

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
September 29, 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: Michelle Gorra, Rebecca Rebillard, Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson.
Press: Linda Zukauskas - VOICES.

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim 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 Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: approval of the Minutes of the September 23, 2022 Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 and September 23, 2022 meetings of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments and Resignations:

- **Appointment of Cory Iacino as Tax Assessor: Motion:** To appoint Cory Iacino as Tax Assessor until 6/30/24. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: appointment is to complete the term of the former Tax Assessor. Going forward, the appointment will be for a 4-year term. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Appointment of Peter Bowman as Building Official: Motion:** To appoint Peter K. Bowman as Building Official for an indefinite term. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Peter has been a resident of Washington for many years, is a certified CT Building Official and architect. There will be more in-office hours provided. In checking with the Town Attorney, there is no conflict of interest with his being Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Appointment of Valerie Andersen as a full member of the Zoning Commission: Motion:** To appoint Valerie Andersen as a full member of the Zoning Commission (moving up from an alternate) until the next municipal election in 2023. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.
- **Resignation of Debra Radosevich from the Zoning Commission:** The Selectmen accepted the resignation of Debra Radosevich from the Zoning Commission with gratitude for her years of service.

First Selectman's Report:

- **Retirement of William Jenks as Building Official:** The Selectmen expressed their appreciation and gratitude to Bill Jenks for his 30+ years as the Town's Building Official – and wished him the best in his retirement.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Awarding the Bid for an Irrigation System at the Town Hall: Motion:** To award the bid for an Irrigation system at the Town Hall to Artistic Irrigation, Woodbury, CT, including a drilled well and pump system for \$48,000.00. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: S there were concerns and questions raised at the last meeting of the Board, a meeting was held to discuss the project further. As a point of interest, it was noted that Depot residents would not be affected as water would not be drawn from the aquifer and the new system may in fact be useful in filling the fire pond behind the Town Hall. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Traffic Enforcement:** Discussions as to how best address the speeding continues with our Resident trooper and neighboring Towns. Following the example of other Towns, and research conducted through the State of CT materials, speed bumps, are not a viable solution. Most effective seems to be the blinking speed limit signs – particularly those that “thank you for slowing down” and those that take pictures of license plates. Currently, however, tickets can only be given to offenders whose plates are photographed if a police officer is on the scene. This will be looked into further. The Selectmen urged the public to observe posted speed limits and NOT to take enforcement into their own hands.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **STEAP Grant Resolution:** Jim Brinton explained that the Town has been awarded a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$458,949 for the Daycare Renovation Program. **Motion:** To accept and certify the following: “RESOLVED, that First Selectman James L. Brinton be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Washington a 2022 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$458,949 for the Daycare Renovation project; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that First Selectman James L. Brinton is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2022 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.” By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- **Michelle Gorra** thanked The Selectmen for doing further research on the Irrigation System.
- **Rebecca Rebillard inquired** about the Board of Education’s position on the Day Care. It is the Town’s understanding that the Board of Ed is willing to move the central offices to the 2nd floor and are willing to put out an RFP to determine if renovating is feasible – at the Region’s expense – not the Town’s. The timeline has not yet been determined and the approved STEAP Grant is good for 4 years.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:00p.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