

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
December 22, 2022**

**HYBRID MEETING**

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

**Present:** Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant.

**Public:** Leslie Anderson, Connie Chapin, Linda Gomez, Joan Lodsins, Bob Papsin, Ray Reich, Janet Smith, and Susan Smith.

**Call to Order:** Selectman Jay Hubelbank called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Motion:** To add subsequent business not already on the agenda. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Electric Rates. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the December 8, 2022 meeting of the Board of Selectmen by Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignation:**

- **Resignation of Ray Reich from the Parks and Recreation Commission.**

**Motion:** To accept the resignation of Ray Reich from the Parks and Recreation Commission. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Ray has been a member of the Commission since 1993. The Board thanked Ray for his many years of service to the town. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Resignation of Susan Payne from the Sustainability Committee.**

**Motion:** To accept the resignation of Susan Payne from the Sustainability Committee. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Susie represented the Conservation Commission on the committee and continues to serve on that commission. The Selectmen thanked her for her service. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Appointment of Linda Frank to the Sustainability Committee.**

**Motion:** To approve the appointment of Linda Frank to the Sustainability Committee. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Linda will represent the Conservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

**First Selectman's Report:** None.

**Old Business**

- **Approval of opting out of Sections of PA 21-29 per request of the Zoning Commission.**

**Motion:** To approve opting out of Sections PA 21-29 as requested by the Zoning Commission. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Janet Hill, representing the Zoning Commission, explained that if the town does not opt out, it must comply with all of the provisions in Section 6 that includes requirements for accessory apartments both attached and detached. The Zoning Commission recommends opting out because Sections of PA 21-29 would not permit the town to set any additional standards regarding building height, parking spaces, access, etc., which could impact accessory apartment size. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Electric Rates.**

**Motion:** To approve a 24-month contract for electrical generation brokered by Titan Energy at a price of \$0.15118/kWh starting in January 2023. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Jay reported that for a number of years the town has been a part of a consortium sponsored by the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM). Titan Energy is working on behalf of CCM. The current contract will end soon and it is strongly urged to go with an immediate start in January rather than March as previously discussed to lower the costs of the agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Transfer Station.** Jay reported that the town is getting close to opening up the compactors at the Transfer Station as well as for glass separation, mattresses, textiles and compositing. Signage coming in soon. The Board expects to have everything up and running in early January.

**New Business:**      None.

**Visitors:**

- **Leslie Anderson** followed up on the discussion of the Washington Transfer Station by letting the public know that composting is not ready. Compactors are on site but not ready for use. Mr. Hubelbank noted the compactors are ready and staff have been trained in how to use them. Also, the composting bins are on site. We are waiting for the signage before we start using them.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:45 PM as there was no further business for discussion. By Dean Sarjeant, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila M. Anson, Acting Clerk  
December 28, 2022