

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
September 1, 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: Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson, Susan Smith.

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

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of the Delay of Demolition Committee: Motion:** To appoint Henrietta DeVeer, Mark Mobley, Sarah Blank, Susan Payne, Dimitri Rimsky, Sarah Griswold and Christine Adams Beckett to the Delay of Demolition Committee for an indefinite term. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: The Committee met informally last month. They will meet on an as needed basis. If a demolition permit is applied for through the Building Department and the structure is more than 75 years old, it will be referred to the review committee who will make a determination as to a delay or not. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Appointment of Jake Horn as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Motion:** To appoint Jake Horn as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/23. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Mr. Horn as met with Conservation Commission Susan Payne and submitted a bio. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Police Accountability Law:** Jim attended a meeting with Resident Trooper Joseph Hamel to begin the certification process required by law. There are three tiers of standards and policies which need to be met and followed. There will be an on-site assessment in 2023.
- **Paramedic Intercept Service:** Trinity Health, which took over this service from Campion, has notified member towns that it will extend its contract for one year until 6/30/23. Jim will work with New Milford Mayor Pete Bass on plans for going forward with the hopes that the 7 towns currently contracted with the service will stay.
- **All American Waste:** Jim met with the owner and Town's representative to discuss their hauling of residential municipal solid waste which was authorized to be brought to Covanta – Bristol. All American has chosen to go to Waterbury which was not authorized and therefore the Town is not paying the hauling fees. Discussion will continue as to future arrangements.
- **OSHA – Transfer Station:** A complaint was filed with OSHA listing several complaints involving broken equipment, improper installation of stairs to the new trailer, toilet facilities, open cab to the bulldozer and high grass in the old landfill area. Jim met with the representative at the site.

The final report has not yet been received but there did not appear to be serious violations. The attendants, however, must begin to wear reflective vests.

- **New Ambulance Headquarters:** The contract has been signed with Jacunski and Humes to begin the design phase at the new headquarters.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **EV Charging Stations:** Jay Hubelbank is continuing work on sites for additional charging stations throughout Town.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **911 Proclamation: Motion:** To approve the following:
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the terrorist actions in New York City, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania of September 11, 2001, will never be forgotten by the citizens of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington supports the honoring of all innocent lives lost as a result of that tragedy, particularly the members of all emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington recognizes that a free and open society depends upon citizen involvement in caring for the common good; and

WHEREAS, the highest form of citizenship is when individuals place the safety and well-being of others above themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Washington deeply appreciates those who so unselfishly serve-the members of our Town Emergency Services;

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed, that we, the Board of Selectman of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, do hereby declare that Washington will observe September 11, 2022 as Emergency Services Day.

Signed, this 11th day of September, 2022 by:

James L. Brinton

Jay Hubelbank

Dean Sarjeant

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

- **Invitation to Bid – Rehabilitation of Tunnel Road Bridge: Motion:** To extend the following: The Town of Washington is seeking sealed bids for the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 05158, Tunnel Road over the Shepaug River. Bids will be received by the Town of Washington, First Selectman's Office, 2 Bryan Plaza, P.O. Box 383, Washington Depot, CT 06794 until 2:00 p.m., October 14, 2022. Bids will be publicly opened and read in the Town Hall Conference immediately thereafter. Dated this 1st day of September, 2022. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Visitors: None.

EXECTUIVE SESSION: Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:06p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 6:20 p.m. having taken no action.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.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