

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**March 31, 2021**

***Meeting held via Video Conferencing.***

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

**Present:** First Selectman James L. Brinton; Selectman Jay Hubelbank.

**Public:** Howard Barnett, Sheila Anson, Carole Matteo, Michelle Gorra, Susan Smith, Diane Dupuis, Dan Sherr.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Resignation of Tyler O'Hazo from the Conservation Commission:** Tyler has submitted his resignation as he will no longer be a resident of the Town of Washington. **Motion:** To accept with regret and gratitude the resignation of Tyler O'Hazo from the Conservation Commission. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

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

- **COVID-19:** There has been an increase in positive cases in the State as well as the Town. Jim urged all residents to continue with safety protocols and to avoid unnecessary travel. Volunteers continue to assist residents with obtaining vaccine appointments with great success. Starting tomorrow, April 1<sup>st</sup>, persons 16 years of age and over can be vaccinated. Jim and the Department of Health are working to set up closed clinics for each of the schools in New Milford. They are in the process of gathering numbers of students who are eligible and who wish to receive the vaccine.
- **Governor Lamont's Executive Orders** declaring a state of emergency in regard to COVID-19, has been extended to May 20, 2021. Connecticut Conference of Municipalities has advised its members it may again be extended until June 30, 2021. Due to this extension, details of how to vote on the School and Town budgets and election of Board of Ed members will need to be worked out and finalized.
- **Shepaug Baseball:** Due to the history of Shepaug Baseball in Washington, and the fans who have attended for decades, Jim, Superintendent Megan Bennett, Athletic Director Matt Perachi and Highway Director Kevin Smith have met and developed a plan to keep players and fans safe following protocols of social distancing, mask wearing, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Opening of RFPs for a Conceptual Plan for Titus Block Plaza:** The following RFP was received:  
**Cardinal Engineering Associates, Meriden and Litchfield, CT** \$25,000.00  
No other RFPs were received.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Town Beach – COVID protocols:** Jim Brinton reported that the number of people allowed into the Beach during its “open hours” will need to be evaluated as we get closer to Memorial Day. Last year numbers were limited and people were asked to social distance. The Beach area was closed after hours last year but Jim is hopeful that residents will be able to use the take advantage of the area again this summer provided protocols are followed.
- **Transfer Station:** Jim Brinton reported that as of July 1, 2021 haulers will no longer be able to bring trash to our Transfer Station and will no longer be managed by an outside company. This is all in an effort to cut costs that have become exorbitant due to hauling fees, tipping fees, etc. There have also been discussions regarding the layout to make the area more efficient with compactors possibly being installed. Carole Matteo attended this evening’s meeting to offer advice and assistance in going forward with plans for the Transfer Station. Carole is an attorney with extensive experience in the garbage business. Carole offered several scenarios that could possibly be put into practice and referenced experts in the field that would also be willing to help. The Selectmen thanked Carole for attending this evening’s meeting and invited her to assist in future planning.

**Visitors:** None.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:11p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen’s Assistant