

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
AGENDA
February 26, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman
Visitors: Dave Dailey and Jim Gaskell

2.0 MINUTES

Eastman motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of January 22, 2009 be accepted as written.
Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

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 9th – Park and Rec 6PM at Town Hall

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

March 24th – Forestry Committee 4PM 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 Kim Cilley requested an application for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. (See 9.1)

4.2. Larry Gaskell spoke with the secretary regarding the Washington Snow Riders use of Camp Morgan Lodge for monthly meetings. The secretary provided Gaskell with an application and scheduled the 2010 meetings. (See 9.2)

4.3 Terry Leedham phoned the Selectmen's Office to forward his concerns regarding a letter he had received stating that the streetlight on Bear Hill Road at the junction of Purling Beck Road had been selected to be removed in March. Cook advised that this was an effort to be more energy conscious and to save the Town money. Cook informed that the abutters of the streetlight could pay for the utility. Susan Spater also phoned and spoke with Cook regarding the issue.

4.4 Dennis Kelly advised the Selectmen that he and Steve Hanssen had gone to the Alstead Police Department today for a site visit. Kelly said that the building is a great model to keep in mind. Kelly had taken photos of the floor plan.

4.5 Gayle Terani dropped off a speech for “Meet the Candidates Night” since she could not attend.

5.0

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Michelle Dagesse:

5.1.1. Provided the Selectmen the end of the month expenditure report.

6.0

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Dave Dailey read a letter to the Board of Selectmen (ref 7.11) regarding his concerns with the failure of property owners not filing for building permits. Dailey asked that the Board should impose a fine for such property owners caught building without a permit. The fines should be paid before a permit is issued. Dailey said that a benefit from this could be more work for our local contractors. Dailey thanked the Selectmen for all of their hard work and their service to the Town. Dailey said these home owners know that they must get a permit before they begin construction. Dailey said that he has researched surrounding Towns and these Town's do charge fees. Dailey also stated that it is a civil misdemeanor for any homeowner caught building without a permit and a civil penalty of \$275.00 with an additional fee of \$275.00 a day per RSA 676:17. Dailey asked that the Selectmen research the information and move forward with a fining system. Eaton said that civil would mean that we would have to go to court at \$150.00 an hour. Dailey said maybe we should go to court the first time and gain respect. Eaton stated that he sees many of these projects from driving the Town everyday. Dailey said that fees are being taken from the taxpayers. Eastman said that we had a contractor state that he would not wait a week to begin construction and the Selectmen had set a fine of \$700.00 for building without a permit for 7 days. Eastman said that this was a developer and he will not be issued any further permits in the Town until the fine is paid. Jim Gaskell said that he had noticed in the Selectmen's Minutes this issue. Dailey said that this issue seems to be increasing. Eaton said we had a local builder this summer build for three different property owners without a permit and he had to go to the Board of Adjustment. The contractor was sent a letter instructing him of the town rules. Eastman said that the Town now has an occupancy permit and along with Assessor inspections. Gaskell said years ago when you used to pay your taxes you had to fill out any upgrades that have been done to their home. Eaton advised Dailey of the occupancy permit process. The Selectmen agreed to contact the attorney to see if a fine could be established for any property owner who is caught building without a permit. Eaton will call the Town's attorney to discuss the issue and to confirm that it would need to be a court issue.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1 Information from the New Hampshire Municipal Bond Bank regarding a pooled municipal bond program. – Forward to bookkeeper
- 7.2 A copy of the short term disability benefits agreement from the Local Government Center. – Forward to the bookkeeper
- 7.3 Letter from the Department of Environmental Services regarding preparing for the 2009 Summer Swim Season. – Forward to Parks & Recreation
- 7.4 A copy of Energy & Environment News, Winter 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.5 Information from on the Free Universal Waste Workshop from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.6 A copy of the Legislative Bulletin, February 20, 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.7 Email from NHMA advising of the upcoming Membership Meeting scheduled for March 2nd. – Filed
- 7.8 Email from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission forwarding information on the Diesel Emission Reduction Act. – Public reading file and filed
- 7.9 Email from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission forwarding information of “What Does Shovel Ready Mean”. – Public reading file and filed
- 7.10 Letter from the Department of Transportation advising that permission is granted to Bryan Comeau for a temporary driveway permit for the purpose of NH State Forest (Logging). – Filed and forward to the Assessors.
- 7.11 Letter from Dave Dailey forwarding his opinion on residents that build without a permit. – (See 6.1)
- 7.12 A copy of the Group Short-Term Disability benefits agreement from Local Government Center. – Forward to the bookkeeper
- 7.13 Letter from CLD Consulting Engineers, Inc. advising the Town of their services. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.14 Letter from Resource Conservation and Development regarding water resource planning. – Forward to the Fire Department
- 7.15 A copy of the January 2009 Forestry Committee Meeting Minutes. – Filed
- 7.16 Letter from Michael and Jean Kluk forwarding their opinion on the Future of the Washington Meeting House and Warrant Article #3. – Forward a copy to the Future of the Town Hall Committee
- 7.17 Email from the Local Government Center regarding the new COBRA subsidy provisions. – Public reading file

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Mike Pon, from the Villager, interviewed Eaton for the upcoming issue on the Town’s budget and warrant. Pon asked for the number of foreclosures and the increase in the welfare line of the budget. Eaton invited Pon to the roundtable meeting scheduled for Sunday.
- 8.2 Bill Cole delivered the completed weathervane off of the old schoolhouse.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eaton motioned to approve Kim Cilley’s application of the use of Camp Morgan Lodge for

- April 4, 2009. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.2** Cook motioned to approve the Washington Snow Riders application of the use of Camp Morgan Lodge for the 2010 meeting season. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1** The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$18,323.31 and vendors \$14,673.40 for the week of February 27, 2009.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1** There being no further business before the Board; motioned for adjournment seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned 8:17PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen