

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
February 19, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman
Visitors: Bill Cole and Carol Andrews

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of February 12, 2009 be accepted as written. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

February 21st and 22nd – Washington Fire Department Fishing Derby at Camp Morgan Lodge (registrations at 5:00AM)

February 22nd – Snow Riders Groomer's Rodeo 10AM-2PM at Eccardt's Farm

February 24th – Forestry Committee 4PM at the Town Hall

February 25th – Supervisors of the Checklist will hold 2 open sessions for the purpose of additions/corrections to the checklist, 7-8PM for the School Meeting at the Town Hall and February 28th from 11-12PM for Town Meeting.

February 28th – Meet the Candidates Night 7PM at Town Hall

March 1st – Meeting House/Round Table Meeting, Come in and share your thoughts on the proposal for the Town Hall. – 2-4PM

March 3rd – Planning Board 7PM at Town Hall

March 7th - School Meeting 2PM at the Washington Elementary School

March 10th – Town Meeting 9AM at Camp Morgan Lodge

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

Did You Know?

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 None

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Tom Taylor discussed Town Municipal building requirements/planning.

4.2 Eaton spoke with Larry Gaskell regarding double booking at Camp Morgan Lodge over the past weekend. Eaton spoke with the secretary who advised Eaton that the Washington Snow Riders were booked for the first weekend of February and there was no double booking.

4.3 Michael Pon contacted Eaton. He received his copy of the warrant and the budget. He will call Eaton for an interview for an article.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Dropped off the police logs.

5.1.2. Provided the Selectmen a copy of a letter from the Washington Police Department to the Windsor Board of Selectmen. (Ref 5.1.3. of February 3, 2009 minutes) Requesting that the Windsor Board of Selectmen contact the Washington Board of Selectmen to discuss their request for police services.

5.2 Ed Thayer

5.2.1. Requested permission to clean out the association boat ramp off Washington Drive, as requested on behalf of the association, for the Ice Fishing Derby. The Selectmen approved the cleaning.

5.2.2 Updated the Selectmen on the FEMA paperwork status.

5.2.3. Advised that the electrical service at the salt shed had been replaced. Thayer asked were to charge the repairs to in the budget. The Selectmen advised to charge the invoice to the Highway budget.

5.3 Arline France:

5.3.1. Reviewed with the Selectmen a floor plan proposal of the Town Office spaces.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Bill Cole provided the Selectmen with an invoice for the weathervane repair that has been completed and a quote for the Selectmen's doors and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Assessor door to create two Dutch doors. Cole will return with a quote for a buzzer system. The Selectmen forwarded the invoice to the bookkeeper.

6.2 Carol Andrews spoke with the Selectmen regarding the two warrant articles from the Conservation Commission. Andrews said that the two warrant articles are to clear up the legality of a municipality using conservation funds to purchase land or easements. The reason for two separate articles is to address out of town properties. Andrews's said that conservation commissions have been doing this for years. Andrews said that this would allow the Conservation Commission to be able to leverage dollars and protect our lands. Eaton said that the conservation commission sole purpose would be to expend funds. Andrews said that if a conservation commission wants to purchase an easement or land a public hearing would be held and the Selectmen would have to vote in favor of the expenditure. Andrew's stated that this is the language must be used on advise of the Local Government Center attorneys. Andrew's said that if we were to consider a property out of town it would have to be a benefit for the Town of Washington. Andrew's stated that it would be an adjoining property to protect town resources.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 A copy of the Executive Council District Two February 18, 2009. – Public reading file

7.2 A copy of an email from the Washington Police Department advising Doug from DOT of the Selectmen's motion to keep the bridge speed limit to 25MPH on East Washington Road.(ref 5.2.1. of last week's minutes)

7.3 Invitation from Dubois & King, Inc. offering engineering services. – Filed

7.4 Email from Chris Kane forwarding an invoice for an additional watershed map. – Forward to Dagesse

7.5 Letter from Clean Air Cool Planet updating the Town on important Energy Committee news. – Forward to the Halverson

7.6 Letter from Local Government Center forwarding the Public Official Schedule Bond for 2009. – Forward to Dagesse

7.7 Registration for an upcoming Landfill Engineering and Monitoring Services. – Forward to Thayer

7.8 Economic Impact Report for Southwestern Community Services, Inc. – Public reading file

7.9 Letter from DES to Ingrid Halverson forwarding the results of the routine water samples taken at the Washington Elementary School. The sample was in compliance with the State guidelines. – Filed and forward the invoice to the bookkeeper.-

7.10 Letter from Litter-Free New Hampshire seeking the Town's participation in the program. – Forward to the Conservation Commission

7.11 Reminder from DES that bacteria samples are now due. – Forward to Halverson

7.12 Report from PSNH on the recent ice storm from preparations to mobilization of utility crews. – Public reading file

7.13 A copy of Legislative Bulletin. – Public reading file

7.14 Information from K & J Dean Builders – Filed

7.15 Approval for Construction from DES to Laura and William Pierce Jr. TM#14-356, Coolidge Road. – Filed

7.16 Email from Bob Hofstetter voicing his concerns with the recent speed change with East Washington. – The Selectmen agreed that the Town would not need to take on the liability of posting the bridge from 25 MPH to 30MPH.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 The secretary researched the Fire Department lease and found a name of a person in Atlanta, GA. The Selectmen will send a letter to the lease grantor.

8.2 The Selectmen received a proof of the Town Report. It has been gone through and some corrections have been made. Town Reports should be in by “Meets the Candidate” night.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

9.1 A letter for building without a permit and a building permit application was sent to a Highland Haven Road property owner.

9.2 The Washington Rescue Squad requested a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen for a grant application. The Selectmen will forward a letter of support.

9.3 Eaton was approached by an anonymous private citizen that would like to donate \$5,000.00 towards the future of the town hall project. This money will go to offset warrant Article 3. The Selectmen would like to thank the citizen for the gracious donation.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$5,673.22 and vendors \$15,007.94 for the week of February 20, 2009.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 There being no further business before the Board; Cook motioned for adjournment Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned 8:41PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen