

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Minutes

August 18, 2022

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: Mirriah Murray, Leslie Anderson, Bob Papsin, Joan Lodsins, Todd Peterson.

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 4, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of Darryl Wright to the Housing Commission: Motion:** To appoint Darryl Wright to the Housing Commission until 1/1/24. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

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

- **Transfer Station Update:** Receipt of the containers that will be fitted to the compactors has been delayed. They should be delivered by September 21st at the latest. Until then the old containers for waste and recycling will be used and starting Monday, August 22nd, hours will return to those regularly scheduled: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday Saturday 8:00a.m.- 2:00p.m. Closed Thursday and Sunday.
- **Electronic Payments:** The Town is moving forward in purchasing software that will allow individuals to pay application, permit and registration fees on-line. Currently only the Tax Collector's office has the capability of accepting payments electronically.
- **Condolences to the family of Paul Frank:** Paul served the Town in several capacities for many years particularly in areas concerning Lake Waramaug. Paul was a soft-spoken, kind gentleman whose knowledge and expertise will be missed.
- **New Building Official:** Bill Jenks will be retiring as the Town's Building Official as of September 30, 2022 after serving 30 plus years in this capacity. Peter Bowman has been hired as the new Building Official beginning September 1st.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **To award design services for 92 Bee Brook Road:** Three architectural firms submitted proposals for the design phase of the new Washington Ambulance Headquarters at 92 Bee Brook Road:

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| AEPMI, Ansonia, CT: | \$56,500 |
| Jacunski & Humes, Berlin, CT | \$63,400 |
| Russell & Dawson, East Hartford, CT | \$118,800 |

All three firms were interviewed. **Motion:** To award the Design Phase of the new Ambulance Headquarters to Jacunski & Humes for \$63,400. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Discussion with Brendan Kearney, Titan Energy Consulting Firm:** The Town entered into an agreement to be part of an energy consortium with Titan Energy (through CCM) several years ago. The current agreement expires December 31, 2022. The Selectmen will review and discuss further before renewing.
- **Referral from the Zoning Commission to opt out of Sections of PA 21-29:** The Zoning Commission has approved opting out of certain Sections of PA 21-29. The Commission has now referred this to the Board of Selectmen for its approval. The Selectmen agreed they required more information and will act upon the Zoning Commission's request at the next meeting.
- **Invitation to Bid for an Irrigation System at the Town Hall. Motion:** The Town of Washington is seeking bid proposals for the design and installation of an irrigation system for property located at Bryan Memorial Town Hall. Design must include installation of a well to supply the system. Bids will be accepted until 4:00 pm September 15th, 2022 at the Selectmen's Office, P.O. Box 383, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, CT 06794. For more information contact selectmen@washingtonct.org. The Town of Washington reserves the right to reject or accept any or all, or part of any bid if such action is deemed to be in the interest of the Town. The Town of Washington is an Affirmative Action/ Equal Opportunity Employer. Dated at Washington, Connecticut this 18th day of August, 2022. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The project has been discussed for several years and has been budgeted for and approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: None:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 5:49p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at the Town Beach. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:37p.m. **Motion:** To terminate the employment of an employee at the Town Beach. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:40p.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