

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 3, 2022

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: Bob Papsin, Dimitri Rimsky, Chris Charles, Joan Lodsins, Leslie Anderson, Mark Showalter, Susan Payne, Sally Woodroffe, Michelle Gorra, Craig Wilber, Linda Gomez.

Press: Linda Zukauskas.

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 February 17, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Discussion of proposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance:** Historic District Commissioners Dimitri Rimsky and Sally Woodroffe attended this evening's meeting to discuss with the Selectmen the proposed Delay of Demolition Ordinance. The Selectmen asked for clarification on several sections of the proposed Ordinance including various time lines for applicants to receive a response from the "review committee", how much time the applicant has to respond, what needs to be published by the applicant, violations penalties, etc. The commission will review and come back to the Selectmen. Once a final draft is agreed upon it will be presented to the public for it's support at a Town Meeting.
- **Awarding of Bid for the Replacement of Whittlesey Road Bridge: Motion:** To award the bid for the replacement of Whittlesey Road Bridge to NJR Construction for \$1,371,687.94. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Construction will begin with summer with an estimated completion date of October 2022. Funding for the project will be 80% federally funded and 20% town. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Discussion and possible approval of Solar Plan:** Jay Hubelbank explained the Town has been working with the CT Green Bank on a proposed solar plan. Possible sites have included the Washington Primary School, Bryan Memorial Town Hall and the Depot Firehouse. At present, the Firehouse appears to be the most promising site. **Motion:** To enter into a Purchase Power Agreement with the CT Green Bank for solar panels on the Depot Firehouse. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: by entering into this agreement, an engineering study can be done to determine if the building is structurally sound to support the panels. Jim Brinton will attend a meeting with the fire department to answer any questions next week. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Cyber Risk Insurance:** Jay explained that the Town is working with EdAdvance to update procedures in order to reapply for this coverage.
- **WiFi in the Depot:** Coverage in the Depot will be reevaluated in the spring when the leaves are again on the trees. The next step would be to expand into New Preston.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Setting the Agenda for a Special Town Meeting: Motion:** To set the Agenda for a Special Town Meeting as follows: The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 7:00p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:
 - To adopt a "Placement of Snow in Public Right of Way" Ordinance.
 - To amend the "Automatic Police and Fire Alarm" Ordinance.
 - To approve ARPA Funding not to exceed \$14,000 to purchase and stock a climate controlled mobile trailer for use in the event of a town wide emergency.
 - To approve ARPA funding not to exceed \$21,000 to purchase and stock a storage container traffic cones, barricades, signs, etc. to be used for community COVID vaccination and testing clinics.
 - To adopt the Town of Washington Capital Improvement Plan.
 - To approve the purchase of property at 92 Bee Brook Road, Washington Depot, CT by the Town of Washington.
 - To approve joining the HVHD Health District.
 - To amend the Ordinance Establishing an Affordable Housing Fund. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: The meeting will be held in person only. Masks required. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:17p.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