

November 9, 2011

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: Dick Carey, Gary Fitzherbert, Janet Wildman, Leslie Anderson, Joan Lodsins, Linda McGarr, Rocky Tomlinson, Lillian Lyon, Ray Reich, Sheila Anson, Barbara Johnson, Kathy Gollow, Sue and Dave Werkhoven, Phyllis Allen, Debbie Forese.

Call to Order:

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

Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the October 27, 2011 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the November 1, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Communications:

* Letter from Addie Troup Mark Lyon and Volunteers:

"I want to thank you and all the good people of Washington who volunteered their time and energy and cheerfulness to take care of those of us who needed heat and shelter and food in this time of crisis. I am so grateful to all of you and proud to be living in this town. In the future if you need volunteers for any reason, you can call on me. Sincerely, Addie Troup"

The original letter is attached to these minutes filed with the Town Clerk.

* Condolences to the Family of Doris Welles:

Jim Brinton, on behalf of the Town expressed sympathy to the family of Doris who served the Town of Washington as Town Clerk for over 35 years. Her contributions to the Town were many!

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Projects:

Plans for both the Replacement of Shinar Mountain Road Bridge and Mygatt Road Drainage have been received. They will be reviewed and discussed further with the new Board of Selectmen on November 22nd.

* THANK YOU to all the citizens, contractors, volunteers, emergency personnel, highway department, police, Emergency Management Director, Town Hall staff, and Board of Selectmen for the countless hours given during the past 12 days at the Town Hall shelter, in the offices, and throughout the entire Town! Many have asked what can be done financially to assist those who may have suffered tremendous

losses and may be affected financially. With the support of the Washington Volunteer Fire Department, Auxiliary and Ambulance Association, donations may be made to the Washington Community Fund, Post Office Box 1213, Washington, CT 06793.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Opening of Bids for material storage area at Town Highway Garage:

Motion:

To extend the deadline for the bid to clear and grub approximately ½ acre at the Town Highway Garage until November 22, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton.

Discussion: it was felt that many contractors have been too busy this past week with storm clean up, etc. – only one bid was received.

The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

* Schedule Special Town Meeting to accept Birch Hill Run & Chestnut Lane Road as Town Roads:

Motion:

To schedule a Special Town Meeting for December 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss and approve the Town's accepting of Birch Hill Run and Chestnut Lane Road as Town Roads.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon.

Discussion: Mr. Pappas has met all the requirements and conditions and the residents of both roads are anxious to have the Town begin maintaining which the Town is obligated to do under Planning subdivision regulations after the subdivision is 50% completed.

The motion passed unanimously.

* Extend an Invitation to Bid for electrical work at Town Garage:

Motion:

To extend an invitation to Bid for the transfer of electrical service for fuel pumps from the lower garage to the upper garage at the Town Highway Department property on Blackville Road. Bids will be due by November 22, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. and will be opened at the Board of Selectmen's meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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

* Board of Selectmen Thank you Comments:

Mark thanked Jim and Nick for four years of tremendous service and help to him and the Town, their willingness to share their ideas and opinions and to work together as a Board. "They have set an example for those who follow." Jim thanked Mark and Nick stating it had been a pleasure to work with them and would "recommend the job to anyone"! He admired the ability of the Board to have one or two members disagree, discuss the matter and work together to do what was best for the Town. He also thanked Kathy Gollow, Phyllis Allen and Mary Anne Greene for their support in the Selectmen's Office. Nick re-emphasized the good working relationship with Mark and Jim-thanked them for the years of service together and acknowledged that his ten years as a Selectman - serving with three First Selectmen – has been a pleasure that will be missed – along with the "Good Morning Nicky's"!

Visitors:

* Sheila Anson spoke for herself and other members of the Town Hall staff saying it had been a privilege

to work with the three Selectmen these past four years, stating their service and countless hours of hard work for the Town have not gone unnoticed. She thanked them for listening to concerns and their being appreciative of work – their support in the challenge of dealing with the public and the different personalities that walk through the door! They have brought a “breath of fresh air” to the Town Hall – that will be maintained!

* Linda McGarr stated she is proud to be a part of this Town and although concerned that at one point we were losing part of what made Washington such a special home, we have not! She thanked the Board of Selectmen for all they brought to Town stating “they will be a tough act to follow!”

* Gary Fitzherbert stated he always had all the confidence in the work with the Board of Selectmen – they led the Town through some difficult times – last winter, Hurricane Irene, Storm Alfred, tough economic times – doing a phenomenal job!

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved. A standing ovation concluded the meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen’s Secretary