

TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
October 27, 2022

HYBRID MEETING

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

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectman Dean Sarjeant.
Public: Jane Sarjeant, Susan Smith, Joan Lodsins, Ray Reich, Cathy Carron.
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 October 13, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

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

- **Proposed Dog Park:** The Highway Department will be able to do a fair amount of the work involved to create the park which will keep the costs down. It will be located adjacent to the Depot Fire House and parking will be available within the park.
- **Tunnel Road Bridge:** Bids are due tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **EV Charging Stations:** Selectman Jay Hubelbank was not able to attend this evening's meeting. Discussion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Request from ASAP to waive the fee for use of the Main Hall:** **Motion:** To waive the fee for use of the Main Hall by ASAP on November 13, 2022 for their annual Celebration of Young Photographers. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.
- **National First Responders Day – October 28th.** Jim Brinton reported that Congress has designated October 28th as National First Responder's Day to honor all EMS, Fire and Police personnel. **Motion:** To have the Town of Washington recognize October 28th as National First Responder's Day. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Visitors:

- **Susan Smith** inquires as to the status of the proposed Community Center. Jim Brinton explained that fund raising is ongoing with personal visits to potential donors. Several committees have also been formed to discuss programming, building plans, landscaping, etc. Susan offered to volunteer to assist and to encourage others to become involved and

participate in programs once offered. Jim and Dean Sarjeant also encouraged her to contact Jenn Pote, Community Services Director, to assist with what is currently being offered at the Senior Center. Economic Development Coordinator, Michelle Gorra, has created a survey to gain insight from townspeople as to what their program preferences are.

- **Ray Reich** about the proposed Day Care Center and what it's advantage to the Town would be. Jim explained that it would serve families by providing childcare while parents are working. Ray asked if thought had been given to the Town providing financial assistance to families to pay for childcare rather than taking on the cost of constructing a Day Care Center. As that idea has not been mentioned, previously, Jim offered to speak with Ray further on the subject.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:49p.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