

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
January 21, 2021

Meeting held Via Video Conferencing.

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Michelle Gorra, Susan Smith, Tod Peterson, Joan Lodsin, Leslie Anderson, Chris Charles.
Press: Linda Zukauskas – VOICES.

Call to Order: First Selectman James Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Resignation of Mark Showalter as co-Emergency Management Director:** The Selectmen accepted Mark's resignation from this position with gratitude for his service and for his willingness to be available if needed.

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

- **COVID-19: There have been 11 new cases reported in Town this week.** Jim explained that this increase may be due to some gatherings as well as the expected post-Holiday surge. The Selectmen discussed the importance of getting the word out to residents by way of the Friday email blasts, Reverse 911 calls, etc. to stay vigilant and to strictly follow ALL safety protocols. Vaccines have begun and are being distributed per Phase 1a. Phase 1b has now opened as well. Lists of Washington residents over the age of 75 have been compiled and Senior Center Director Pam Collins and Denise Arturi are reaching out to these seniors offering assistance with registering. Bill and Dale Genovese have offered to be liaisons for the Town with the Department of Health.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Region #12 Building Project:** Jay Hubelbank reported that, for the most part, the Shepaug Building Project is complete. There are several minor issues to be resolved. Superintendent, Megan Bennett, has offered to conduct a "virtual tour" of the facility for Board of Ed members and possibly for the public at a future date. Enrollment numbers in the AGSTEM program are good.
- **Zoning Regulation changes:** Jay Hubelbank thanked First Selectman Jim Brinton for his comments at the Zoning Commission's Public Hearing.
- **Community Center Public Informational Meeting:** Thursday, January 28th, 7:00p.m. via Zoom. Details can be found on the Town's website.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Visitors:

- **Susan Smith** urged people to attend the Zoning Commissions meeting on Monday, January 25, 2021 to vote on the proposed regulations.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:49p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant