

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
March 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: Ed Thayer, Wade Brown, Chief Marshall, Sandy Poole

2.0 MINUTES

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

Important Dates -

March 24th – Forestry Committee 4PM at Town Hall

March 29th - Washington Rescue Squad hosting CPR/AED CLASS 10am.- 4pm. Place to be determined. Please email Denise Hanscom @ dhkhth@gsinet.net. if you are interested or if more information is needed

April 7th – Planning Board (Public Hearing) and Meeting 7PM at Town Hall

April 8th – Park and Rec 6:00PM at Town Hall

April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt 10AM 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.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 None.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Bruce King phoned to request a copy of the Fire and Rescue Squad report from this years Town Report. The secretary forwarded the information.

4.2. Tom Taylor doing research on the Town forest and inquiring on Town owned properties that may not be included in the Town forest.

4.3 John Pietkiwicz requested information on the business permit process. The Selectmen answered the question and forwarded Pietkiwicz to the Planning Board.

4.4 Bob Fraser asked the Selectmen their opinion of a property owner placing a cell phone tower on private property. The Selectmen stated they had no objection.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the logs.

5.1.2. Provided a copy of a letter from US Department of Justice advising of the availability of funding under the COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) Hiring Recovery Program from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) applications will be available as of March 16, 2009.

5.1.3. Spoke with the Selectmen regarding a possible donation of an 18' camping trailer to the Town. Chief Marshall suggested that the trailer could be used at the firing range. The resident is requesting a letter from the Town of Washington for a tax deduction. Eaton motioned to approve the donation of the trailer. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Advised that he had met with the SAU and the school bus company to discuss the condition of the Class V dirt roads and to discuss better communication between the SAU, school bus companies and the Public Works Director regarding road conditions during a snow storm and possible school delays.

5.2.3. Provided the Selectmen with job descriptions for the Public Works employees to file at Town Hall.

5.3 Sandy Poole:

5.3.1. Requested the name of the longest serving Town Official to complete a questionnaire. Eaton provided Poole the information.

7:15PM Eastman motioned to move to a non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7:18PM 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; the minutes were sealed.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Ed Thayer, Wade Brown, an engineer from SEA, and the Selectmen discussed possible ARRA funding that the Town could apply for regarding the Halfmoon Pond Bridge Project. Thayer advised the Selectmen that he had contacted the NH Department of Transportation requesting information on the ARRA funding. Brown stated that there would be more paperwork because it would be Federally funded the project would need to go out to re-bidding and the bid package would need to be adjusted in order to comply with the weekly reporting that would need to be done. This would raise the bid costs because of the additional work. This process would also add time and there is no guarantee that the Town would qualify for the funding. Thayer said there is a potential for the Town to save but there is 15million of requests and only 9million dollars in funding. Eastman asked what if the Town puts the project out to bid and the bid is increased and the Town does not qualify for the funding we would be stuck with the additional funds. The Selectmen agreed that the risks of delaying the project and the possible extra costs would not be an advantage to the Town. Thayer provided the Selectmen with award of bid for the Selectmen's signature. The Selectmen signed the award of bid to Hansen Construction, LTD. Another meeting was scheduled between the contractor, Selectmen and SEA to sign the construction contract.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1** Email forwarded from the Public Works Director regarding ARRA funds for the Halfmoon Pond Bridge project. - Filed
- 7.2** Letter from the Town of Weare, Planning Board advising of a public hearing scheduled for March 26, 2009 at 7:00PM. – Filed
- 7.3** A copy of the Charitable Organization Financial Statement. – Filed
- 7.4** Letter from the State Department of Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management advising of the FEMA share from the December Ice Storm. – Filed
- 7.5** A copy of Legislative Bulletin, #11. – Public reading file
- 7.6** Letter from the Town of New Boston, Planning Board advising of a public hearing scheduled for March 24, 2009 for a proposed cell phone tower. – Filed
- 7.7** Order form from LGC offering a copy of Basic Financial Policies. - Filed

- 7.8 The 2007-2008 NH Community Development Finance Authority. – Filed
- 7.9 Letter from DES to the Town of Washington requesting additional information East Washington Mill Pond project. – Thayer is to contact the engineer who is to handle the requested paperwork.
- 7.10 Training program available to the Board of Selectmen from Anitoch New England Institute. – Filed
- 7.11 Emailing from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission advising of a solid waste leadership meeting March 24th, 6:30PM in Newport. – Filed
- 7.12 A copy of a letter from DES to Adam and Pamela Kimball advising that their application is administratively incomplete. – Filed

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Bill Cole spoke with the Selectmen regarding the options for the Selectmen's Office door and the Town Clerk/Assessor/Tax Collector door. Cook will contact Cole to provide the Selectmen with a quote to replace the doors with interior doors.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eastman met with a Simplex Grinnell employee at Camp Morgan Lodge to inspect the stove hood. He expressed the need to connect the hood alarm to the Camp Morgan Lodge alarm system.
- 9.2 A letter was sent to a Bradford Springs Road resident for building without a permit.
- 9.3 An application from Washington Historical Society for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. Eaton motioned to approve the application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The application was approved for August 1, 2009.
- 9.4 An application from Benjamin Percy for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. Eastman motioned to approve the application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The application was approved for May 16, 2009.
- 9.5 An application for the use of Town Hall from the Washington Historical Society. Eaton motioned to approve the application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The application was approved for April 24, 2009.
- 9.6 Ronald Roy declined his write-in win as Cemetery Trustee. Sandy Poole will contact the Secretary of State Office to find out the procedure of appointing a Cemetery Trustee.
- 9.7 The Town started rearranging the Town Offices.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,509.46 and vendors \$30944.98 for the week of March 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 8:30PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen