

TOWN OF WASHINGTON

Board of Selectmen

Minutes

August 31, 2023

HYBRID MEETING

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

Present: First Selectman James L. Brinton. Selectman Dean Sarjeant.

Public: Joan Lodsine, Michael Stoughton, Andrew Carron, Ross Bartfield, Bob Papsin, Rebecca Rebillard, Susan Smith, Victoria Rowan, Danny (?).

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 August 17, 2023 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Communications: Jim Brinton read the following letter from Victoria Rowan, Chair of the Washington Arts Council:

August 24, 2023

To: The Board of Selectmen From: The Washington Arts Council

Re: setting up an Arts Council Fund

Dear Jim, Jay and Dean,

The Arts Council is requesting to set up a fund within the Town for the purposes of fundraising to support our mission of promoting and supporting arts in Washington. The Council is interested in applying for grants as well as holding fundraisers for this purpose.

Linda Gomez informed us that all monies raised must be used for the benefit of the public. The policies regarding these publicly raised funds would be strictly followed. Linda McGarr also suggested that we stipulate that if the fund were to become inactive for a period of two years the fund be closed and the monies go back to the general fund. We would like to recommend that the funds go to the Economic Development Committee, our parent committee, for the purposes of promoting arts in Washington. Please let us know if you need any further information or would like members of the council to come before the Board of Selectmen.

We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Regards,



Victoria Rowan

Chair, Washington Arts Council

The Selectmen discussed the request and gave their support for the establishment of such a fund once the conditions for setting up and for dispensing residual funds are clarified with the Town's auditor and Town Attorney.

Appointments/Resignations: None.

First Selectman's Report: None.

Selectmen's Report: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution to recommend an Appropriation for renovations to the Washington Emergency Medical Services Station and a Bond Authorization: **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Washington (the "Town") appropriate \$4,740,000 for renovations to the Washington Emergency Medical Services Station located at 92 Bee Brook Road (the "Project"). The appropriation may be expended for site improvements, design, construction, renovation and installation costs, engineering and professional fees, inspection, evaluation and surveying costs, materials, equipment, purchase costs, legal fees, financing costs, interest expense on temporary borrowings, and other costs related to the Project. The appropriation shall include any federal, state or other grants-in-aid received for the Project. The Board of Selectmen or, a building committee, if established, is authorized to determine the particulars of the Project. The Board of Selectmen may reduce or modify the scope of the Project and the entire appropriation may be expended on the Project as so reduced or modified.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town finance the appropriation by issuing its bonds, notes or temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,740,000. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant. Discussion: Jim Brinton explained that the Building Committee would be meeting in early September with the architect and cost estimators for the project and then forward the bond issue to the Board of Finance. He further explained that it is anticipated the final amount to be bonded would be less than the \$4,740,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors:

- **Ross Bartfield** inquired as to the status of the speed limit changes on Wykeham Road and the installation of a three-way stop at Wykeham and Sabbaday. Jim Brinton reported that the State has given its approval for both. The State have also provided a list of required signage prior to these changes. This will hopefully be accomplished in the not-too-distant future. Mr. Bartfield expressed his gratitude.
- **Andrew Carron** inquired as to the steps involved in the above-mentioned Bond authorization. Jim Brinton explained the first would be the approval by the Board of Selectmen, followed by the approval of the Board of Finance and finally an approval at a Town Meeting. The terms of the bond will be outlined for the Board of Finance by the Bond Council.

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:42p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Assistant