

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
September 30, 2021

HYBRID MEETING

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.

Public: Michelle Gorra, Rebecca Rebillard, Carole Matteo, Joan Lodsins, Andrew Carron, Larry Gendron, Susan Smith, Chris Charles, Kristen Atlas.

Press: Linda Zukauskas – Voices.

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

MOTION: To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Appointment of Robert Woodroffe to the Housing Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Appointment of Robert Woodroffe to the Housing Commission: Motion:** To appoint Robert Woodroffe to the Housing Commission until 1/1/2023. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.
- **Appointment of MaryAnn Haverstock as Land Use Citation and Enforcement Officer: Motion:** To appoint MaryAnn Haverstock as Land Use Citation and Enforcement Officer for an indefinite term. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.
- **Appointment of Christopher Koppel as an alternate on the Inland Wetlands Commission: Motion:** To appoint Christopher Koppel as an alternate member of the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/2024.
- **Appointment of Kristen Atlas to the Economic Development Committee: Motion:** To appoint Christopher Koppel to the Economic Development Committee for an indefinite term. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

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

- **Pandemic Side Effects:** Projects in Town have been delayed, completion time lengthened and are costlier due to shortages of materials and equipment. For example, due to a delay in drainage materials arriving for the Mygatt Road project, it will not be finished until next spring. It will, however, be asphalted for winter. Jim will also be reaching out to the Business Association to discuss the extension of the Governor's Executive Orders until February 2022 and solicit their opinions on mask wearing, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **POCD Discussion:** The Selectmen discussed several of the tasks assigned to the Board of Selectmen in the 2014 Plan of Conservation and Development. Several have been completed such as support of the AgStem program, hiring of an Economic Development and Community Director, improving drainage and parking in the Washington Depot area, planning for construction of a new senior center and more services for the elderly, etc. Other tasks have had preliminary work done and others need to begin. Discussion will continue and other boards and commissions will be asked to continue discussion as the tasks the Plan assigned to them.
- **WiFi in the Depot:** Jay Hubelbank reported work continues on installing additional boosters to improve the signal in the Depot.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Coordination of Departments:** Land Use, Selectmen and Highway personnel will meet regularly to discuss permits issued, work that needs to be done on roads, town property, etc.
- **Fire/Police Boat:** Dean Sarjeant reported that the delivery of the boat, which had been delayed for months will take place in the Spring of 2022.
- **Town Meeting Reminder:** Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:30p.m. Due to the need to vote, by eligible voters only, the meeting will be held in person.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:48p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant