

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Washington Economic Development Committee
July 21, 2020

Minutes are subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen

Present: First Selectman Jim Brinton, Tony Bedini, Dan Sherr, Susan Branson, Jay Hubelbank, Robyn Gray, Phil Markert, Michelle Gora, Valerie Sedelnick, Fran Keilty, Chris Charles, Julie King, Wayne Hileman, Michael Jackson,

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 9:30am.

Old Business:

- **Wi-Fi in the Depot Update-** Wi-Fi in the depot has had a few setbacks due to COVID-19. All the connections are set up and equipment is out in a number of businesses which will make it easier for the public to walk around town freely with Wi-Fi, instead of businesses having to provide a guest Wi-Fi.
- Flyers will be distributed to local businesses to make the public aware of this new free service which hopefully will be starting within the next month or so.
- There was discussion about creating a sign in the Depot that would provide Wi-Fi info.

- **Re-Opening of Schools:**
- The private schools are meeting next week to review plans to conform with COVID-19 state guidelines. There will be a town-wide update when we have more info.
- Region #12 is putting together 3 different scenarios for the state to review: 1)all in-school classes; 2)all virtual classes; and 3)a hybrid between the two.

- **Give It Forward:**
- Launched a few weeks ago, waiting to now publicize through social media. Have had 5 completed orders so far without the launch on social media.

- **Affordable Housing-**
- The State offered a grant to help towns develop their Affordable Housing Development Plan. Washington was awarded a grant for \$13,850. A Committee will be formed to work on this plan.

- **The Washington Economic and Development Community Coordinator-**
- The position has been advertised and two candidates interviewed. The interviewing committee will recommend its choice to the Board of Selectmen.

Community Center Update:

SLAM has completed a conceptual site plan. There will be a Town Informational Meeting (via ZOOM) to present the plans and hear comment.

Adjournment:

- **Motion-** To adjourn the meeting at 10:36a.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By First Selectman Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda K Reale
Selectmen's Secretary