

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
April 23, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman

Visitors: Vivian Clark, Robin Demo, Janice Philbrick, Jim Crandall, Jim Russell, Carolyn Russell, Fran Greene, Steve Terani, Bill Cole, Nan Schwartz, Lynn Cook, Tom Marshall and Chief Marshall

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of April 16, 2009 be accepted as written.

Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

April 26th – Conservation Commission will be holding a road clean-up meeting at the Wayside Park at 9:00AM. All are welcome!

April 27th – Cemetery Trustees 7PM at Town Hall

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

April 30th – Public Hearing to Revise the Recycling Ordinance 1989-5-1, 6:30PM at Town Hall

May 5th – Planning Board, Public Hearing at 7PM with the regular meeting to follow at Town Hall

May 12th - Park & Recreation 6:00PM at Town Hall

May 20th – Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

May 23rd – Marching Band Concert, Camp Morgan Lodge at 4:00PM

Did You Know? That April is the month to register your dogs. The Town Clerk is open Thursdays from 3-8PM and Fridays 9-3PM. They are also open on the last Saturday of the month from 9-12PM.

Millen Lake Host Program is looking for a person to work Sunday mornings for 4-6 hours each week at \$10/hour. This will start in mid-May and run through Labor Day. The person has to be 18 yrs or older and must be a US citizen. Interested parties can call Ken Eastman at 495-1064

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 Karen and Moe Adams: TM#16-044, Highland Haven Road, proposed to construct a foundation for a pre-existing structure that is currently sitting on piers. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Permit # 2325 was issued.

3.2 Michael Young: TM#14-253, 23 McKinley Drive, requested to amend permit #2303 to construct a 8 x 14 shed. Eaton motioned to approve the request. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Mark Morrisette requested a building permit application for a Highland Haven Road property. He was provided the application. He is proposing to construct a foundation under a pre-existing structure that currently lies on piers. A building permit fee for the proposal will be discussed at the Selectmen's Meeting and forwarded to Morrisette.

4.2 Steve Hanssen spoke with the Selectmen regarding the project for the basement of Camp Morgan Lodge and the issue of the second means of egress. Chief Moser gave Hanssen a preliminary proposal to remove the trap doors and place a Class II fire door at the basement level.

- 4.3** Annette, from the Windsor Town Hall, phoned to schedule a meeting between the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of the Town of Washington providing police patrol to the Town of Windsor. The Selectmen are scheduled to meet on April 30, 2009 at 7PM.
- 4.4** A concerned citizen made a complaint against the Washington Police Department. The Selectmen advised the citizen that they would speak with the Chief regarding the issue.
- 4.5** Phil Barker phoned to advise that the street maps provided with the bid package to clean up the debris from the December 2008 ice storm was not complete. The secretary made a copy of the missing area. Copies are available at Town Hall.
- 4.6** Sandy McLain phoned to inquire if the Town would be holding an abutter sale this year. The secretary took her contact information for the future.
- 4.7** A resident phoned Eaton regarding vandalism and break-ins of his property. Eaton spoke with the Chief of Police.
- 4.8** Bob Fraser asked the Selectmen to schedule a time to stain the wood around the new windows at Camp Morgan Lodge.
- 4.9** Lynda Roy complained regarding the pantry at Camp Morgan Lodge, the upper shelves needed repair and cleaning.

5.0

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Chief Marshall:

- 5.1.1.** Provided the logs.
- 5.1.2.** Eaton spoke with Chief Marshall regarding 4.4.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

- 5.2.1.** Advised that the Class V roads restriction would be lifted tomorrow but the Class VI roads would remain posted.
- 5.2.2.** Requested the Selectmen's signature on the SEA "Notice to Proceed" paperwork on the Halfmoon Pond Road bridge project. The Selectmen signed the paperwork and the secretary forwarded the paperwork.
- 5.2.3.** Reminded the Selectmen that the bids for the road/property clean up are due next Thursday at 3:00PM.

5.3 Carolyn Russell:

- 5.3.1.** Updated the Selectmen on the welfare lien process.
- 5.3.2.** Advised the Selectmen that her Deputy Welfare Officer has requested to step down.

She informed the Selectmen that she has a replacement in line.

5.4 Lynn Cook, Arline France and Laurie Dube:

- 5.4.1.** Requested the Selectmen's approval to consult with the Town's attorney regarding a tax exemption request that they had received on behalf of the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Selectmen approved the request to contact the Town's attorney.

6.0

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 The Selectmen, Nan Schwartz, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Jim Crandall, Fran Greene, Tom Marshall, Lynn Cook worked on a questionnaire to sent out to residents regarding town buildings. Terani suggested a cover sheet in order to interpret the information. Crandall asked if the intent was to ask the non-residents opinion. Schwartz said no it is intent to send to all taxpayers. The Board reviewed the proposed questionnaire and worked on the format. Schwartz will meet with the Task Force next week to retool the paperwork.

6.2 Vivian Clark requested an application for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge for the 2010 Old Home Day. The secretary provided Clark the application. Eaton motioned to approve the application. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6.3 Janice Philbrick and Robin Demo spoke with the Selectmen to request an extension on the deeding of her property. Demo stated that the family is in the process of foreclosure. Eaton asked how the lien and foreclosure works. Philbrick stated that the lien supercedes the foreclosure. The Selectmen suggested that Demo speak with the Welfare Officer. The Selectmen approved a month extension.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1** Thank you, card from, Sullivan County Hospice to the Town of Washington for the 2009 donation. – Filed
- 7.2** Thank you, from CASA to the Town of Washington for the 2009 donation. – Filed
- 7.3** A copy of Legislative Bulletin #16. - Public reading file
- 7.4** A copy of News Release for Executive Council District Two. – Filed
- 7.5** 2008 Population Estimates from the Office of Energy and Planning. – Secretary to complete
- 7.6** Email from LCHIP advising that their offices are moving. – Filed
- 7.7** Email from Sullivan County Board of Commissioners advising of the budget meeting has been rescheduled to April 24th @ 8:30AM. – Public reading file
- 7.8** Application from George Marvin for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. – See 9.1
- 7.9** Minutes from the Forestry Committee (3/24/09, 02/24/2009,01/20/2009, 11/18/2008 & 10/14/2008)- Filed
- 7.10** Letter from Trident an insurance company advising of their services. – Filed
- 7.11** Email advising of an emergency economic stimulus grant writing workshop to be held in New York. – Filed
- 7.12** Email forwarded from Ron Jager regarding Meetinghouse data that he passed along to the Municipal Task Force. – Filed
- 7.13** Information from Simplifile advising of their services. – Filed
- 7.14** Jim Russell provided the Selectmen with a quarterly review from the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1** Eaton motioned to approve the application of George Marvin for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge for July 25, 2009. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.2** Eastman received a schedule from Bill Cole for the work to be done at Town Hall and an estimate on the Camp Morgan Lodge lakeside double doors crash bar installation.
- 9.3** Cook stated that a King Street property owner had constructed a gazebo without a permit. The secretary will forward a letter along with a building permit application.
- 9.4** The Selectmen would like to thank Bill Cole and the Lempster Fire Department for their assistance in the replacing of the weathervane on top of the Washington Police Department.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1** The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$16,366.19 and vendors \$30,452.19 for the week of April 24, 2009.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1** There being no further business before the Board; Eastman motioned for adjournment. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen

