

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
September 17, 2020

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen

Present: First Selectman Jim Brinton, Selectman Jay Hubelbank.
Public: Sheila Anson, Daniel Sherr, Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson, Howard Barnet, Denise Arturi, Lois Pinney, Dean Sarjeant, Michelle Gorra, Chris Charles.
Press: Linda Zukauskas, Lance Reynolds.

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion: A motion was made by First Selectman Jim Brinton to approve the minutes of August 24, 2020 Special Meeting, and the September 3, 2020 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Jay Hubelbank, all in favor.

Communications: No communications at this time

Appointments/ Resignations:

- **Motion:** To appoint **Dean Sarjeant as a Selectman** until November 2023. Seconded by Jay Hubelbank, all in favor. No discussion. Dean was immediately sworn in by Town Clerk, Sheila Anson.

The Selectmen thanked Janet Hill and the DTC for recommending Dean and thanked Michelle Gorra for her time on the Board of Selectmen.

First Selectman's Report:

- Schools are back up and running, there has only been 1 positive COVID case and the schools are taking all of the proper precautions during this time.
- The Gunnery is also up and running with no issues.
- The Town has sent a letter to PURA in support of immediate relief from Eversource's storm protocol.

Old Business:

- Cardinal will be doing the engineering for drainage for Tinker Hill next year.

New Business:

- The Washington Town clerk would like to make sure that everyone's voter information is up to date with the Town Hall. Make sure we have your current address/ mailing address. If you need to update your information, please call the Registrars office, or email them directly to check the status of your mailing address/ current address especially if you have/had a P.O. Box. If you're looking to register to vote you STILL HAVE TIME. Go to the Registrars' page on the Town's website where there is a link to the Secretary of State's site. Or there are registration cards on the front steps of the Town Hall that can also be used to update your address. At this time the Town Clerks office is trying to return phone calls in a timely manner. There has been a high volume of phone calls concerning: people looking for absentee ballots, land records, etc. The state is mailing every voter an application. October 2nd is when Absentee Ballots will be mailed. They need to be returned by 8:00p.m. November 3, 2020.

Visitors:

- **Michelle Gorra** welcomed Dean Sarjeant to the Board of Selectmen and is looking forward to working with the Board in the future.
- **Joan Lods** also welcomed Dean and thanked Michelle for her time on the Board. Joan also thanked those responsible for donating funds to purchase tents for outdoor learning at Shepaug (note: Village Improvement Society and the COVID-19 Relief Fund).

Adjournment:

Motion: A motion was made by Dean Sarjeant to adjourn the meeting at 5:57PM as there was no further business left for discussion, First Selectman Jim Brinton seconded, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Amanda K. Reale
Selectmen's Assistant.