

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
January 5, 2023

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: Barbara Boucher, Joan Lodsine, Dan Sherr, Rebecca Rebillard, Leslie Anderson, Bob Papsin, Andrew Carron, Susan Smith, Todd Peterson, Guest (?).

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 December 22, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved with thanks to Sheila Anson for stepping in to take the minutes.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of V. Charles Jackson to the Housing Commission: Motion:** To Appoint V. Charles Jackson as an alternate to the Housing Commission until 1/1/2024. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Mr. Jackson has attended meetings, expressed his desire to serve and is endorsed by Chairman of the Housing Commission, Judy Gorra. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Transfer Station Update:** The new Swap Shop building will be delivered on January 19th. New signage should be arriving soon which will help with traffic flow. An A-frame has been ordered that can be used to post closings, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of ARPA Committee recommendations:** The Committee has been working for several months reviewing applications for ARPA funding. Funding may not be necessary for broadband as the State is now offering money. Applications by local churches will be referred to the Town Attorney for an opinion. All recommendations made by the Committee will be reviewed by the Town Attorney, reviewed and approved by the Board of Selectmen who will refer to the Board of Finance for their review. A Town Meeting will then be required for final approval by residents. The Town has an additional two years to act on the use of funds that are not yet allocated. The Selectmen thanked Andrew Carron and the Committee for their work.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Set Special Town Meeting Date and Agenda:** Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant requested this be tabled until the next meeting to afford more time to review the information submitted by Fire Marshall Troy Kaiser in regard to amending the Food Service Establishment

Ordinance and adopting a Hot Work Ordinance and to review the request by the Johnson family to buy back a piece of land sold to the Town several years ago.

- **Discuss/act upon a request by a resident for Town Attorney review of STEAP grant application for a Day Care Center:** This request may be a moot point as the Town has received no firm commitment from Region #12 regarding funding for possible renovation of the second floor of the Main Office building for a Day Care Center at that location.
- **Discuss/Act upon appointment of Art Council:** Following lengthy discussion as to whether or not the Arts Council should be its own Committee or Commission with clerical support (which would need to be budgeted for, etc.) it was decided to form it as a Sub-Committee to the Economic Development Committee. Those interested in serving should contact the First Selectman by next week.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:03p.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