

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
April 28, 2022**

HYBRID MEETING

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen

Present: First Selectman Jim Brinton; Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Leslie Anderson, Larry Gendron, Michelle Gorra, Joan Lodsins, Rebecca Rebillard, Dimitri Rimsky, and Susan Smith.
Press: Linda Zukauskas.

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

An amendment to Appointments to the Fiber Optic Advisory Board will reflect that Wayne Hileman was also appointed.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen as amended by Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignation:

- **Resignation of Susan Branson from the Inland Wetlands Commission:**
Susan Branson submitted her letter of resignation from the Inland Wetlands Commission effective immediately. The Selectmen thanked her for her service to the community.
- **Appointment of Jennifer Bogue as a full member of the Inland Wetlands Commission until 06/30/2022:** Jennifer Bogue has served as an alternate on the Commission since July 2021.
Motion: To appoint Jennifer Bogue as a regular member of the Inland Wetlands Commission moving her up from an alternate position by Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Jim Brinton. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- **ARPA Advisory Committee:** The advisory committee is a great and enthusiastic group. The committee has been brought up to date on their duties and charged them with electing a chairman and vice-chairman and to review lists of requests.
- **Rabbit Hill Bridge:** Construction on the bridge has begun with a July 1st estimated date to be completed.

Old Business

- **Delay of Demolition Ordinance:** The Historic District Commission has requested the town approve the proposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance and add to the May 19, 2022 Annual Town Budget Meeting for approval. The Commission also reviewed questions the Selectmen had regarding time lines and violation penalties. Dimitri Rimsky, representing the Commission, commented on the history of the town and many historical buildings existing. Jay Hubelbank reported that other towns have a similar ordinance. It would be important for the town to discuss with residents the ordinance when the owner is planning a demolition to the property.

Motion: To approve the Historic District Commission's proposed Delay Of Demolition Ordinance and add to the annual town budget meeting in May for approval by the town by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Setting of the Agenda for the May 19, 2022 Annual Town Budget Meeting:** A warning will be published in VOICES for the annual town budget meeting.
Motion: To set the Agenda as follows:
The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that the Annual Town Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:
 1. **To consider and act upon the proposed General Fund Expenses and Transfers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.**
 2. **To consider and act upon the proposed Nonrecurring Capital Expenses for the for the 2022-2023 fiscal year.**
 3. **To approve and adopt the proposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Discussion of annual FOI training.** Jay Hubelbank reported that the town will schedule a time for Tom Hennick, Public Education Officer for the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission, to lead a training session at town hall. This should be an annual training session.
- **Police Boat.** The new police boat is in the water and patrolling. Spring will be busy with regattas on the lake. The boat is last year's model but comes with this year's warranty because of the delay in delivery.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:52 PM as there was no further business for discussion by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila M. Anson, Acting Clerk
May 2, 2022