

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
August 19, 2021**

**HYBRID MEETING**

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

**Present:** First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.

**Public:** Susan Smith, Chris Charles, Dan Sherr, Loan Lodsins.

**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 August 5, 2021 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

**Expression of Sympathy:** Jim Brinton spoke of the passing of Dirk Sabin, expressing the Town's sympathy. Dirk will be in the thoughts and prayers of many. Jim and Jay Hubelbank, a dear friend of Dirk's, spoke of the many years Dirk served the Town of Washington: serving on the Conservation Commission, helping create a Natural Resources Inventory for the Town, providing professional input on various projects - to name only a few of his many contributions. The Town is a better place because of his service.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

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

- **Plan of Conservation and Development:** Jim distributed a list of "Primary Responsibility Assignments" that the Board of Selectmen is responsible for, in full or in part, their implementation. Most have been implemented or are in the process of being so.
- **COVID-19 Update:** As of this meeting, Washington is reporting no cases. 90% of 12-18 year-olds in Town have been vaccinated. Jim spoke individually with Town employees who have not been vaccinated asking (not mandating) them to get vaccinated, unless there is a medical reason for them not to, or agree to twice weekly testing. Masks are required in all public buildings.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Approval of ARPA Funds:** The Selectmen continue to discuss the distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. A preliminary list has been created and will hopefully be finalized by the next meeting. The Town has received half of the \$1,014,508. it was approved for. The next half will be received in June of 2022. All funds need to be expended within 4 years. **Motion:** To have Town Attorney Randy DiBella review the list for its viability and adherence to the regulations. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved. The

distribution of funds will need to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, followed by the Board of Finance and finally at a Town Meeting.

- **Sustainability Committee:** Jay Hubelbank reported the application has been submitted to the State to become a State recognized "Sustainable Community".
- **WiFi in the Depot:** Jay Hubelbank reported that due to the thick foliage on trees in the Depot, there are weak spots in the WiFi signal in the Depot. Several more pieces of equipment will be installed at the Judy Black Park and at the Washington Supply to strengthen the signal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Scheduling a Special Town Meeting: Motion:** To schedule a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:00p.m. to approve the expenditure of LOCIP Funds, ARPA Funds and an Open Space Allocation. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** None.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:55p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Assistant