

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
March 12, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

- 1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.
- 1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman
Visitors:

2.0 MINUTES

Eastman motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of February 26, 2009 be accepted as written. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

- March 18th** – Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall
- March 24th** – Forestry Committee 4PM at Town Hall
- April 7th** – Planning Board (Public Hearing) and Meeting 7PM at Town Hall

Did You Know? At the 2009 Town Meeting the Town of Washington adopted the provisions of RSA 79F:4 which authorize the Board of Assessors to appraise qualifying farm buildings and the land under them at a lower rate. Applications may be obtained at the assessors' office or on the Town's website and must be received by April 15th in order to be considered for approval this year.

Election Results

Selectman- 3 years	Guy Eaton	155 votes
Treasurer- 1 year	Lynda Roy	155 votes
Fire Chief-1 year	Brian Moser	149 votes
Planning Board -3 year	Tom Marshall	145 votes
Library Trustee-3 year	Linda Marshall	146 votes
Assessor-3 year	Laurie Dube	144 votes
Trustee of the Trust Fund- 3 year	Arline France	152 votes
Cemetery Trustee- 3 year	Ron Roy	5 votes (write-in)
	Phil Barker	4 votes (write-in)
	Guy Eaton	3 votes (write-in)

The Planning Board ballot for guest cottage on one lot passed

85 yes

59 no

The second half of the ballot regarding definitions was declared null and void due to confusion on behalf of the voters.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 Robert Kelly: TM#16-012, 552 Highland Haven Road, provided a building permit application for a previously constructed 8 x 12 shed. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to approve the permit. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3.2 Loretta Asselin; TM#16-043, 494 Highland Haven Road, provided the Selectmen with a building permit application for the previously constructed 320sqft deck. Eaton had inspected and

found all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The permit was approved.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Mary Ann Turner phoned Eastman to discuss the Lake Host Program and a watershed grant program. Eastman to discuss the watershed program with Millen Lake Association and Lake Ashuelot Estates and had discussed a large obstruction on Marlow Road by the bridge with Thayer.

4.2. Ron Jager spoke with the Selectmen regarding the Future of the Meeting Committee future and how to proceed. The Selectmen will attend a Planning Board Meeting to work together to come up with a plan. He also discussed the Planning Board ballot (See 7.7)

4.3 Al Krygeris spoke with the Selectmen regarding Public Utilities Commission monies available.

4.4 Mike Buckley, a plumber, phoned to inquire if any permit was needed to replace a residents fixture. Eaton advised that there was no permit needed.

4.5 Dennis Kelly asked if the Selectmen had heard back from the Heald's (the Fire Station property owner).He was informed that nothing has been received as of yet. He advised that he was going to visit Alstead to take measurements of their Police Department floor plan. He advised that Tom Taylor would be joining the Space Task Force.

4.6 Peter France dropped off the repaired weathervane. The Selectmen thank France for a great job. France said that it could be painted with rustoleum.

4.7 Bill Cole phoned to discuss the office work to be done at Town Hall. Eastman to coordinate the job with Cole.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the logs.

5.1.2. Provided the Selectmen with job descriptions from the Police Department for their review.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Thayer stated that the limited weight roads are still posted. Thayer advised the Selectmen that he had been in contact with the logger that is working on Halfmoon Pond Road; he will be completed and cleared out by tomorrow. The logger on King Street will be cleared out by Saturday.

5.2.2. Thayer reported that the Highway Department is working diligently to fill in the potholes with crushed gravel.

5.2.3. Reported that the school bus company phoned with concerns on the Monday storm. The bus company is considering not having the buses on the back roads for the next few weeks.

5.2.4. Advised that due to the softness of the roads he had hired a contractor with smaller trucks filling in the ruts and removing snow.

5.3 Jack Sheehy:

5.3.1. Advised the Selectmen that Tom Taylor would be joining the Space Task Force.

5.3.2. Sheehy asked the Selectmen for funds for continuation of the Space Task Force.

5.4 Colleen Duggan:

5.4.1. Provided the Selectmen with a copy of the minutes of Town Meeting.

5.5 Sandy Poole:

5.5.1. Provided the Selectmen with a copy of the minutes of School Meeting.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

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7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1 A copy of the Legislative Bulletin, #10. – Public reading file
- 7.2 A copy of a letter from the Washington Board of Assessor's to Thomas Cross responding to a letter they received (See 7.8) – Filed
- 7.3 Invoice from the Town's attorney. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.4 A copy of the 2008 Annual Report from Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice. – Filed
- 7.5 Invoice from DES for water testing done at the Washington Elementary School. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.6 Certified letter from the Town of Antrim advising of a Public Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th at 7:15PM for a cell phone tower. – Filed
- 7.7 Letter from Ron Jager, Town Moderator and Chief Election Officials advising the Selectmen that the second portion of the Planning Board ballot had been null and void due to confusion. – Filed
- 7.8 A copy of a letter from Thomas Cross to the Board of Assessor's regarding his 15 Huntley Mountain Road. – (See 7.2) Filed
- 7.9 A copy of the Sullivan County Extension Connection., March/April 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.10 Email from Sullivan County Commissioners Office advising that the February minutes have been posted to their website. – Public reading file
- 7.11 Letter from the State DES requesting three individuals interested in serving on a local advisory committee for the Ashuelot River. – (See 9.2)
- 7.12 A copy of NHBR, February-March issue. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.13 News bulletin from New Hampshire Municipal Association advising that Governor Lynch has advising that he will ask the Legislature to restore the meals and rooms tax revenue to municipalities in the 2010-2011 budget.- Filed
- 7.14 Email from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission advising of an upcoming meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30-8:30PM at the Tracy Memorial Library New London, NH. – Public reading file
- 7.15 Invitation from Primex advising of the 30th Annual Conference scheduled for May 20-21, 2009. -
- 7.16 A copy of the American Red Cross Annual Report for 2008. – Public reading file
- 7.17 A copy of a dredge and fill application for TM#15-54 &13, Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Saint Benedict Center
- 7.18 A preliminary draft of the Lakes Management and Shoreland Protection Planning Town of Washington, New Hampshire. – (See 9.3)

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 The last of the shutters and the replacement window are in and will be installed as weather improves at Camp Morgan Lodge.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eastman motioned to appoint Guy Eaton Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.2 The Selectmen are looking for 3 interested citizen's to participate on the Ashuelot River Local Advisory Committee. Please contact the Selectmen's Office if you are interested.
- 9.3 The Town will wait until response from the Millen Lake Association and Lake Ashuelot Estates for participation in the watershed grant program. (See 4.1)

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,622.10 and vendors \$213,257.14 for the week of

March 13, 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 8:42PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen