

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**September 15, 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:** Leslie Anderson, Joan Lodsins, Ray Reich, Susan Smith.  
**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 September 1, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Appointment of Christopher Wilcox as Deputy Fire Marshall:** **Motion:** To appoint Christopher Wilcox as Deputy Fire Marshall for an indefinite term. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. **Discussion:** Chris is currently the Fire Marshall in Litchfield and well known to Washington's Fire Marshall, Troy Kaiser. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Paramedic Intercept Service:** The contract with Trinity Health of New England to provide paramedic intercept service to Washington (and 6 other neighboring towns) expires 6/30/2023. Jim has been meeting with the other Towns to insure there is no interruption in service.
- **OSHA/Transfer Station:** Following a complaint filed with OSHA re: issues at the Transfer Station, the final report has been received. OSHA inspector met with Jim to review the report and no violations were noted in regard to the complaints. It was noted, however, that for safety reasons, the concrete barriers aligned with the dumpsters should be higher. Jim is meeting with OSHA and a fence company representative tomorrow at the Transfer Station.
- **Resident Trooper Accreditation:** Jim met with Curtis Read, First Selectman of Bridgewater, and Patrick Roy, First Selectman of Roxbury, to discuss the new accreditation guidelines for Resident Troopers and Town Police Officers. They will meet again along with their Resident Troopers to discuss further as implementation may be cumbersome and costly.
- **Speeding on Town roads:** Speeding on Town roads is becoming more and more of an issue. Jim also discussed this with the First Selectmen of Bridgewater and Roxbury. Roxbury installed speed bumps on several of its roads but will be removing them for a number of reasons: they have not stopped the speeding problem, they create noise, and result in repairs to the road when removed for maintenance, plowing, etc. The Selectmen discussed the possibility of requesting the State Police barracks to send Resident Troopers to assist in patrolling the roads in each of the Towns. If drivers are exceeding the speed limit by 5mph or more, tickets will be

issued with no warnings. The Selectmen will get more information on this program, how it works, the cost to the Towns, etc.

- **Federal Infrastructure Bill:** If confirmed, the reimbursements for the bridge programs would change the allotment percentages for State projects to 80% and Federal projects to 100%.
- **Transfer Station upgrades:** Once construction and improvements are completed, a “swap shop” will be installed. The survey has been completed of the property and a meeting will be scheduled in the near future with the owners to discuss possible purchase.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Motion:** To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Jim Brinton. Discussion: to extend an Invitation to Bid for energy supply. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** To authorize First Selectman Jim Brinton to work with Titan Energy (with whom we currently have a contract) to negotiate with a supplier of energy for the next year. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.
- **Opening of Bids for an irrigation System at the Town Hall.** The following bid has been received:  

Artistic Irrigation, Woodbury, CT	\$48,000.00
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This would include installation of a well and pumps. The bid will be reviewed prior to awarding.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

#### **Visitors:**

- **Ray Reich** inquired about the number of speeding citations were given out in a week. Jim Brinton offered to get that statistic from the Resident Trooper.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:55p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a potential settlement in the William Ryder v. Town of Washington case and to convey a parcel of land on River Road to ROMAC. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the regular meeting at 6:06p.m taking the following action: **Motion:** To accept the proposed settlement in the William Ryder v. Town of Washington Tax Appeal as discussed in Executive Session. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

No action was taken on the conveyance of a parcel of land on River Road to ROMAC.

#### **Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:09 as there was no further business for discussion. B Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Assistant