

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**Special Meeting**  
**April 23, 2021**

**Meeting held via Video Conferencing**

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

**Present:** First Selectman James Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.  
Finance Director Linda Gomez, Treasurer Linda McGarr.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman James Brinton called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. Jim stated that the reason for the meeting was the Board of Assessment Appeals heard 8 appellants and the results is a \$70,000 short fall in the budget which the budget will need to be adjusted.

**Approval of Proposed Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget:** Jim Brinton explained that in order to maintain the current mill rate, and because the Board of Assessment Appeals heard 8 appellants that resulted in a \$70,000 short fall in the budget, the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget needs to be adjusted.

The major changes are as follow:

- Decreased the Economic Development coordinator from 35 hours to 28 which will eliminate benefits.
- Eliminated the Federal Audit cost. This is a timing thing. We will only need the audit if one of the federally funded bridges will start construction.
- Eliminated the Time Card system.
- Recategorized funds in the capital by moving \$30,000 from Transfers Station to Building Department Software. The software is more expensive than previously thought but totally necessary.

**Motion:** To approve the revised proposed budget with the above changes to present to the Board of Finance for their approval. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Discussion:** Jay Hubelbank wanted the record to show that he is not happy with the actions of the Board of Assessment Appeals. He feels their actions were inappropriate and wrong and have caused us to go back and cut services to the Town. James Brinton agreed that the Board of Assessment Appeals represents both the appellants and the Town and is responsible to both. Town council advised that their actions were legal but inappropriate.

**Adjournment: Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:16a.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda K. Gomez  
Financial Director