

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
December 23, 2020**

Meeting held via Video Conferencing

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen
As amended 1/7/2021

Present: First Selectman Jim Brinton; Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Chris Charles, Dan Sherr, Susan Smith.
Press: Linda Zukauskas.

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 meeting of the Board of Selectmen by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignation: Jay Hubelbank requested that Carole Matteo be added to the list of appointments as a new member of the Planning Commission Sub-Committee – Sustainability Committee with an indefinite term. He also expressed his appreciation to all who serve on various boards and commission. Jim was contacted by Janet Hill, a member of the Zoning Commission, who has the names of three people possibly interested in serving as an alternate on the Zoning Commission that was recently vacated.

Motion: To amend the list of appointments/resignations by Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Jim Brinton. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: As amended, to reappoint and appoint:

- Reappointment of Susan Payne to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of Diane Dupuis to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of Christian Macdonald as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of Phyllis Mills to the Historic District Commission until 1/1/26.
- Reappointment of Lisa Lundberg to the Housing Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of Shane Mongar to the Housing Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of Sheila Anson to the Parks and Recreation Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of C.J. Kersten to the Parks and Recreation Commission until 1/1/24.
- Reappointment of Wayne Hileman to the Planning Commission until 12/21/25.
- Reappointment of Shane Mongar as an alternate to the Planning Commission until 12/31/23.
- Appointment of Carole Matteo to Sustainability Committee (indefinite term)

By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. The motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman's Report: Jim Brinton reported the following:

- **Covid-19:** Numbers are continuing to rise since the Thanksgiving holiday. Travel during the Christmas and New Year's week may see another surge.
- **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:** Weather forecast is for heavy rain and wind gusts Thursday evening into Friday. With snow coverage melting, the town is preparing for flooding and power outages. The highway department will not be called out until the winds have subsided. Jim is asking residents to please be patient. The weekend is looking like much colder temperatures. Jay Hubelbank commended the highway department for keeping roads safe and passable.
- **Town Hall Hours:** Town Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24th and 25th. A skeleton crew will be on hand for any storm issues.

Old Business:

- **Amended at the 1/7/21 meeting of the Board of Selectmen to read: Sustainability Committee (sub-committee of Planning Commission):** Jay Hubelbank reported that, as mentioned previously in Appointments/Resignations, Carole Matteo, who is a member of the Planning Commission, will also be serving on the Sustainability Committee. He also mentioned that he will be attending a workshop sponsored by the Connecticut Green Bank regarding funding for solar projects on municipal buildings on January 7th. He will report back following the workshop.

New Business:

- **Approval of 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates:** Board of Selectmen's meetings are held every other Thursday at 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted due to holidays or conflicts.
Motion: To approve the 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: None

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM as there was no further business for discussion by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Brinton wished everyone a safe and Merry Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Anson
Acting Clerk
December 28, 2020