

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
June 22, 2023  
Bryan Memorial Town Hall**

**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: Leslie Anderson, Kate Baldwin, Kate Golduank, Norman Dorf, Michael Guadango, Mike Jacobellis, Stacey Lender, Carson Lender, Ellen Moskowitz, Maria Mostajo, Carole Matteo, Bob Papsin, Nancy Sarnoff-Williams, Susan Smith, Heath Watkin, Rod Wyant, Danny ?, Arthur ?, Khan?, John?, Tom?

Press: Ann Jamieson - VOICES

**Call to Order:** First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 meeting of the Board of Selectmen by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignation:** None

**First Selectman's Report:** None

**Selectmen's Report:**

- Jay Hubelbank thanked Anne Jamieson from VOICES for including in the last issue of the paper the town's project to add solar panels to town buildings. He did clarify that the solar panels are installed at the Fire Department building but there are no plans right now for any other buildings.
- Dean Sarjeant reported that the Lake Waramaug Patrol is moving forward with the State of Connecticut DEEP and hopefully will be training and on the water in the next two weeks.

**Old Business:**

- **Police Traffic data.** The town was able to get the police traffic data from the State terminal. Jim met with Resident Trooper Hamel regarding Wykeham Road's speed limit. It is currently 30 MPH and it is the recommendation to change to 25 MPH. The Board of Selectmen have the authority to make changes on town roads.  
**Motion:** To approve the recommendation to change the speed on Wykeham Road from 30 MPH to 25 MPH by Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. The motion passed unanimously.
- There was also discussion about a three-way stop on Wykeham Road at either Sabbaday Lane or Golf Course Road to slow down traffic. Resident Trooper Hamel and Highway Director Kevin Smith will meet with Jim on site.

**Old Business (continued):**

- **Lake Waramaug:** Jim has been discussing the possibility of an ordinance concerning wake boats on Lake Waramaug with the Selectmen of Kent and Warren, Jean Speck and Greg LaCava. All three towns will need to approve the ordinance at town meetings. This ordinance would not ban wake boats but rather the use of the boat. There is concern that there is no data to work off. The Selectmen of the three towns are waiting for extensive research and recommendation from the Lake Waramaug Task Force who need to be specific with their study. Discussion included DEEP approval, the ecology of the lake and safety, the information provided by the Task Force needs to be clear and accurate, and there needs to be community-wide discussion before a vote is taken. The Selectmen explained the process for creating this ordinance would be on the agenda for a board meeting to review and discuss at which time changes can be made. If the Selectmen approve the wording of the ordinance, it goes to a special town meeting for a vote. A moderator will oversee the business of the meeting. The Selectmen also reported there is no current timeline for the ordinance to be approved.

**New Business:**

- **Setting the Agenda for the July 6, 2023 Special Town Meeting.**  
**Motion:** To set the agenda as follows: The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:30 PM at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:
  - To approve the sale of a piece of property on Scofield Hill Road to Edith Johnson.
  - To approve the ARPA Fund Committee recommendation for Greenwoods Counseling.
  - To approve the ARPA Fund Committee recommendation for the Washington Scholarship

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

**Visitors:**

- **Norman Dorf** expressed his hope that the Board of Selectmen will be open to listening to both sides of the wake boat issue and hopefully there will be a compromise.
- **Kate Baldwin** expressed her concern about the health of Lake Waramaug and safety on the water. She also mentioned a compromise and resolution.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:17PM as there was no further business for discussion by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila M. Anson, Acting Clerk