

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
June 11, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton and Rich Cook
Visitors: Bill Cole

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of June 4, 2009 be accepted as written. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

June 13th – Park and Recreation Commission painting the bandstand 9AM (See did you know?)

June 17th – Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

June 24th – Joint Public Meeting between the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment 7PM at Town Hall

June 24th – Board of Adjustment 7:30PM at Town Hall

June 29th – Cemetery Committee 7:00PM at Town Hall

June 29th – Municipal Task Force 9:00AM at Town Hall

July 1st – Summer Camp Registration 7-8PM at Camp Morgan Lodge

July 25th – Municipal Task Force Public Hearing 10:00AM at Town Hall

Did You Know?

That the Park and Recreation Commission will be scraping and painting the bandstand this Saturday beginning at 9:00AM with a possible follow-up day on Sunday. Volunteers are welcome! Materials will be provided. Any student needing community services hours please come by and help out!

The Farmers' Market has started again. Saturdays from 10-12PM on the Town Common until October. Vendors welcome.

That the low and moderate-income homeowners property tax relief forms are available at Town Hall. The form must be completed and postmarked no later than June 30, 2009.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 None.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Debbie Libby phoned to request an application for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. The secretary forwarded her the application.

4.2 Suzanne Lull, Head Teacher for the Washington Elementary School, phoned to request the use of Camp Morgan Beach area for June 18th for

Field Day, (23rd rain date) and June 19th. The Selectmen approved the request.

4.3 Pat Liotta dropped off the Town employee business cards.

4.4 Sue Stringer phoned to advise the Selectmen that she had sold her shed that was denied a building permit due to it non-conforming to the sideline setbacks. The secretary advised Stringer that she would not need to go before the Board of Adjustment. The secretary will update the Board of Adjustment.

4.5 Sue Blothenburg phoned to advise the Selectmen regarding the contract to changeover the Town streetlights to high-pressure sodium. Blothenburg advised that the work would qualify for the Smart Funding Program as the previous light changeover at the highway garage and Town Hall. Blothenburg said that if the Town could coordinate traffic control on the installation day it would save money. Blothenburg said that she would try to coordinate a light-duty bucket truck and one lineman to save additional monies. Blothenburg requested the Selectmen signed the Streetlight Conversion Agreement and that the secretary return the paperwork. The Selectmen signed the paperwork. Blothenburg will order the streetlights and delivery is expected 6-8 weeks from now.

4.6 Jim Gaskell asked the Selectmen if the Senior Group is covered under the Town's insurance policy. The secretary contacted the Town's insurance company and is awaiting a return call. The secretary will notify the Joint Loss Management Committee.

4.7 Mark Cummings (ref. 4.5 of last week's minutes) requested copies of the flood maps. The secretary assisted him with the request.

4.8 Otto Nielsen asked the secretary about certified mailing with a wetlands building application from DES. The secretary advised that the Town does not provide the certified letter for this application and suggested that he contact DES for a format.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1. Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the logs.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Advised that he had spoken with the owner of the Enoch Quimber structure (ref 5.2.5 of last week's minutes) who advised him that a portion of the structure could be demolished. The property owner stated that he would try to get to the property over the weekend to see the condition. Thayer advised that he would take photos of the site for documentation of the structures condition.

5.2.2. Thayer provided a copy of the signed Household Hazardous Waste day contract. The collection day will be held August 8th at the Transfer Station from 10:00-2:00PM.

5.2.3. Advised that he and Chief Moser had located a grant that could become available for the purchase of a generator for the Police Station and the Fire Department.

5.3 Lynda Roy:

5.3.1. Discussed with the Selectmen the position of Assistant Welfare Officer. Roy agreed to continue on as the second Assistant Welfare Officer.

5.3.2. Discussed with the Selectmen a memo from the Town Clerk's Office and an NSF check fee. The Town Clerk's Office wanted to waive the NSF fee due to certain circumstances. Roy advised the Selectmen that the bank would charge the Town an NSF fee and that the resident should be charged the fee. The Selectmen agreed with Roy. The Selectmen will advise the Town Clerk that the fee must be charged.

5.4 Carolyn Russell:

5.4.1. Requested that the Selectmen appoint Colleen Duggan as the Assistant Welfare Officer. (See 9.2)

5.5 Sign Committee:

5.5.1. Eaton, Cook, Thayer and Chief Marshall discussed the road signage request from Charley Eastman for a "No OHRV's" sign because of the serious hazards. The sign committee unanimously agreed to deny the request due to the fact it was felt that increased signage would not alleviate the problem. The secretary will forward a letter to Eastman and thank her for her input.

5.6 Colleen Duggan:

5.6.1. Spoke with the Selectmen regarding ARRA monies for the purchase of a water heater for the library. She will return with further information.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

- 6.1 Bill Cole provided an invoice to the Selectmen for the work at Town Hall. The work should be complete tomorrow. The Selectmen approved the invoice and forwarded the invoice to the bookkeeper.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1 A copy of Legislative Bulletin #23. – Public reading file
- 7.2 Email from Sullivan County Board of Commissioners scheduled for today has been canceled due to illness. The meeting was rescheduled for June 18th at 3PM. – Public reading file
- 7.3 Email from Sullivan County Convention scheduled for June 26th at 9AM to review and ratify the FY10 County budget the meeting will be at the Claremont Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center. – Public reading file

- 7.3 Letter from Local Government Center regarding the 2009 Flu Vaccine Reimbursement Program. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.4 Invoice from the Town attorney. – Forward to the bookkeeper.
- 7.5 A copy of an email from the APDVD to DES requesting a deep drawdown in excess of 3.5 feet in order to inspect the dam and perform dam maintenance. – Filed
- 7.6 Letter from Roberts, Greene & Drolet, PLLC offering auditing services. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.7 Email forwarded from Ken Eastman to the Selectmen regarding the Selectmen’s concerns about the Task Force timelines and Public Meeting. – Filed
- 7.8 Email from PSNH requesting first responder notification updates. - Filed
- 7.9 Email advising of a Risk and Trails and signs handbook available for purchase. – Filed
- 7.10 Brochure from SWANK Motion Pictures, INC. advising of their movie event services. – Forward to Park and Recreation
- 7.11 Letter from Audrey Rhoades regarding the position of Animal Control Officer for the Town of Washington. – Filed
- 7.12 Email from the Washington Police Department regarding the Eastman sign request. – See 5.5.1.
- 7.13 Email from the Town’s attorney. – See 8.1

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Eaton spoke with the Town’s attorney regarding (ref 6.2 of last week’s minutes) The Town’s attorney advised Eaton that the ownership of the dam would not necessarily go to the Town. The attorney advised that there is no case law regarding Village District disbandment and that a probable solution would be that the dam would return to the prior owner, Lake Ashuelot Estates, INC. In order for the Town to accept property it would have to come before a Town Meeting.
- 8.2 The secretary was contacted by Ayer & Goss regarding providing a propane quote for the Town.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 The Selectmen would like to congratulate the Students of the Month: Brenden Doherty, Matthew Naylor and Miranda Feighery. A big thanks goes out to the lunch sponsors Dan and Patricia Garrity.
- 9.2 Eaton motioned to appoint Colleen Duggan as the Assistant Welfare Officer. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$6,116.27 and vendors \$247,478.95 for the week of June 12, 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 at
8:01PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen