

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
January 8, 2009

**1.0 ASSEMBLY**

**1.1** Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

**1.2** Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman  
Visitors: Nan Schwartz, Ed Thayer and Lori Killam  
Minutes taken by: Ken Eastman

**2.0 MINUTES**

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of December 18, 2008 be accepted as written. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Important Dates -**

- January 8<sup>th</sup> The Selectmen and the Road Agent will review the Snow and Ice Policy
- January 14<sup>th</sup> Park & Rec 6:00PM at Town Hall
- January 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30PM Selectmen Public Hearing on lowering the speed limit on East Washington Road.
- January 20<sup>th</sup> 4 PM Forestry Meeting, Town Hall
- January 21<sup>st</sup> 7 PM Meeting House meeting with architect at Town Hall.

**Did You Know?** Sign up for town/school offices on the ballot is January 21 – 30. Available seats will be posted next week.

**3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS**

**3.1 None.**

**4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY**

**4.1** The Selectmen received a complaint of a potential car junkyard at the corner of Millen Pond Rd and Faxon Hill Rd.

**4.2** Tom Taylor reported they were clearing the trail on the Town Forest . See meeting in important dates. He also inquired about the Class VI section of Old Marlow Rd. near LAE. He expressed great thanks for the EOC and Bob Hofstetter for their help supporting his daughter during the ice storm.

**4.3** Carolyn Russell discussed her accident and workmen's comp claim. She also mentioned the need to transfer expiring food bank items to Newport Food Bank for early distribution and to shield the current food bank. She also discussed welfare privacy issues and creating a partitioned area in the town hall. She asked to change her hours to "by appointment only". The Welfare phone is 495-3521. Secretary will change the hours on the listing of town office hours.

- 4.4** Bob Fraser reported he has been contacted by Chris Way from the governor's office looking into avenues to obtain funding for a cell tower in Washington. Rep. Beverly Rodeschin has also contacted him about a meeting she is trying to schedule with the governor. Eastman volunteered depending on the date.
- 4.5** Steve Hansen requested a copy of his hand written Joint Loss Management Report. Secretary will provide.
- 4.6** Thomas Tanner called to request an occupancy permit for 134 Washington Hights. Eastman to coordinate for Saturday.
- 4.7** Mrs. Gordon called to request a 911 number for TM# 16-71-4 on S. Main St. Secretary will send an application.

## **5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS**

### **5.1 Ed Thayer:**

- 5.1.1** Discussed the ice policy review.
- 5.1.2.** He forwarded an email looking for potential projects that could be worked for economic stimulus in the near future.
- 5.1.3** A review of the ice storm response will be at 6:30 PM on January 22d .
- 5.1.4** Ed will attend a FEMA briefing in Keene on January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

## **6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 6.1** Review of snow and ice policy: Ed Thayer reports no changes to the policy except for names of operators and the addition of one new vehicle. The use of salt will continue to be at a minimum. The public response was positive. Ed will forward an electronic copy to the secretary.
- 6.2** Ron Jager proposed a meeting with the selectmen tonight to discuss the date for the next Meeting House meeting. This public meeting will be with the architect and will reveal the cost of the construction plans (a probable town meeting warrant article) and rough estimates for the cost of the entire project. Participants were Ron Jager, Nan Schwartz, Carolyn and Jim Russell. Meeting will be on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. See important dates.
- 6.3** Lori Killam requested a copy of the new key for the upstairs of the old schoolhouse. Killam uses the space for girls scout meetings. The secretary will provide Killam with a copy. Killam also dropped off her old key.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 7.1** Email from Dennis Kelly re. new email address. - Secretary to change.
- 7.2** Email from Liana Capra inquiring on the setbacks for constructing a deck on their building. - Secretary to respond.
- 7.3** Email from Todd Houston inquiring if there are any town maintained ice skating ponds. – There are no ice skating areas maintained by the town.

