

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
April 2, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

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

2.0 MINUTES

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

Important Dates -

- April 7th** – Planning Board (Public Hearing) and Meeting 7PM at Town Hall
April 8th – Park and Rec 6:00PM at Town Hall
April 9th – The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing for the proposed interior work to create a new Welfare Office in the Main Room at Town Hall- 6:30PM at Town Hall
April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt 10AM at Town Hall
April 15th – Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall
April 21st – Forestry Committee 4PM at Town Hall
April 27th – Cemetery Trustees 7PM at Town Hall

Did You Know? According to Article 36 from the 1995 Town Meeting the Selectmen were approved to accept and expend, without further action by the Town Meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other government unit or a private source, which becomes available during the fiscal year.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 Peter and Tina Waterman: TM# 23-009, provided a building permit application for the previously constructed 12 x 6 shed. Eaton inspected the site and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Cook motioned to approve the application with the condition that the moveable shed must comply with the Land Use Ordinance setbacks. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the permit was approved.

3.2 Raymond Clark: TM#14-118, provided a building permit application to enclose his existing 12 x 14 deck to create a screened porch with roof. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to approve the application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the permit was approved.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

- 4.1** Mark Morrisette asked if a building permit was needed to construct a bedroom in his Washington Drive home. The secretary reviewed his septic system plan that was approved for a three-bedroom home. He currently has only one bedroom in his home. He was advised that he did not need a building permit for interior changes.
4.2 Bob Fraser spoke with Eastman regarding an upcoming meeting on April 14th in Antrim regarding cell phone towers.
4.3 Eaton had a resident ask him whether the shooting range behind the Transfer Station was open to the public. Eaton advised that the range is for law enforcement only.
4.4 A citizen asked if a building permit was needed to construct a retaining wall. The Selectmen advised that there was no permit for a retaining wall.

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DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the logs.

5.1.2. The Lempster Fire Chief spoke with Chief Marshall that they would be available to assist with the placement of the cupola on top of the Police Department.

5.1.3. Provided a quote of \$425-\$300 to clean the carpets at Town Hall and the Police Department.

5.1.4. The Police Department received police equipment from a previous employee.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Advised the Selectmen that a Highland Lake property owner has begun to construct a driveway off of Beaver Brook Road without a permit. The secretary sent a letter and a driveway permit application to the property owner.

5.2.2. Requested that the Selectmen and he get together to establish a long range plan for work to be done on nine of the Town bridges. He suggested that we start a capital reserve or a revolving fund for the future work.

5.2.3. Spoke with the Selectmen regarding a request from a Sugar House Road (adjacent to the Town gravel pit) resident to have a "No Shooting" sign erected. The resident would like to post the sign at the entrance of the gravel pit. The Selectmen approve the sign request at the property owner's expense. The secretary sent a letter to the resident.

5.2.4. Spoke with the Selectmen regarding the need for an additional egress from the basement of Camp Morgan Lodge.

5.3 Jim Berry:

5.3.1. Advised that EEE information has been posted to the Town website.

5.3.2. Advised that he has been attending monthly Health Officer Meetings.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Janice Philbrick and Rodney Guay spoke with the Selectmen regarding Guay's property taxes. Guay requested that the Selectmen relieve the interest and penalties. Guay stated that he could pay the three years of taxes to bring the taxes current but could not afford the penalties and interest. Guay stated that he is interested in deeding the property to his daughter and the taxes must be up to date in order to deed the property. Cook motioned per RSA76:16. for good cause shown to abate \$976.85 of penalties and interest to bring the taxes current. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Selectmen will provide the tax collector a letter.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Email from Department of Transportation advising that it is time to solicit bids to acquire salt for the 2009-2010 winter season. – Forward to Thayer

7.2 Letter from the Attorney General Department of Justice advising all trustees of trust funds, cemetery trustees, library trustees, as well as Selectmen are invited to the 24th Annual Seminar on Trust Fund Administration and Statutory Filing Requirements. – Forward to trustees

7.3 Brochure for the Watershed Ecology Institute. – Forward to the Conservation Commission

7.4 Save the Date from LGC for the 8th Annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament. – Filed

7.5 Email from Greg Gordon a South Main Street property owner asking about a driveway permit application. – Secretary to respond

- 7.6 Email from PSNH requesting that any equipment found such as broken poles butts, crossarms, wire and transformers to notify PSNH. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.7 A copy of Slice of Life. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.8 A copy of Legislative Bulletin #13. – Public reading file
- 7.9 A copy of The New Hampshire Civil Engineer, April 2009. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.10 Email from Laurie Geer advising that the Sullivan County Commissioners Meeting Minutes from March 5th have been posted. – Public Reading File
- 7.11 Email from Sullivan County Delegation meeting Minutes have been posted to their website for February 25th and January 23rd. – Public Reading File
- 7.12 Letter from New England Forestry Consultants, Inc. regarding William McKinnon et al Current Use Update. – Filed
- 7.13 Approval for Construction from DES to Robert Blackwell, TM#22-026, Halfmoon Pond Road. – Filed

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1.1 Eastman reported that he was waiting for a call back from Simplex Grinnell regarding the work at Camp Morgan Lodge.
- 8.1.2 Eastman reported that one of the replacement windows scheduled to be replaced at Camp Morgan Lodge is broken and had to be returned and the shielding for the propane tank is ready to begin.
- 8.1.3 The secretary is scheduling the removal of four streetlights that had been approved by the Selectmen, Public Works Director and the Energy Committee.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1.1 Eaton motioned to approve the application on behalf of the senior group for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge for the 2009-2010 season. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the application was approved.
- 9.1.2 The Head of the Washington Congregational Church Trustees requested that the tree beside the church be cut down. The tree lost a limb during the recent ice storm. The Selectmen agreed to the request.
- 9.1.3 The Selectmen reviewed information provided by Local Government Center on ways to keep the budget down.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$5,287.59 and vendors \$11,126.23 for the week of April 3, 2009.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1 There being no further business before the Board; Eaton motioned for adjournment. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned 8:30PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen