

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
April 9, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman
Visitors: Nancy Tanner, Heidi Foisy and Chief Marshall

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of April 2, 2009 be accepted as written.
Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

April 11th – Easter Egg Hunt 10AM at Town Hall

April 12th – Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM breakfast to follow at Camp Morgan Lodge

April 15th – Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

April 21st – Forestry Committee 4PM at Town Hall

April 27th – Cemetery Trustees 7PM at Town Hall

April 27th – Municipal Task Force Meeting 9AM at Town Hall

Did You Know? April 15th is the last day to apply for RSA 79-F:3, Farm Structures & Land Under Farm Structures Assessment Application. Please contact the Assessors with any questions.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

None.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Bob Fraser said that he would be attending the Antrim cell phone tower meeting this Tuesday. He will ask the Selectmen to draft a letter to forward to AT&T after he attends the Tuesday meeting.

4.2 The Selectmen, Nan Schwartz, Tom Taylor, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell and Ron Jager spoke regarding the reviewed the events of the Planning Board meeting. The Selectmen attended the Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday to request that the Future of Town Hall Committee, Municipal Task Force, Planning Board and the Selectmen work together to come to a solution about the Town's future building needs. The Planning Board will attend the next Selectmen's meeting for further discussions.

4.3 Steve Hanssen spoke with the Selectmen regarding a discussion that he had with Chief Moser and a possible need for an additional means of egress from the basement of Camp Morgan Lodge. Chief Moser is currently studying the Fire Code requirements and will return the information to the Selectmen.

4.4 Jeff Rose asked the Selectmen regarding building on a Class VI road. Rose asked why he was told he could not build on a Class VI road when someone down the road had received a building permit recently. Eastman said that two years ago the Town voted to follow the RSA and denying all building permits on a Class VI road. Eaton advised Rose that he could go before the Board of Adjustment for a variance request. Rose reviewed a site map of his properties with the Selectmen.

4.5 David Bourque, owner of Revered Painting Plus provided the Selectmen with a quote to paint the Town Hall. The Selectmen filed the quote for possible inclusion in the warrant

for next year. The Selectmen asked about the paint peeling on the boiler room and the possibility of painting one side at a time. Bourque gave his opinion of each question.
4.6 Alan Treadwell dropped off an application for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. See 9.1
4.7 Larry Gaskell, on behalf of the Washington Snow Riders, dropped off an application for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. See 9.2

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the logs.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Discussed with the Selectmen the possibility of the Town assuming responsibility of 8/10th of a mile presently State maintained section of E. Washington Road/ from the Hillsboro Town Line to the Bradford Town Line. Thayer stated that if the Town were to take responsibility, before the Town took over the road the State would reclaim the road. Currently the Town maintains th road during the winter and the State is expected to perform the summer maintenance. The Selectmen are favorable to the idea and Thayer will further research the subject to inspect ice storm damage.

5.2.2. Discussed the procedures for the FEMA clean up reimbursement. A representative will be in Town next week.

5.2.3. Thayer informed the Selectmen that the Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing on May 5th to address the expansion of the Town's gravel pit.

5.2.4. Thayer advised that the Town's gravel pit does not have the crushed gravel he needs and he would be purchasing this years crushed gravel from Hillsboro.

5.3 Carolyn Russell:

5.3.1. Requested that the Selectmen deny building permits to any resident that has an outstanding welfare lien. The Selectmen agreed to check if there are any welfare liens before issuing a building permit.

5.4 Laurie Dube:

5.4.1. Advised the Selectmen that a Lookout Point Road property owner, who had structures on the lot, did not have an established 911#. The secretary forwarded a letter and an application to the property owner.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Nancy Tanner, Chief Marshall and Heidi Foisy met with the Selectmen sponsoring a Washington Explorer Post. Foisy said that the explorer post is a career education based public safety program. Foisy said that Alstead has been running this program for the past 3 years successfully. Fire and EMS has agreed and the adult leadership is available. Eastman asked if there were any costs to the Town. Foisy said that there are some fees but none to the Town. Cook asked what would the participants be doing. Tanner said participants would be allowed to attend calls for observation purposes. Chief Marshall said that this would provide training and classroom time. Foisy said that there is an insurance policy that covers the participants. Cook asked if there would be local participants. Chief Marshall said that the Town would have to have 5 teens to establish the post but would not discriminate against teens in surrounding Towns to participate. Foisy said that the State of New Hampshire has a great participation rate. Tanner said that even if a participants does not go onto a career in these fields the program would develop community service. Chief Marshall said that if the Selectmen approved the program an application would need to be signed. Eaton motioned that the Town of Washington be the sponsor of the Explorer Post. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1 Invoice from the Town's attorney. – Forward to the bookkeeper
- 7.2 NH Road Agents Association advising of the Mountain 22nd Annual of Demos scheduled for Thursday May 28, 2009. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.3 Email from Concord Public Health/Emergency Preparedness Coordinator requesting confirmation of contact information. – Secretary confirmed the information
- 7.4 News Release District Two, April 3, 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.5 Request from Local Government Center for information to complete 2009/2010 New Hampshire municipal Officials Directory. – secretary to complete
- 7.6 Invoice from the Town auditor. – Forward to the bookkeeper
- 7.7 Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety advising that the 2007 Supplemental Emergency Management Performance Grant Program has been approved by the Governor and Executive Council. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.8 A copy of Legislative Bulletin #14. – Public reading file
- 7.9 Email from NH the Beautiful, Inc. advising that grants are still being accepted for the purchase of recycling equipment. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.10 Email from Laurie Geer advising that the Sullivan County Commissioners Meeting Minutes from March 19th have been posted. – Public Reading File
- 7.11 Registration form for the 2009 Local Officials Workshops. – Filed
- 7.12 Letter from Fred Allen regarding an abandoned/vandalized vehicle on Valley Road. – The secretary will send a letter to the property owner.
- 7.13 A copy of the 2009 Summer/Fall Risk & Health Management Workshops. – Filed
- 7.14 Letter from Clean Air Cool Planet inviting the Town to attend the first annual Local Energy Solutions conference scheduled for June 20th in Concord. – Forward to the Energy Committee
- 7.15 Department of Environmental Service Wetlands Bureau forwarding permit by notification form for PSNH. – Filed
- 7.16 Letter from the Division of Forest and Lands advising that there is a plan to harvest timber from 72 acres of Pillsbury State Park and that there is no anticipation to offer the harvest for public bidding before summer 2009. – Filed
- 7.17 Email from Brian Dingman asking if the Town would be holding an abutter sale this year. – Pending the Selectmen discussing with the Conservation Commission.
- 7.18 Email from Councilor Shea's Office regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. – Public reading file

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1 Eaton motioned to approve the construction of the Welfare Office and to remove the old voting booths. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eaton motioned to approve the application of Alan Treadwell for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge for May 17, 2009. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the application was approved.
- 9.2 Eastman motioned to approve the application of the Washington Snow Riders for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge for April 27, 2009. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.3 Eaton found that an Adams Drive resident had built without a permit. The secretary will forward a Letter and an application to the property owner.
- 9.4 Eastman updated the Selectmen on the issues brought up at the Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board will be researching if the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have completed a site plan to the Town. Schwartz and Cook to research.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,917.42 and vendors \$26,284.07 for the week of April 3, 2009.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 There being no further business before the Board; Cook motioned for adjournment. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned 8:45PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen

Public Hearing
April 9, 2009
Board Of Selectmen
Town of Washington

Public in attendance: Jim Russell, Carolyn Russell, Phil Barker, Nan Schwartz, Jed Schwartz, Lindley Rankine, Phil Barker and Bill Cole

Eaton called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30PM

Eaton welcomed everyone and advised that the meeting was to discuss the proposed welfare office that will be constructed in the main room of the Town Hall.

Cole explained the construction process of the proposed Welfare Office. Cole said that the panels would be completely self-standing and that the current Selectmen's door would be used in the new room.

Russell asked if the room would be sound deafening.

Cole said no there would be no top to the room.

Barker asked if the room would be completely self supporting. Cole said yes.

Cole said that his intension would be to remove the voting booths to create a usable office space. The proposed construction would not touch the voting railing.

Barker asked Russell if this room would suit the Welfare Officers needs. Russell said yes.

Eaton adjourned the meeting at 6:42PM