

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes

June 23, 2022

HYBRID MEETING

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

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectman Jay Hubelbank.

Public: Michelle Gorra, Leslie Anderson, Joan Lodsins, Susan Smith, Susan Smith, 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 the June 9, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations:

- **Resignation of Janet Hill from the ARPA Committee:** The Selectmen accepted Janet Hill's resignation with thanks for the time she served.
- **Motion:** To approve the reappointments of **Robert Papsin to the Buildings & Property Commission until 7/1/25; Robert Tomlinson to the Cable Advisory Council until 6/30/24; Jennifer Bogue and Larry Gendron to the Inland Wetlands Commission until 6/30/25; Pamela Osborne to the Judea Cemetery Commission until 6/30/27; and Edwin Matthews to the Lake Waramaug Authority until 6/30/25.** By Jim Brinton seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

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

- **Fuel Consortium** met this week. Although prices are slowly decreasing, it was decided to wait a bit longer in the hopes they will come down more.
- **New Hires:** Mark Showalter will be the Town's Building & Property Manager; Jennifer Pote will be Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Director; two highway maintainers have also been hired as well as a Pavilion attendant and Transfer Station substitute.
- **Bridge Update:** Calhoun Street Bridge is complete; Rabbit Hill Road Bridge should be complete next week. Whittlesey Road Bridge work has begun and should be complete by November.
- **Department Head Meeting** is scheduled for next week and will be held monthly.
- **Employee Evaluations** will begin in the upcoming weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Transfer Station Update:** Jim Brinton and Kevin Smith will be meeting with George Stone of Stone Construction next Monday to finalize details for the Transfer Station renovations which will begin the week of July 3rd. Please visit the Town's website for details on closings.

- **Technology Update:** Jay Hubelbank reported internet improvements are being made at the Washington Depot Firehouse; the projector in the Main Conference Room is now working and 8 employee computers will be upgraded this upcoming fiscal year.
- **ARPA Committee Update:** The Committee has met twice and has received approximately 30 requests for funding. The Committee will review and recommend those they feel appropriate to the Board of Selectmen who, if approved, will in turn forward to the Board of Finance and a Town Meeting for final approval.
- **Day Care:** Jay Hubelbank expressed gratitude for the good attendance at the Public Information Meeting regarding the proposed Day Care Center. A non-profit will be established and several avenues of funding are being explored including ARPA funding, a STEAP Grant and a Town Contribution. Joan Lodsins asked if children from other Towns will be allowed to attend. Michelle Gorra explained that first priority would be given to Washington families. If there are still vacancies, Roxbury and Bridgewater may be able to send children however this is yet to be determined and a cost to those Towns would need to be set by the non-profit Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Washington Ambulance Association Discussion:** Due to an accounting error, the non-profit status of the Washington Ambulance Association has been revoked. Jim Brinton has spoken with the Town's Auditor and Attorney. **Motion:** To allow the Town of Washington to retain the services of a Cramer & Anderson tax attorney to have the non-profit status re-instated. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:02p.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