

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
January 15, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman
Visitors: John Pasieka, Phil Barker, Chief Marshall, Thomas Tanner

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of January 8, 2009 be accepted as written. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

January 20th – The Supervisors of the checklist will be in session for the purpose of corrects/additions to the checklist before the filing period for Town Offices at the Town Hall from 7-8PM.

January 21st – Conservation Commission 6PM at Town Hall

January 21st – Public Meeting regarding the Future of the Town Hall with architect Monahon. 7PM at Town Hall

January 31st - Washington Congregational Church will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner at Camp Morgan Lodge 5:30PM (just one sitting)

February 3rd- Planning Board 7PM at Town Hall

February 7th – Budget Hearing 2PM at Town Hall

February 11th – Park and Rec 6PM at Town Hall

Did You Know? That on January 21st there will be a Public Meeting regarding the proposed Future of the Town Hall with architect Monahon, 7PM at Town Hall

Town wide Office vacancies sign ups will be open from January 21st-30th. Please see the Town Clerk at Town Hall.

Notice: PSNH has advised the Selectmen that weather permitting the distribution contract services has scheduled air patrol for the following towns Contoocook, Henniker, Hillsboro, Antrim, Bennington, Hancock, Peterborough, Jaffery, Troy, Winchester, Ashuelot, Hinsdale, Keene, Marlborough and area ROW distribution lines. Residents may see low flying helicopters because of this.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 None.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Jim Gaskell phoned to request the requirements on renting Camp Morgan Lodge with alcohol. The secretary advised Gaskell of the

insurance binder needed and provided him information on a program offered through LGC.

4.2 Steve Hanssen, representing the Joint Loss Management Committee, inquired if a checklist exists that allows each department to conduct a safety check of buildings and equipment. Such a list could not be located. Hanssen stated that he would begin to create such a checklist.

4.3 Phil Barker requested a building permit application. He was provided the application.

4.4 John Hyland phoned to ask when the school portion of the Town Report needs to be delivered for inclusion in the Town Report. The secretary advised February 12, 2009.

4.5 Tim Ferwerda, from Meridian Land Services, requested to view the flood plain maps. He was provided the maps to review.

4.6 Lynda Roy requested two applications for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge/Town Hall.

4.7 Dave Dailey asked Eaton why his letter to the Planning Board did not show up in their minutes. His letter had been reviewed at the December Hearing. Secretary copied and forwarded him a copy.

4.8 Michael Pon asked for a copy of the Town Warrant and the budget be mailed or emailed to him for inclusion in the Villager.

4.9 Ron Jager phoned Eaton regarding an email the Selectmen received from LGC about possible stimulus monies available. Jager spoke with NHMA and informed them of the proposed Town Hall project and possible road projects in the Town of Washington.

4.10 Bob Fraser phoned Eastman regarding the proposed cell phone tower's location. Could the location be at the Town's Highway Garage. Eastman advised that it could and the possible company would locate the best site.

4.11 Jim Gaskell requested that the Town purchase one or two large brooms for Camp Morgan Lodge. Eastman motioned to purchase the requested brooms. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4.12 Tom Taylor asked if there are stimulus monies available for working on Old Marlow Road and does the Town need to have the project on the Town's Warrant. The Selectmen discussed the process and will put an article on the warrant.

4.13 Steve Hanssen informed Eaton that he was not in favor of the reducing the speed on East Washington Road.

5.0

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Dropped off the police logs.

5.1.2. Advised the Selectmen that he had spoken with the towing company as they had requested and informed the Selectmen of why the towing company needed two trucks at the scene. (Reference 4.3 of Selectmen's Minutes 12/18/08). He also informed the Selectmen that Mr. Veale would be contacting the Selectmen regarding their decision.

5.2 Carolyn Russell

5.2.1. Requested the Selectmen approve a \$50.00 donation that was forwarded to the Welfare Department. (See9.1)

5.3 Al Krygeris:

5.3.1. Spoke with the Selectmen on the status of the streetlights. The Selectmen discussed turning lights off months ago the Selectmen will compile the list of lights to shut off.

5.4 Ed Thayer:

5.4.1. Inquired when warrant articles are due. The Selectmen informed him that the date was February 3rd

5.5 Michelle Dagesse:

5.5.1. Provided the Selectmen an overall budget to review.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 John Pasioka provided the Selectmen a letter from the Town of Stoddard stating that the Washington Fire Department can provide services to Stoddard residents that have road access by the way of Washington roads. These services include fire permits and all fire calls. The secretary filed a copy of the letter.

Pasioka provided the secretary with a copy of the Forest Fire Warden Report for the inclusion in the Town Report.

6.2 Phil Barker spoke with the Selectmen regarding a building permit for Raven Brook Associates. Eaton stated that the previous permit has expired and now there is a different fee rating for a building permit. Eaton stated that the Selectmen could take off the previous fee paid and the permit fee for the new permit would be \$250.00. Barker will return next week with his completed permit and fee.

6.3 The Selectmen and Chief Marshall spoke regarding the Public Hearing. Eaton said that the tenor of the meeting was to leave things as is with a recommendation for a sign at Poole's bridge on existing signs until spring and then moving it to the appropriate position then. Eaton said about the Bruno's a mirror on the corner would probably not help after listening to the comments from Thayer. Eastman said when I see the mirrors I do then slow down. Eaton said that he felt Kraus's idea of lowering the speed limit may slow a motorist for a short time but it will not solve the problem. Cook said sign pollution will not solve the issue as well and the up and down speed limit could be a reason for the confusion over the rate of speed. Cook said that he can see a single speed of 30MPH for the length of the road. The Selectmen reviewed the speed variations on E. Washington Road. Chief Marshall said to prevent confusion to take from Hillsboro to the farm and set the speed at 30MPH and 35MPH the rest of the road. Eaton said he does not see a need to change the speed except for the Poole's Bridge. Chief Marshall asked about the congested zone

that Eaton mentioned and should this area be a 30MPH. Chief Marshall stated that he had spoke with Thayer and that the Town can change the speed from 25MPH on the Woodward Brooks Bridge to 30MPH. Eaton motioned to post the speed limit on East Washington Road to 30MPH from Lovell Mountain Road to the Town Line and Chief Marshall will request that the State increase the 25MPH speed limit on Woodward Brook the and that from Eccard's Farm to Rte 31 remain 35MPH. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6.4 Thomas Tanner picked up his occupancy permit. The Selectmen discussed the mobile home he has been living in will need to be removed as early as possible.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1** Email from Sullivan County Commissioners' advising of their next meeting scheduled for January 22nd 3PM. – Public reading file
- 7.2** Save the Date from NRRRA's 28th Annual Recycling Conference & Expo. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.3** Annual Report of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners for 2008. – Filed
- 7.4** Postcard from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission inviting to a Universal Waste Workshop. - Forward to Thayer
- 7.5** Email forwarded from the Washington Police Department regarding a citizen's question on glare lighting. The secretary will contact the citizen.
- 7.6** Minutes of the Sullivan County Solid Waste Leadership Forum held January 6, 2009. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.7** Email from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission forwarding the Concord Co-op Agreement & other Solid Waste. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.8** Registration forms from Technology Transfer Center New Hampshire LTAP at UNH for upcoming seminars. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.9** Registration from NH Public Works Mutual Aid for an upcoming workshop scheduled for April 23, 2009 in Concord. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.10** Legislative Bulletin, #2, 2009 Session- Public reading file
- 7.11** Email from Local Government Center advising of upcoming Medicare D Subsidy Workshops to be held January 26th and 28th - Forward to Dagesse
- 7.12** Invoice from LaValley Building Supply, Inc. for the Camp Morgan Lodge project. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.13** Washington School Board Meeting Minutes from December 9th 2008 and the agenda for the January 13th meeting. – Public reading file.
- 7.14** Memo from the Joint Loss Management Committee regarding the Camp Morgan Lodge- Exit Door. – Eastman spoke with Thayer regarding the concerns.
- 7.15** Emails forwarded from the Washington Police Department regarding the speed limit on East Washington Road (Bibbo and Garvin). - Filed
- 7.16** Letter from American Red Cross requesting \$437.00 from the Town of Washington for the upcoming fiscal year. – Forward to the Bookkeeper.
- 7.17** Email from Eastman forwarding a Washington Shelter Checklist for Camp Morgan Lodge. – Filed

- 7.18` Approval for Subdivision from DES to Jake Realty Trust TM#15-058 Faxon Hill Road. –
- 7.19 Fax from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission advising of the most recent FEMA Workshop held on January 13, 2009. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.20 Letter from New Hampshire Fish and Game Department requesting information on town-owned water access facilities. – Cook completed and secretary to return.
- 7.21 Letter from the State DOT regarding the fixed price unleaded fuel contract advising that the cost of gasoline will not exceed \$2.09 from February 1, 2009 for the next 18 months. – Filed
- 7.22 Letter from Local Government Center to Chief Marshall requesting participation in the New Hampshire Public Radio 2009 Interactive Town Meeting Map project. – Marshall to be the Town’s point of contact.
- 7.23 Email from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission regarding the Universal Waste Workshop-recertification. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.24 Form from the US Census Bureau asking for completion of the C-404 report. – Secretary to complete.
- 7.25 Email from NHDES forwarding the Municipal EcoLink. – Public reading file
- 7.26 Email from NHMA Legislative Bulletin is available online. – Public reading file
- 7.27 Letter from Primex regarding Workers’ Compensation Contribution Summary for CY2009. – Eaton motioned to resolve to accept Primex multi-year discount. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Eastman updated the Selectmen on the progress of the Camp Morgan Lodge Project. One of the bathroom windows is broken and Eastman will call LaValley’s. The windows have been painted and are ready for installation. The contractor should restart the project this Monday.
- 8.2 The secretary provided a copy of the new key to Lorrie Killam for the Girl Scout’s use of the old schoolhouse.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eaton motioned to approve the donation of \$50.00 to the Welfare Department. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.2 Eaton motioned to approve Thomas Tanner’s Occupancy Permit for his 134 Washington Heights Road home. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor the Occupancy Permit was approved.
- 9.3 Eaton motioned to approve the application of the East Washington Baptist Church for the use of Town Hall for July 4, 2009 7AM-Noon. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Eaton motioned to approve the application of the East Washington Baptist Church for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge for April 12, 2009 from 5-9AM. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.4 The Selectmen set the Budget Hearing for February 7th, 2PM at Town Hall. The Selectmen will meet Department Heads to review budgets and warrant articles.

9:37PM Eaton motioned to move into a non-public session due to a personnel issue.

Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

9:46PM Eaton motioned to revert to a public session and to seal the minutes due to a personnel issue. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$6,688.73 and vendors \$31,748.00 for the week of January 16, 2009.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 There being no further business before the Board; Eastman motioned for adjournment, Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned 9:55PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen