

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
May 27, 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:** Dan Sherr, Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson, Rebecca Rebillard, Michelle Gorra, Chris Charles.  
**Press:** Linda Zukauskas – VOICES.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the May 13, 2021 Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the May 18, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Resignation of Charles LaMuniere from the Inland Wetlands Commission:** Accepted with enormous gratitude for his 20+ years of service.
- **Appointment of Joline Audet as a full member of the Inland Wetlands Commission: Motion:** To appoint Joline Audet as a full member of the Inland Wetlands Commission (moving up from an alternate) until 6/30/23. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.
- **Resignation of Dan Gunnip from the Zoning Board of Appeals:** Accepted with thanks for his service.

**First Selectman's Report:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Technology Update:** Jay Hubelbank reported that: 1) more equipment will be added to several businesses to improve WiFi in the Depot. Foliage on the trees has lessened the signal. 2) the Town Hall server will be replaced in the next week or two. Dean Sarjeant suggested looking into this being done at night to avoid interruption to staff. 3) Ed Advance will submit a proposal to improve hybrid capabilities in the Main Conference Room.
- **Solar Update:** Jay has been working with the Connecticut Green Bank which funds solar projects in municipalities. They have determined three locations for panels: Town Hall, the Depot Firehouse and the Washington Primary School. All seem to be good locations. The Primary School gym roof needs to be evaluated for its strength prior to moving ahead. Structurally, the other two locations are fine. All three buildings are owned by the Town and it is estimated that by installing the panels, there could be a 10% to 20% reduction in energy bills

for the Town. The Selectmen will discuss further and with the Town Hall Trustees. Town Council will also review the documents and the letter of intent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Idling vehicles:** Jay reported that at the last Washington Environmental Council meeting the number of vehicles, particularly in the Depot, was discussed. This can be harmful to the environment. The Selectmen will discuss further.

**Visitors:**

- **Leslie Anderson** voiced her concern about the number of bicyclists on Town Roads (particularly noting Nettleton Hollow Road) and requested the Selectmen address the issue by reminding cyclists to ride single file either by signage, weekly update, etc. Dean Sarjeant pointed out that for their own safety, cyclists will often ride in the middle of their lane (as opposed to close to the shoulder), especially around curves, and motorists need to be reminded that bikes are considered “vehicles” and the same caution needs to be taken by drivers when passing a bike as when passing a car.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:45p.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