

December 27, 2007

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectman James L. Brinton

Press: Ann Compton - VOICES Public: Jack & Jane Boyer

Call to Order: First Selectman Lyon called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. noting that Selectman Richard Sears was out of town.

Minutes:

• **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the December 13, 2007 Regular Meeting and the December 19, 2007 Emergency Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

MOTION: To include subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Mark Lyon explained that this would include appointing Randy Snook as alternate representative to BRRFOC/TROC and authorizing Mark Lyon to sign contract papers re: Nettleton Hollow Rd. Bridge. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

• **Resignation of John Potter from Inland Wetlands:** The Selectmen have received a letter from John resigning his position as an alternate member of the Inlands Wetlands Commission. **Motion:** To accept the resignation of John Potter with gratitude for his years of service to the Town of Washington. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

• **Appointment of Roger Bohan to Inland Wetlands: Motion:** To appoint Roger Bohan as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/10. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Susan Jahnke, who had also expressed interest in this appointment, has withdrawn her name as she has a conflict with meeting dates. The motion passed unanimously.

• **Appointment of Randolph Snook as alternate representative to BRRFOC/TROC. Motion:** To appoint Randolph Snook as the Town of Washington's **alternate** representative to BRRFOC/TROC. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: Randy has been the Town's representative for nearly five years. He has requested that Mark, as First Selectman, who automatically can be the Town's rep unless he appoints someone else, assume this position. Mark would like to and Randy is willing to be the alternate. Mark noted that Randy has done an excellent job for the Town! The motion passed unanimously.

• **Reappointments: Motion:** To reappoint the following:

* **Philip Markert and Linda Frank** as regular members of the **Conservation Commission** until 1/1/11.

* **Elizabeth Corrigan** as an alternate member of the **Conservation Commission** until 1/1/11.

* **Peter Talbot** as a regular member of the **Historic District Commission** until 1/1/13.

* **Phyllis J. Mills** as an alternate member of the **Historic District Commission** until 1/1/11.

* **Lisabeth D. Adams** to the **Housing Commission** until 1/1/11.

* **Joan Gauthey, Holly Haas, Joe Fredlund** to the **Parks and Recreation Commission** until 1/1/11.

* **J. Winston Fowlkes, III** to the **Planning Commission** until 12/31/10.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Don Brigham's position with the Housing Commission was also up for reappointment. However, the ordinance establishing this commission specifically stated members must be electors of the Town of Washington. As Don has moved from Town, he is not eligible for reappointment. The Selectmen thanked Don again for his years of service. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Lyon stated there are several vacancies: Board of Finance-alternate member, Historic District-regular member, Housing-regular member, Inland Wetlands-alternate member, Planning-regular member. Anyone interested in serving on any of these commissions should call the Selectmen's Office.

Reappointment of Constables: Motion: To reappoint the following:

- **Patrick J. Kessler** as a **Full-time Constable** until 12/31/09.
- **John Wyshynski & Thomas J. Accousti** as **Part-time Constables** until 12/31/09. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

First Selectman's Report: Mark reported:

- **WPS Lease Update:** negotiations continue with the Region regarding the three primary school leases. David Wedge of the State Board of Education has extended the deadline for applying for reimbursement for work performed until the end of February. There will be a Town Meeting the end of January to approve the Washington Primary School lease. Jack Boyer asked if Bridgewater and Roxbury are in agreement with Washington on the new lease conditions. Mark explained that the maintenance fund that will be established would be limited **strictly** to maintenance of the three buildings. All three towns agree and a resolution should be forthcoming. The fund would be managed by the Region and the landlords (towns) will have input.
- **Road Discontinuance Committee** may have to be contacted regarding questions on several roads.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Brinton opened discussion regarding residency and elector qualifications to be on a Town Board or Commission. Jim felt, that should a person who has given many years of service and has the expertise, move out of Town, it may be beneficial to the Town to keep them involved on the Commission. These situations should be reviewed on a case-to-case basis and the ordinances establishing the different commissions researched. Pros and cons were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **WVFD -Truck #7:** As follow-up to the discussion of the last Board of Selectmen's meeting and the funding of the new truck the following **Motion** was made: To have the Board of Selectmen recommend that the Washington Volunteer Fire Department sell old truck #7 and apply the monies gained to the purchase of the new truck. By Mark Lyon, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.
- **Authorizing Mark E. Lyon to sign Nettleton Hollow Bridge contract: Motion:** To authorize Mark E. Lyon, as First Selectman, to sign the agreement with the State of Connecticut for the Nettleton Hollow Road Bridge grant. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon. Discussion: Mark explained there would be

public hearings scheduled for this project and all land use permits that are required will be applied for. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Mark Lyon and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary