

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON
Board of Selectmen
Minutes
December 26, 2019**

Minutes are subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen

Present: First Selectman Jim Brinton; Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Michelle Gorra.
Public: Susan Smith, Joan Lodsins, Mark Lyon, Lillian Lyon, Anthony Bedini, Robert Tomlinson.

Call to Order: First Selectman Jim Brinton called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.

Approval of Minutes:

Selectman Jay Hubelbank had some changes to the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. First Selectmen Jim Brinton suggested tabling the approval until Mary Anne Greene, Selectmen's Assistant and Clerk of the minutes, was present.

- **Motion:** To table the approval of the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen until the January, 9, 2020 meeting, by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications: None.

Appointments/Resignation:

At the December 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the appointment of Susan Branson as a full member of the Inland Wetlands Commission was tabled at the request of Selectman Jay Hubelbank until there was further discussion of an Appointment Policy. Although a policy has not been officially approved, First Selectman Jim Brinton reported that he has contacted the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican Town Committees as well as the chairman of the Inland Wetlands Commission and they are all in agreement to appoint Ms. Branson to the commission.

- **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Susan Branson as a full member of the Inland Wetlands Commission moving up from an alternate until 06/30/2022 by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. The motion passed unanimously.

First Selectman's Report: None.

Old Business:

- **WiFi in the Depot:** As previously reported by Jay Hubelbank, the antennas have been installed in the Town Hall cupola and at the Washington Primary School. The antennas are talking to each other and in the process of working with Region #12 on the project in conjunction with Ed Advance. There is money in the budget for additional equipment. The next step would be to get the signal out starting in the Depot and tracking how far the range is. Things are moving along.

New Business:

- **Setting the Agenda for a January 23, 2020 Special Town Meeting.**
Motion: To set the Agenda for the January 23, 2020 Special Town Meeting by Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank as follows: The voters and electors of the Town of Washington are hereby warned that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Bryan Memorial Town Hall, Washington Depot, Connecticut to consider and act upon the following:
 - 1) To approve the transfer of property (Parcel A between 64 and 66 River Road), Washington Depot 06794 to ROMAC, LLC.
 - 2) To approve the purchase of property at 70 Scofield Hill Road, Southwest corner, 0.353 acre, from Edith C. Johnson.

Discussion included the purchase of the property from Edith C. Johnson on Scofield Hill Road for \$3,000.00 that would allow the town to make necessary road and drainage improvements; those repairs would be done by an independent contractor and not the highway department.

The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors: None

Adjournment:

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 11:12 AM 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
December 26, 2019