept the gift. They would like to speak with Mr. William McTiernan who donated the bronze bust and marble stand regarding the placement of the flag.

**Visitors:** None.

**Adjournment:**

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:12 p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Executive Session ended at 6:35 p.m. and the Selectmen re-entered their Regular Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary