

August 1, 2013

REGULAR MEETING

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen Richard O. Carey and Anthony J. Bedini.

Press: Mike Preato – VOICES.

Public: Annette McDonald, Nick Solley, Robert Tomlinson.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion:

To approve the minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Communications:

* Thank you from ASAP for the Town's budgeted contribution of \$2500.00.

* Letter from "A Citizen" concerning parking on Christian Street and registering a complaint about a neighbor's parking along the side of an already narrow road. Mark has spoken to the property owner who has made adjustments as much as possible.

* Jean Fitzgerald, Frisbie Road, has written to alert the Selectmen of an increasing noise problem "stemming from motorcycles traveling on Route 199 on the weekends." Ms. Fitzgerald notes that the noise has increased over the past few years and she feels she can no longer enjoy being outdoors on her property due to this fact. She presented several solutions including banning motorcycles from Route 199 on the weekends, supporting the requirement that cyclists wear helmets, and enforcing noise restrictions. Although the Selectmen are sympathetic to her complaint, they felt there is little they can do on a local level on a State road.

Appointments/Resignations:

* Resignation of Arthur J. DuBois from the Board of Finance:

Mr. DuBois has written to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance submitting his resignation effective 7/31/13. He stated he is resigning from the board due to the fact he was not nominated at the Republican Caucus to serve another term. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with gratitude for the years he has served.

First Selectman's Report:

Mark Lyon reported the following:

* Chipsealing has been completed on numerous Town roads. Fenn Hill Road and South Fenn Hill Road have been reclaimed and regraded. Paving will most likely take place in the next week or so.

* Calhoun Street will be reclaimed and repaved. This job will require some surface blasting to get piping and drainage in. Blaster will notify neighbors that could be affected prior to the blasting.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Discussion of One Green Hill (old Texaco Station):

The parties involved requested this item be postponed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Visitors:

* Annette McDonald:

Came to the meeting this evening to discuss the need for an Assisted Living Facility in the Town. She feels there are many, like herself, that may not be able to continue to live on their own, do not want to leave Washington and would enjoy the camaraderie of living with others. Mark Lyon spoke of the difficult need for funding such an undertaking and the building of it. Dick Carey explained that many years ago a Christian Science organization attempted to build such a facility on Brinsmade Road but were denied because of zoning regulations. Nick Solley, Zoning Commissioner, explained that a condo or multi-family facility is not allowed in residential areas unless it meets the "affordable housing" criteria. Tony Bedini suggested that Mrs. McDonald speak with the Housing and Zoning Commissions. Annette offered to speak with her contemporaries and compile a list of people who would be interested in pursuing this further.

* Rocky Tomlinson:

asked about:

1) the status of the cell tower. Mark Lyon explained that the Selectmen have signed an agreement to extend the post to accommodate the LCD antennas. Homeland Towers is still working on the application for the Siting Council.

2) the status of the repair of Spring Hill Road. Mark explained he has been working with several vendors regarding replacement of the bridge that would not be too costly or involve DEEP permitting. Rocky expressed his opinion that it would be beneficial to repair the road as an emergency access and connection to that side of Town.

3) the process of appointing someone to the Board of Finance. Mark explained that the Board of Selectmen does not make appointments to the Board of Finance – they, by State statute – make their own to fill a vacancy until the November elections when the position is put on the ballot.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Dick Carey, seconded by Tony Bedini and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary

Special Meeting

Present: First Selectman Mark E. Lyon, Selectmen Richard O. Carey and Anthony J. Bedini. Buildings and Property Commissioner Nick Solley. Bryan Memorial Town Hall Trustees Barbara Johnson and Brad Dutcher. CHK Architects David Cyr and Jim Harris.

Call to Order:

First Selectman Mark Lyon called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Discussion and review of stage area renovations:

CHK Architects presented three options for the stage area renovation in the Main Hall of Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Following their presentation and discussion by those present it was decided that the best choice was "Proposed Option C". This plan would allow for the stage area to be converted into a meeting room with seating for approximately 70. There will be storage for chairs and tables for the Main Hall and a separate entrance to this meeting room from the outside of the building (handicapped ramp side). The room will also be accessible from the Main Hall. From the Main Hall, the look of the stage area will closely resemble that of the stage prior to the explosion – curtains, woodwork, etc.

CHK will continue to develop this option in preparation for extending an Invitation to Bid for construction.

Adjournment:

Motion:

To adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. as there was no further business for discussion.

By Tony Bedini, seconded by Dick Carey and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene

Selectmen's Secretary