

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Special Town Meeting
October 17, 2023

First Selectman James L. Brinton called the meeting to order at 7:31p.m. asking for a nomination for a Moderator.

Motion: To nominate William Fairbairn as Moderator. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Moderator, William Fairbairn, asked Mary Anne Greene, Clerk, to read the Warning.

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The electors and those persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town of Washington, Connecticut, are hereby warned and notified that a Special Town Meeting will be held at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, Connecticut, on October 17, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. for the following purposes:

ITEM 1. To choose a moderator for said meeting.

ITEM 2. To discuss and vote on a Resolution:

- (a) To appropriate \$4,740,000 for renovations to the Washington Emergency Medical Services Station located at 92 Bee Brook Road;
- (b) To finance said appropriation by issuing bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,740,000;
- (c) To authorize the First Selectmen and Treasurer to determine the terms, conditions, and other details of the bonds, notes or temporary notes;
- (d) To declare the Town's intent to finance the project so that project costs may be temporarily advanced; to authorize the First Selectman and Treasurer to enter into agreements to bind the Town in connection with financing the project; and
- (e) To authorize the First Selectman to apply for and accept or reject grants-in-aid for the project, and to authorize the First Selectman to execute agreements and other documents on behalf of the Town for the project and the financing of the project.

A copy of the full text of the Resolution is on file and available for inspection at the Offices of the Town Clerk and First Selectman, or on the Town's website at <https://www.washingtonct.org>.

Dated at Washington, Connecticut this 28th day of September, 2023.

James L. Brinton
Jay Hubelbank
Dean Sarjeant
Board of Selectmen

Moderator, William Fairbairn, recognized First Selectman, James Brinton.

Jim Brinton introduced and thanked the panel for the Washington Emergency Services Station: Heidi Johnson, Ambulance Chief; Morgen Fisher, Ambulance Assistant Chief; Chip Wildman, Ambulance Captain; Brian Humes, Jacunski/Humes Architects, LLC; Barry Bernabe, Phoenix Advisors, LLC; Dean Sarjeant, Board of Selectmen; Jay Hubelbank, Building Committee; Eliot Johnson, Building Committee; Peter Bowman, Building Committee; Mark Showalter, Building Committee; Linda Gomez, Director of Finance.

A power point presentation was given to provide the history of the Washington Ambulance Association, its growth over the years, the current and future need for larger quarters, financing of this project and the impact financing would have on the public.

Jim Brinton:

RESOLVED:

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By James Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank.

Moderator, William Fairbairn, opened the meeting to questions, comments.

Mary Weber, 5 Slaughterhouse Road, New Preston, CT spoke in support of funding the project.

Janet Hill, 67 Shearer Road, Washington, CT asked why a vote involving this amount of money was not put on the November Referendum ballot.

Peter Tagley, 42 Sabbaday Lane, Washington, CT inquired about fund raising efforts for the project.

Andrew Carron, 58 Gunn Hill Road, New Preston, CT inquired about the financing of the bonds, notes, etc.

Barry Bernabe of Phoenix Advisors addressed Mr. Carron's questions.

Linda McGarr, 64 Dark Entry Road, Washington, CT inquired about the impact this project would have on the Town's mill rate.

Robert Tomlinson, 64 Dark Entry Road, Washington, CT asked what was lacking in the current location and questioned the added expense to the Town as this time.

MOTION: To move the question. By Ralph Averill, seconded by Mary Weber. The motion passed with a majority show of hands.

MOTION: To vote by paper ballot. By Linda McGarr.

Moderator, William Fairbairn, explained that a motion to move to a paper ballot was not debatable and therefore needed to be done.

RESULTS OF THE PAPER VOTE: The Resolution passed with 77 votes in favor, 14 votes against and 1 vote illegible.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. By Ashley Judson, seconded by Mary Weber and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Clerk