

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**October 14, 2021**

**HYBRID MEETING**

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

**Present:** First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.  
**Public:** Simon Metz, Joan Lodsins, Wayne Hileman, Chris Charles.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the September 30, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Appointment of Loretta Stagen to the Conservation Commission: Motion:** To appoint Loretta Stagen as an alternate to the Conservation Commission until 1/1/2023. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Ms. Stagen has attended meetings, has the endorsement of The Chairman of the Conservation Commission as well as the Republican and Democratic Town Committees. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Appointment to the Safety Committee: Motion:** To appoint Jeffrey Hammond, Larry Cable, Dennis Buell, Liz Gugel, Patrick Kessler, Jesse Travers and Mary Anne Greene to the Safety Committee until 12/31/2023. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: CIRMA, the Town's insurance carrier has reached out to the Town regarding the need for a Safety Committee. Members from the Town's various departments will meet quarterly to address any health and safety concerns and to bring to the attention of the Board of Selectmen. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- **Land Use and Highway Department Meetings:** Jim Brinton, Highway Director Kevin Smith, Land Use Coordinator Shelly White and Enforcement Officer Mary Ann Haverstock will meet monthly to discuss any upcoming road jobs, permits issued by Land Use that may affect Town road, etc.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **POCD Discussion:** The Selectmen will continue discussion on the POCD at the next meeting. Jay Hubelbank suggested discussion the impact COVID has had on Seniors and the services offered to them. Senior Center Director Pam Collins will be invited to attend.
- **Mask Mandate:** Jim Brinton has reached out the President and Vice-President of the Washington Business Association asking for their input on mandating the wearing of masks. At this time, the Association's members are comfortable with what each business is doing

individually. May re-visit if the need arises. There have been no new cases in Town for several weeks and approximately 75% of the eligible population is vaccinated.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**Visitors:**

- **Joan Lodsins** thanked Jay Hubelbank for suggesting more conversation regarding the Town's Senior population and suggested that Parks and Rec think about working with the Senior Center to offer more social events/activities.
- **Simon Metz** of River Road attended this evening's meeting to discuss the possibility of the Town adopting a Noise Ordinance. He has had conversations with several home owners and contractors and has researched what other Towns/cities have in place. He has given a draft Ordinance to Jim Brinton who will review with the Selectmen and Town Counsel. Should they decide to move forward, it would need to be approved by the DEEP and by a Town Meeting. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Metz for attending and will discuss further.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion:** To enter into Executive Session at 4:25p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. BY Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:05p.m. No action was taken.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:05p.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