

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
August 5, 2021

HYBRID MEETING

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

Present: First Selectman James Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Leslie Anderson, Joan Lodsins, Rebecca Rebillard, Chris Charles, Carole Matteo.
Press: Linda Zukauskas – VOICES.

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

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of David Gewanter as a full member of the Conservation Commission: Motion:** To approve the appointment of David Gewanter (D) as a full member of the Conservation Commission (moving up from an alternate member) until 1/1/24. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

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

- **New oil/diesel tanks at Highway Garage** Have been installed. They should be operational within approximately a week and a half. The new tanks will have the capability of tracking vehicles and usage, and are better for the environment.
- **Mygatt Road:** Drainage work is progressing and repaving will follow.
- **Storms cleanup:** Residents are reminded that cleanup after a storm may take longer than expected. Once roads are cleared, debris needs to be cleaned up and disposed of, drains need to be cleaned out, dirt roads regraded, etc.
- **New Land Use Enforcement Officer** has been hired and will begin on August 23rd. In addition to her initial interview, Land Use Chairs and staff had the opportunity to meet with her and pleased to have her join the staff. Her credentials and background are excellent.
- **New Road Maintainer** has been hired and will begin on August 23rd.
- **Fire Marshall** interviews will begin next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Region #12 "tuitioned in" students:** Jay Hubelbank reported that there were 116 tuition paying students last school year resulting in \$1.3M income.
- **Sustainability Committee:** Jay Hubelbank reported the Committee will be formally submitting the Town's "action items" to the State by the deadline which will earn the Town a bronze certification. Additional items can be submitted after the deadline to earn a silver certification.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **COVID Vaccination Discussion:** As positive COVID numbers are again rising in the State and Town - mainly due to the Delta variant. The Selectmen are concerned about the safety of those who have not yet been vaccinated as well as those who could be affected by their decision not to be vaccinated. Town Attorney, Randy DiBella, has advised the Selectmen that as far as Town employees ago, the Selectmen can mandate that they get vaccinated or get tested twice weekly unless there is a medical or religious reason for exemption. The Selectmen were in agreement to speak to those employees who are unvaccinated on an individual basis.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:43p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant