

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
July 30, 2009

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman
Visitors: Jim Berry

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of July 23, 2009 be accepted as written with the Exception that 9.5 should have read that Eaton motioned to approve the use of Town Hall for the East Washington Baptist Church. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

August 1st – The Washington Historical Society will be hosting an Old-Fashioned Supper at Camp Morgan Lodge, seatings will be at 5:00 and 6:30PM, tickets \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 5 and under, tickets available at the Washington General Store for reservations call 495-3416

August 2nd – Fire Department Chicken Barbeque, 12-2PM at the Center Station

August 2nd – Windham Community Swing Band at Camp Morgan 3:00PM, bring a lawn chair or a blanket

August 4th – Planning Board 7PM at Town Hall

August 8th – Household Hazardous Waste Day 10-2:00PM at the Transfer Station

August 12th - Park and Rec 6PM at Town Hall

August 13th – Energy Committee 7PM at Town Hall

August 19th – Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

August 26th – Board of Adjustment 7PM at Town Hall

August 29th- Town Open House at the Montfort Retreat, 11-4PM

Did You Know?

That Washington has its very own Food Pantry located in the privacy of the new Welfare Office in Town Hall? If you, or someone you know, could use some help in meeting food and household needs, you are encouraged to check out our Food Pantry. For private, confidential access to the Food Pantry, call Carolyn Russell at 495-0262 for an appointment.

Park and Recreation Commission is looking for people to donate canoes, kayaks, sailboats and miscellaneous boating equipment. Please contact Michelle Dagesse at the Town Hall Monday – Friday from 9-3PM at 603-495-3661 or by email at selectmen@washingtongov.org

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 Ron and Joan Max: TM# 12-091, 561 Washington Drive, proposed to construct a 28 x 30 garage. The Board of Adjustment approved a 10-foot frontline variance request at their July 29, 2009 meeting. Eaton motioned to approve the building permit with the approved

variance. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, permit #2344 was approved.

- 3.2 **Gary Mandirola: TM#24-055, 90 Lookout Point Road,** The Board of Adjustment approved the equitable waiver request at their July 29, 2009 meeting. Eaton motioned to approve the building permit application for a 14 x 8'6" shed were it currently is placed. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, building permit #2345 was approved.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Jim Crandall asked Dagesse if two events had been booked for Camp Morgan Lodge on July 3, 2010. Dagesse researched and advised Crandall that it was an error in the minutes and that the Selectmen approved the use of Town Hall for the East Washington Baptist Church. (See 2.0)

4.2 Charley Eastman dropped off the software to update the Town's AED equipment. Dagesse will update the remaining equipment.

4.3 Fred Hill, Jr. requested building permit application information. He was provided a building permit application along with the Land Use Ordinance setback requirements.

4.4 Paul Cordeiro dropped off a copy of the approved change to the Shoreland Protection Act that is intended to make the setbacks more user friendly.

4.5 Al Krygeris discussed building permits for solar panels and the proposal from the Selectmen to have Town Hall move to a digital system.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the police logs.

5.1.2. Requested the Selectmen approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Washington Police Department. (See 9.1)

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Requested the Selectmen's signature on the Department of Transportation application for the Public Works Department inspection station. The Selectmen signed the paperwork.

5.2.2. Requested the Selectmen's signature on the change order for the temporary bridge for the Halfmoon Pond Road Bridge Project. The Selectmen signed the paperwork.

5.2.3. Advised the Selectmen that he had completed the Homeland Security and Emergency Management EMPG Grant Application.

5.2.4. Advised that Millen Pond Road had a washout beyond Turnbull's house. Thayer requested that a member of the Conservation Commission inspect the worksite. Cook went to the site and approved the work.

5.2.5. Advised that the Mill Pond Project has been completed.

5.3 Carolyn Russell:

5.3.1. Advised the Selectmen that Shirley LeClair, a representative from Southwestern Community Services, will be taking applications for Fuel Assistance for the coming winter on Wednesday September 16th in the Welfare Office in Washington Town Hall. For an appointment or answers to your questions, call 1-800-529-0005. Information on the program can be picked up in Town Hall after Wednesday, August 5th.

5.4 Jim Berry:

5.4.1. Reviewed a letter received from a Valley Road resident regarding a septic problem. The property owner advised that the septic tank has been pumped. Berry advised that he had performed another water test and the ecoli level is elevated at 400. Berry said that the State advised him they would retest the water again today. Eaton said with the amount of rain that we have received over the last couple of nights the new test could be a different result. Berry said that the State advised him that they have not received any paperwork on a new septic plan as of yet. Berry asked the Selectmen how much longer should we let this issue go. The Selectmen advised Berry to give the State a call on Monday.

5.4.2. Advised the Selectmen that he had received a complaint regarding a Birch Point Way property owner who has been cutting trees along the shoreland without a shoreland permit. The Selectmen will send a letter to the property owner and file a complaint form with DES.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

- 7.1 A copy of The Source. – Forward to the Planning Board
- 7.2 A copy of a letter from the Saint Benedict Center to Chief Marshall thanking him for providing the boys at camp with a memorable visit. – Filed
- 7.3 A copy of Matter of Trust. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.4 A copy of Cheshire-Sullivan County Farm Service Agency, July 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.5 Letter from Black Dog Investigations, LLC thanking Chief Marshall for his assistance. – Filed
- 7.6 A copy of University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. – Public reading file
- 7.7 Email from Bill Kraus regarding his concern of speeding on East Washington Road. – Forward to Chief Marshall
- 7.8 A copy of Frontline Supervisor. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.9 Email from Sullivan County NH Delegation advising of an upcoming Finance Committee Meeting on September 1, 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.10 Email from Sullivan County Commissioners Office advising that the June 18, 2009 minutes have been posted to the website. – Public reading file
- 7.11 Email from LCHIP advising of a new grant round opens September 1, 2009. – Forward to the Future of the Meeting House Committee

- 7.12 Email from Andrew Pillsbury, Account Executive Manchester Monarchs, advising of a parks and recreation night at the Monarchs. – Forward to Park and Recreation.
- 7.13 Letter from Melanson Heath & Company advising the Town of their municipal auditing services. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.14 Letter from ICMA advising of services available to the Town for retirement accounts. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.15 Information from SVE Associates advising of their engineering services. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.16 A copy of a letter from DES to Michael Kane regarding a wetland bureau complaint regarding an outstanding request. – Filed
- 7.17 Letter from NHMTA Services, INC advising of forklift operator courses available. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.18 Information from WEST advising of software available for getting grant money. – Filed
- 7.19 Letter from APDVD forwarding copies of the MS-31, MS-6, signed warrant, signed annual meeting minutes and the 2008 Annual report these documents were all submitted to the NH Department of Revenue. – Filed
- 7.20 Email from Bob Thompson, Commissioner, APDVD, regarding the top gate of the dam being opened today due to the tremendous amount of rain last night. – Filed
- 7.21 Email forwarded from Beverly Rodeschin regarding a possible contact with a cell phone company. – Filed
- 7.22 Email from Child and Family Services advising of available services. – Forward to Russell
- 7.23 Email from Chief Marshall requesting the Selectmen approve a donation from John and Karen Parente. – See 9.1
- 7.24 Email from Chief Marshall regarding the possibility of a wireless connection for Dagesse's computer. – Filed
- 7.25 Customer Satisfaction Survey from the USPS. – Dagesse to complete

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1 Eaton reported that the Park and Recreation Commission along with Wendy Eaton painted the bandstand floor on Saturday.
- 8.2 The Selectmen attended the Municipal Task Force meeting on Saturday. It was attended by approximately 36 townspeople.
- 8.3 Bill Cole advised the Selectmen that he had replaced the locks at the Town Hall. All employees please use your new key. If you have not received a new key please come in to Town Hall Monday – Friday 9:00-3:00PM.
- 8.4 The Selectmen discussed sending out a bid package to have the Town Hall/Police Department painted.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eaton motioned to approve the donation to the Washington Police Department in the amount of \$500.00. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- 9.2 The Selectmen would like to thank Laurie Dube for all her hard work as an Assessor for the Town of Washington and wish her well in the future. Eaton motioned to appoint Kathleen Atkins as a Town Assessor. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1** The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$26,259.06 and vendors \$15,845.85 for the week of August 1, 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 8:30PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen

Town of Washington
July 30, 2009
Public Hearing
Deep Drawdown of Ashuelot Pond

Guy Eaton motioned to open the hearing at 6:30PM

Present: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman

Community Present: Bob Thompson, Don Damm, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell

Bob Thompson advised the Selectmen and those in attendance that the APDVD would be conducting a deep drawdown for shoreline maintenance, weed control and dam maintenance. Thompson stated that weed control and shoreline maintenance is outside the APDVD's responsibilities but it is consistent with the approved 1991 request of Lake Ashuelot Estates. Cook asked if there were any repairs scheduled. Thompson said yes there is a small sinkhole that will be repaired during the drawdown and explained the seepage and sinkhole issues to the Selectmen. He explained the process of repairing the dam. Thompson advised that the repairs are estimated to cost \$1,000.00. Thompson advised that the drawdown would begin on September 26, 2009 and would remain open until sometime near Thanksgiving.

Carolyn Russell said that she cannot put her boat in the water because of the amount of weeds and this deep drawdown would allow us to clean the weeds in front of our property.

Thompson said in regards to weeds and maintenance; last year the normal high level did not go down until after December 1, 2008 and no maintenance could not be done.

Ken Eastman asked about the results of a deep drawdown. Carolyn Russell said that you can see the results of the dried weeds from the drawdown. Eastman asked if Lake Ashuelot Estates received the final report from DES regarding the results of a deep drawdown. No final report had been received as of yet. Eastman and Don Damm spoke on the subject of milfoil.

Thompson advised the Selectmen that the top gate of the dam had been removed today at 10:15am due to the amount of rain from the previous evening. Thompson said with the expected rain over the next few days the gate will likely remain open until the water level subsides to the normal high water mark.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dagesse