

**TOWN OF WASHINGTON**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Minutes**  
**May 14, 2020**

**Meeting held via Video Conferencing**

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

**Present:** First Selectman James L. Brinton, Selectmen Jay Hubelbank and Michelle Gorra.  
**Public:** Joan Lodsin, Dan Sherr, Chris Charles, Susan Smith.  
**Press:** Linda Zukauskas.

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

**MOTION:** To add subsequent business not already on the Agenda. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Appointment of a Long Term Recovery Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 30, 2020 meeting of the Board of Selectmen. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.

**Communications:** None.

**Appointments/Resignations:**

- **Motion:** To form a Long Term Recovery Committee, at the suggestion of the State, to meet and address unmet needs in the Town due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, and to appoint the following:
  - Jim Brinton-Board of Selectmen, to represent non-profits
  - Dimitri Rimsky-Planning and Michael Jackson-Board of Finance, to represent residents
  - Wayne Hileman-Planning and Jennifer Pote-Board of Ed, to represent schools
  - Joe Fredlund-to represent Parks & Recreation and Buildings and Properties
  - Jay Combs-to represent Washington Businesses.

By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank. Discussion: Many of the guidelines set forth in the State's recommendations apply more to larger municipalities. Jim Brinton feels the Town has already been very proactive and will most likely be involved in more of a "monitoring" role as the Town begins to gradually re-open. Residents and businesses will be contacted to determine if there are any unmet needs. The first meeting will be Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

**First Selectman's Report:** Jim Brinton reported the following:

- **May 20, 2020 Gradual Re-opening of the State:** Washington will review guidelines issues and await guidance for outside programs. Jim feels Governor Lamont has been handling the Pandemic correctly with public safety being the primary concern. Some local businesses may not reopen if not comfortable. Business at the Town Hall will continue as status quo – closed to the public. "PPE" kits will be distributed to businesses at no charge.
- **Tax Deferral Program:** Tax Collector, Donna Alex, has reported receiving one application.

- **Health Department:** The Town's number of confirmed COVID-19 cases remains at 18 for the third consecutive week.
- **Memorial Day:** The graveside readings in the Town's cemeteries, decorating of the graves, and awarding of the Stephen Reich Citizenship Award will occur but will be closed to the public. The activities will be filmed and available for viewing on the Town's website. Chicken in the Box dinners will still be available from the American Legion but will be curbside pickup only. The Parade has been cancelled.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **New Preston Falls:** Jim reported that project is moving along with fencing, signage, etc. being accepted by the Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Commission will act on application next week. Jim will meet with neighbors on Sunday to review plans with them as well.
- **WiFi in the Depot:** Jay Hubelbank reported Ed Advance has again begun work and additional equipment has been ordered to expand the area to be covered.
- **Region #12 Building Project:** Jay Hubelbank reported that outside work is still taking place including paving and landscaping. Although taking longer than hoped, it is getting done and the whole project is still under budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Designation of Litchfield County Dispatch as recipient of telecommunications credit: Motion:** In accordance of the Regulations of the State of Connecticut, Washington designates Litchfield County Dispatch as the recipient of the regional emergency telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Direction (CMED) services for fiscal year 2020-2021. By Jim Brinton, seconded by Jay Hubelbank and unanimously approved.
- **Condolences to the family of Richard Kaylor:** Dick passed away as a result of COVID-19. He served the Town for many years as a member of the Lion's Club, Democratic Town Committee and served on the Board of Selectmen for 12 years.

**Visitors:** None.

**Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 5:55p.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