

December 19, 2013

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

Public: Nick Solley, Chris Charles.

Press: Loumarie Rodriguez.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

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

Communications:

None.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Resignation of William H. Smith from the Historic District Commission:

Mr. Smith has submitted a letter of resignation to Mark Lyon, resigning from the Commission effective 12/17/13.

Motion:

To accept, with sincere gratitude and, the resignation of William Smith who has served on the Historic District Commission for thirty years!

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

* Reappointment of Philip Markert to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Linda Frank to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Elizabeth Corrigan as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Thomas Hollinger to the Historic District Commission until 1/1/19.

* Reappointment of Lisabeth Adams to the Housing Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Andrew O'Hazo to the Housing Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Joseph Fredlund to the Parks and Recreation Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Whitney Ryan to the Parks and Recreation Commission until 1/1/17.

* Reappointment of Anthony J. Bedini as an alternate to the Planning Commission until 12/31/16.

* Reappointment of Patrick J. Kessler as a full time Police Officer until 12/31/15.

* Reappointment of Scott Flaton as a full time Police Officer until 12/31/15.

* Reappointment of Thomas Accousti as a part time Police Officer until 12/31/15.

Motion:

To reappoint the above listed Commissioners and Police Officers as presented.

By Mark Lyon, seconded by Dick Carey.

Discussion:

Jay Hubelbank inquired as to the appointment of the Town's Police Officers. Mark Lyon explained that by State Statute, and because we do not have a Police Department (our officers are under the direction of the Resident State Trooper), they need to be appointed by the Board of Selectman for two year terms.

The motion passed unanimously.

* Appointment of Mark Raimo, Sr. as the Region #12 School Resource Officer:

Town Clerks Sheila Anson, Washington, Peter Hurlbut, Roxbury and Cheryl Pinkos, Bridgewater, swore Mr. Raimo in as the School Resource Officer early today. The First Selectmen of each Town was also in attendance. Mr. Raimo has completed training and certification with the police academy. He will be under the direction of the Resident State Troopers in each Town in which he will be serving. Salary, benefits, etc. are covered by Region #12.

* Note:

Adelaide Roberts has chosen not be reappointed to the Planning Commission on which she has served for fifteen years – 9 as Chairman. The Board of Selectmen asked that the minutes reflect the Town's gratitude and appreciation for her many years of service.

* Appointment of Pamela L. Osborne and Amber Lamothe as Assistant Town Clerks and Assistant Registrars of Vital Statistics from January 6, 2014 to January 2, 2018:

Town Clerk, Sheila Anson, with the approval of the First Selectman, by Town Ordinance, may appoint not more than three Assistant Town Clerks and three Assistant Registrars of Vital Statistics. On December 17, 2013, First Selectman Mark Lyon approved the appointments of Pamela Osborne and Amber Lamothe.

First Selectman's Report:

First Selectman Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Closing of CL&P New Milford Work Station:

Mark has testified at the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority re: the proposed closing of the New Milford CL&P Work Station that covers the Town of Washington. Closing of this office would directly affect the Town as crews would need to travel larger distances to make repairs, correct outages, etc.

* New Town Garage-Lenard Engineering:

Lenard has provided the design and bid package and bidding services for the new Town Garage. Their agreement does not cover construction services such as shop drawing review, inspection, change order or review of payment requests. If the Town would like some or all of these services provided, a new proposal will be made. The Selectmen will discuss this with the Buildings & Property Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

* 2014 Selectmen's Meeting Dates:

Motion:

To accept the 2014 Meeting Dates as presented and which will be posted.

By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

* Chris Charles inquired as to the status of the Plaza Project. Mark Lyon explained that the wording for the legal ad requesting RFQs has been submitted to the State. Once that is approved, a narrative will be submitted. Chris inquired as to the involvement of the Plaza Committee. Mark explained that the legal ad wordage was per the DOT and the others will be involved with the creation of the narrative that will contain a description of the work to be done.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 6:15p.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