

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes

March 30, 2023

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: Rebecca Rebillard, Joan Lodsins, Sandy Papsin, Bob Papsin, Michelle Gorra, George Bartholomew, Linda Gomez.

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 March 16, 2023 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: Jim Brinton reported the following:

- **Selectmen Reports:** Jim asked Jay Hubelbank and Dean Sarjeant if they would be willing, in addition to his First Selectman's Report, to give reports on the various committees, initiatives, responsibilities, etc. they are involved with. Both agreed. Dean Sarjeant asked if there was a way the three Selectmen could legally meet, not as a formal meeting, realizing they could not make any decisions that would require a vote. The Selectmen felt that occasional informal meetings such as this would be beneficial for planning purposes, etc. Jim will check with FOI.
- **Wake Boat Ordinance:** Jim met Thursday morning with the First Selectmen of Warren and Kent as well as Sean Hayden of the Lake Waramaug Task Force to further discuss the possible proposed Ordinance regarding prohibiting Wake Boats on Lake Waramaug. The three towns are moving forward on this and will be providing more information in the not too distant future.
- **Transfer Station Update:** Jim met with Transfer Station Attendants Liz Gugel and Jerry Crandall to discuss the new initiatives at the Transfer Station. It was reported that many residents are taking advantage of the textile, glass and compost recycling and foresee the numbers increasing. Dean Sarjeant asked Jay Hubelbank if he would be willing to hold a seminar, perhaps in conjunction with the Washington Environmental Council, to explain to residents how they can improve their recycling but taking advantage of what is now being offered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **No Idling Campaign:** Jay Hubelbank reported that the Sustainability Committee, along with the Washington Environmental Council has launched the No Idling Campaign with signs placed around Town as well as informational flyers mailed to all postal patrons.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Approval of the proposed 2023 proposed 2023-2024 Budget: Motion:** To approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget in the amount of \$20,935,018. and forward it to the Board of Finance for their approval. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: the amount of the proposed budget represents a 5 1/4% increase over the current year's budget. This increase should not affect the mill rate. All departments and commissions met with the Selectmen and asked for their input into next year's budget. The motion passed unanimously.
- **To extend an Invitation to Bid for the New Preston Hill Road Bridge. Motion:** To extend an Invitation to Bid for Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 150-004 – New Preston Hill Road over the East Aspetuck River. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Bids will be received at the First Selectman's Office, Bryan Memorial Town Hall, 2 Bryan Plaza, Washington Depot, CT 06794 until 10:00a.m. Thursday, April 27, 2023 at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. More details can be obtained at Advanced Reprographics, 50 Corporate Avenue, Plainville, CT 06062 (860)410-1020, or at www.advancedrepro.net. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: None.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:42p.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