

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**July 21, 2022**

**HYBRID MEETING**

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

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

**Public:** Rebecca Rebillard, Joan Lodsins, Susan Smith, Todd Peterson, Erica Ryland, Chris Charles, Cathy Carron.

**Press:** Linda Zukauskas – VOICES.

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

**MOTION:** To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Reappointment of Fran Kielty. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Reappointment of Fran Kielty to the Western Connecticut Tourism Bureau: Motion:** To reappoint Fran Kielty to the Western Connecticut Tourism Bureau until 6/30/2025. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.
- **Resignation of Alice DeMeo from the Parks and Recreation Commission:** The Selectmen accepted Alice DeMeo's resignation from the Parks and Recreation Commission with gratitude for her years of service.

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

- **Meetings with architects for new Washington Ambulance Headquarters** have begun.
- **Transfer Station renovations** are progressing. Fencing materials have been delayed in arriving. If all goes well, paving and line painting will occur next week. Once renovations are complete, containers will be available for recycling of books, clothing, mattresses, etc. as well as composting.
- **Road repaving** is taking place on several Town roads - a complete list can be found on the Town's website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **EV Charging Stations:** Jay Hubelbank reported that in addition to funds that have been budgeted to purchase another EV Charging Station, a \$20,000 grant is available through Eversource to purchase and install additional Stations. The Town's responsibility would be ½ purchase price. Jay has met with two companies who sell Stations and will also be attending a

webinar next week regarding additional funding that may be available through the State. In addition to Washington Depot, the hope is to also install Stations in Marble Dale and New Preston.

- **Day Care Center:** Jim Brinton explained that the vote by the Board of Finance to fund 20% of the renovation cost of the Day Care Center was tabled due to the fact that the matter of a change of use of a Town-owned building would need to be approved by Planning and the Interim Superintendent of Region #12 has numerous reasons why not to move from the current office to the Shepaug Campus. (The Town was originally acting under the assumption that the Superintendent's office would be moving.) Jim further explained that the Town continues to support the idea of a Day Care Center however, more questions need to be answered.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**Visitors:**

- **Rebecca Rebillard** expressed her opinion that in moving forward with other options on the Day Care issue, there should be more detailed business plans and several different options. She also stated her belief that the Town should not be involved in funding the project. Rebecca referenced a study done by Hearst Media that states that there are thousands fewer children in Day Care than before the pandemic due to staffing issues.
- **Chris Charles** complimented Dan Sherr for mentioning support of an Arts & Culture Committee at the EDC meeting.
- **Erica Ryland** expressed her opinion that survey that was conducted regarding the need for a Day Care was not reliable nor was the demand for one established in a reliable way. She asked the question why the Town was continuing to move forward on the issue. Jim Brinton stated the Town need to hear all sides of this and other issues and do its due diligence.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:56p.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