- 7.4** Email from Carolyn Russell requesting the Selectmen's approval to accept a donation of \$100 for the food pantry. See 9.1
- 7.5** Email advising of an upcoming meeting of the Wetlands Protection Act scheduled for Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in Newport in the court building , 3d floor.- Public reading file
- 7.5** Email from Steve Terani forwarding his comment regarding the speed limits on E Washington Rd. - To be discussed at next selectman's meeting
- 7.6** Email from Sally Dowd requesting information on renting town hall for a wedding in August. Secretary will respond.
- 7.7** Email from Sullivan County advising of their next meeting to be held on Jan, 23 at 8:30 AM at the Newport complex. Read file
- 7.8** Email from State of NH Fuel Contract District 2 regarding obtaining lower prices for fuel at a contract rate. – Public reading file
- 7.9** Email from Ron Jager advising that the upcoming meeting house forum on January 14<sup>th</sup> was in conflict with the Park & Rec Meeting. – See 6.2
- 7.10** mail from PD to Chief Marshall responding to an email from Billy Krause regarding motorist speeding on E. Washington Rd.
- 7.11** Invoice from Mamakating for the 2009 alarm service agreement. - Forward to bookkeeper.
- 7.12** National Business Institute for online teleconferencing classes. - Filed
- 7.13** Chief Marshall provided the Selectmen with a copy of a Photoshop class that he had passed with an A.
- 7.14** Response from a landowner to a request for a building permit. -Secretary will schedule an appointment between the property owner and the Selectmen.
- 7.16** Local Government Center (LGC) annual report. -Filed.
- 7.17** Invoice from the Upper Valley Regional Planning Commission for the Washington Regulatory Audit. - Forwarded to bookkeeper.
- 7.18** Legislative Bulletin - Public reading file
- 7.19** Industrial Communications announces a cell tower balloon test.- Filed
- 7.20** Household Hazardous waste committee upcoming meeting. - Forward to Thayer.
- 7.21** LGC scholarship program for high school seniors. - See secretary.
- 7.22** LGC Slice of life. - Forward to bookkeeper.
- 7.23** LGC desktop calendar. – Forward to secretary
- 7.24** Copy of letter from Ron Nash to Wetlands Bureau regarding his wetlands
- 7.25** permit plan. See 7.25
- 7.25** Copy of wetlands permit for Ron Nash. -See 7.24
- 7.26** NH Retirement system 2008 edition. -Filed
- 7.26** A copy of a letter from Chief Marshall to the Department of Corrections thanking them for providing 4 inmates during the ice storm.- Filed
- 7.27** NH Employment Security appreciating filling out their survey. - Filed
- 7.28** Letter from DRA of services regarding our warrant articles this coming year.- Forward to bookkeeper.
- 7.29** D&B Saftey Company – letter for winter safety. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.30** SEC shore land permit going to the wetlands bureau from Joseph Gullage. Forward to conservation commission.

- 7.31** LGC letter about NH government center 2009 interactive town meeting project. [www.nhpr.org](http://www.nhpr.org) -Filed
- 7.32** Plodzick and Sanderson letter confirming understanding of how they will complete our annual audit. Signed and faxed by secretary
- 7.32** Executive Council District 2 - Public reading file.
- 7.37** LGC informing rate subsidy rate pool. To bookkeeper
- 7.38** Forest News to conservation commission.
- 7.39** Email from Ed Thayer regarding a request for information on shovel ready projects. Filed
- 7.40** Ebulletin from Upper Valley Regional Planning commission. – Public reading file.
- 7.41** Planning Board suggestion for upcoming meeting house meeting from Nan Schwartz.

## **8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1** Volunteers are needed to paint windows (indoors) at Camp Morgan Lodge. Contact Ken Eastman 495-1064.

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1** Free Tax help will be available by calling Carolyn Russell for appointments on Thursdays or Fridays. This will begin the first week of February. Her home phone is 495-3193.
- 9.2** The Selectmen issued a Certificate of Occupancy for Katie Shearin completed and signed.

## **10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED**

- 10.1** The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$28,600.31 and vendors \$ 98,160.38 for the week of December 26, 2008.  
The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,018.40 and vendors \$22,614.27 for the week of January 2, 2009.  
The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$5793.52 and vendors \$219,310.18 for the week of January 9, 2009.

## **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- 11.1** There being no further business before the Board; Cook motioned for adjournment, Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned 9:50PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse  
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen