

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**

**Board of Selectmen**

**Minutes**

**May 9, 2024**

**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:** Craig Schoon, Keith Angell, Sandy Papsin, Linda Gomez, Barbara Brown, Phyllis Allen, Rebecca Rebillard, Todd Peterson, Ted Bent, Matt Cain, Sally Cornell, Liz Fenton.

**Press:** Ann Jamieson – VOICES.

**Call to Order:** First Selectman James Brinton called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 11, 2024 and May 6, 2024 meetings of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

**Motion:** To postpone the Executive Session scheduled for this meeting until the following meeting of the Board of Selectmen on May 23, 2024. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:** None.

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

**Selectman's Report:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Discussion of the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget:** Jim Brinton explained that following the Budget Hearing on May 2, 2024, the Board of selectmen forwarded their proposed FY 2024-2025 budget to the Board of Finance for their approval prior to it being presented for approval at the Annual Town Meetings. The Selectmen's proposed budget included a line item \$100,000 less than what the Housing Commission had originally requested. However, given the amount already in the Housing Fund, and the work that is likely to be done in the next fiscal year, there will be enough to fully fund the two projects that are currently being worked on. The Board of Finance unanimously voted to re-instate the \$100,000. The Selectmen explained to those present that Housing has the full support of the Board and felt that by adding the \$100,000 to the budget this year would result in an unnecessary increase on resident's taxes. The Selectmen also explained that in the event, additional funds were needed (other than what is budgeted) an ex-budget appropriation could be requested and voted upon. Discussion and sharing of opinions continued between the Selectmen, members of the Board of Finance and public. **Motion:** To re-submit the budget as initially submitted to the Board of Finance by the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Dean Sarjeant and unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**Visitors:** None.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:56p.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