

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes

May 11, 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: Ross Bartfield, Chris Charles, Andrew Carron, Linda Frank, Susan Smith, Larry Gendron.
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 April 27, 2023 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of Edward Faison as an alternate to the Conservation Commission: Motion:** To appoint Edward Faison as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/2024. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Mr. Faison has attended several meetings, submitted his resume and has the support of the Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Resignation of Rex Swain as representative to BRRFOC/TROC:** Rex submitted his resignation this week having served in this capacity for nearly 3 ½ years. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with sincere gratitude for his service.

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

- **Annual Town Budget Meeting:** Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:30p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall. In addition to voting on the 2023-2024 budget, and the approval of ARPA Fund distributions, voters will be asked to nominate and vote for 2 members of the Board of Education. Going forward, the Selectmen would like to schedule the Board of Education nominations 2 weeks prior to the vote.
- **CCM:** Jim explained that as a member of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM), the Town is eligible for numerous resources including courses (which numerous employees have taken advantage of), research, etc. Membership encompasses the entire State.
- **Dolly Whitney:** It was with sadness, that Jim reported on the passing of Dolly Whitney – a lifelong resident of Town and a constant supporter of Town organizations, students, and sporting events. Her kindness, generosity and smile will be sorely missed.

Selectmen's report:

- **Jay Hubelbank** reported that there will be a plant sale May 20th, at the Judy Black Park, along with information on invasives, sustainability, etc. provided by the Washington Environmental Council. Friday, June 2nd Community Block Party sponsored by the Washington Business Association and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- **Dean Sarjeant** reported that training for the Lake Keepers will begin May 22nd with involvement from the DEEP and State Police. With the addition of this patrol, the lake will be well covered particularly on weekends and Holidays. Fireworks will take place on the lake on July 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Proposed Wake Boat Ordinance:** Jim Brinton explained that work is continuing on the creation of this ordinance. There will be a meeting of the Lake Waramaug Task Force, Lake Waramaug Association and Lake Waramaug Authority as well as the three First Selectmen of Washington, Kent and Warren. The proposed Ordinance is being reviewed by DEEP who needs to sign off on it prior to its acceptance by the three Towns. Dean Sarjeant further explained that there will be an opportunity for the public to receive information, ask questions, etc. prior to a vote at a Town meeting.
- **Discussion of ARPA Fund Committee recommendation:** The ARPA Committee has recommended that the remaining ARPA funds of about \$25,000 be awarded to the Washington Scholarship Fund following its review of their application. **Motion:** To approve the recommendation of the ARPA Fund Committee to award the remaining funds to the Washington Scholarship Fund and to refer to the Board of Finance for their approval prior to a vote at a Town Meeting. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.
- **Speeding on Wykeham Road:** Ross Bartfield attended this evening's meeting to further discuss the issue of speeding on Wykeham Road. The pros and cons of various speed calming measures were discussed, including Mr. Bartfield's suggestion requiring companies who are coming to Town with large trucks to contact the Town Hall to request a sticker that would indicate permission to use the Town road. If possible, they should be directed to use State roads to get to their destination. Also discussed was new signage, lowering the speed limit and more police presence resulting in the issuing of tickets. The Selectmen agreed to look into lowering the speed limit to 25 for the entire length of Wykeham Road and to request the police department to run radar and collect data.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Memorandum of Understanding with the Northwest Hills Regional Opioid Response Fund:** As this is still in the draft stage, action was tabled until the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:21p.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