

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
December 22, 2021**

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

HYBRID MEETING

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Michelle Gorra, Chris Charles, Judy Gorra, Leslie Anderson, Joan Lodsins, Dan Sherr.
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 December 9, 2021 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignation: None.

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

- **Highway Department:** There have been costly maintenance issues with two of the older highway trucks. Two new trucks are budgeted for and will be cycled in over the next two years.
- **Budget workshops** for the 2022-2023 fiscal year will begin in January 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Sustainability Committee:** Jay Hubelbank reported that the Town has been approved to participate in a workshop with Sustainable CT and the Nature Conservancy. A committee of 15 people will be formed to attend the workshop which will focus on identifying vulnerable areas that exist in the Town such as power outages (utility companies); highway department (equipment, road repair, etc.), vulnerable residents (seniors), etc. Representatives to the committee will include the Emergency Management Coordinator, members of the Fire Department and Ambulance Association, Steep Rock, Superintendent of Schools and others.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2022 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates: Motion:** To approve the following dates for Board of Selectmen meetings for 2022:
Meetings are held every other Thursday at 5:30p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall unless otherwise noted. January 6, 20; February 3, 17; March 3, 17, 31; April 13 (Wednesday), 28; May 12, 26; June 9, 23; July 7, 21; August 4, 18; September 1, 15, 29; October 13, 27; November 9 (Wednesday), 22 (Tuesday); December 8, 22. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- **Chris Charles** wished everyone a Merry Christmas.
- **Dan Sherr** inquired about the Town's COVID positivity rate and how to address it. Jim Brinton explained that the Board of Selectmen continues to urge residents to become vaccinated, follow safety protocols and test regularly for COVID if there is any possibility of exposure especially in light of the increasing number of cases. Town buildings continue to require masks and indoor events will be rolled back. More updates will follow in the coming week(s) depending on the positivity rate following the Holidays.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:41p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen wished all residents a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season!

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant.