

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
October 15, 2020

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Joan Lodsins, Dan Sherr, Leslie Anderson, Chris Charles, Susan Smith, Michelle Gorra.
Press: Linda Zukauskas-Voices, Lance Reynolds-Republican American, Madeline (?) - Republican American.

Call to Order: First Selectman James Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:32p.m.

MOTION: To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda – discussion of sidewalk project. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

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

- **COVID-19:** The positivity rate of COVID-19 is up 2.4% since June. The Southeast portion of the State is the most affected by this increase. Washington and Litchfield County continue to do well.
- **Land Use Departments:** Jim has reached out to the Land Use Commission Chairmen regarding scheduling a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss personnel issues and possible ways to streamline the permitting process making it more “user friendly”.
- **Political Signs:** Residents have a right to display political signs on their own property. Removal of these signs by someone other than the property owner is against the law and considered larceny.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Report of Long Term Recovery Committee:** The Committee was formed at the recommendation of the State to assess and address unmet needs of residents and businesses. As Washington has been pro-active from the beginning, there have been few, if any, unmet needs. The Committee, however, will continue to make contacts particularly if numbers begin to spike this winter. The Town will continue its vigilance and continue to follow State guidelines.
- **Town Hall front walk and lawn:** An Invitation to Bid for repair or replace the front walk of the Town Hall and re-seed the front lawn was extended in July. Only one bid was received that met bid specifications. **Motion:** To award the bid for repair/replace the front walk and reseed the front lawn of Bryan Memorial Town Hall to Scott's Landscaping for \$46,880. By Jim Brinton,

seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved. The seeding of the lawn will not take place until spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Scheduling a Special Town Meeting to approve the Washington Primary School lease:** As the lease has not yet been received, scheduling of a Special Town Meeting is postponed until it is received.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:44p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant