

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**December 21, 2023**  
**HYBRID MEETING**

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

**Present:** First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectman Jay Hubelbank.

**Public:** Joan Lodsins, Susan Smith, Bob Papsin.

**Press:** Anne Jamieson – 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 December 7, 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:

- **Tunnel Road Bridge:** Weather has caused completion of the project to be delayed. The projected date for re-opening of the bridge is January 5, 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Housing:** Jay Hubelbank suggested that the Housing Commission hold a public forum in February to discuss the Housing needs in Washington. This has been discussed at many meetings of Boards and Commissions – most frequently at the Board of Finance meeting at which Bill Fairbairn spoke. Attendees at the meeting could ask questions, present ideas, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Discussion of a Building Permit Policy:** As has been discussed previously, the Town does not have a noise Ordinance. In order for there to be one, it would need to be approved by the DEEP. Following discussions with the Town's Building Official and Town Attorney, a noise "Policy" could be approved and enacted. **Motion:** To enact the following policy effective January 1, 2024: All building permits authorized on or after January 1, 2024, must include start and end times. The standard permit shall require work to start and end as follows:
  - Mondays through Fridays: work shall begin no earlier than 7:30am and end by 7:30pm.
  - Saturdays: work shall start no earlier than 9:00am and end by 5:00pm.
  - Sundays: work shall start no earlier than 11:00am and end by 5:00pm.The Board of Selectmen authorizes the Town's Building Official to adjust the times noted above based on individual circumstances. Reasons for waiving these rules shall include but not be limited to the following: work to be conducted inside the structure; proximity to neighbors, and weather-related issues. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay

Hubelbank. Discussion: the amount of noise generated in Town has become more of a concern since the increase in construction projects throughout the Town. This policy would address concerns and problems that have arisen. The motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:38p.m. to enter into Executive Session to discuss a real estate proposal. Inland Wetlands, Chairman, Bob Papsin, is invited to attend. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

The Selectmen re-entered the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 5:57p.m. having taken the following action:

**Motion:** To convey Parcel C at 60 River Road, Washington Depot, CT to ROMAC LLC with conditions. By Jim Brinton seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:58p.m. as there was no further business for discussion. By Jay Hubelbank, seconded by Jim Brinton and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Anne Greene  
Selectmen's Assistant