

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
August 6, 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, Carol Andrews, Shawn Atkins, Chief Moser, Bill Cole, Jed and Nan Schwartz

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of July 30, 2009 be accepted as written. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

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 27th – Public Hearing 6:30PM at Town Hall

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

August 31st – Cemetery Trustees 7PM at Town Hall

September 1st – Planning Board 7PM at Town Hall

September 6th – Pancake Breakfast 8AM at the Center Station

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.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 Kevin Lawrence: TM#16-077-02, Mill Street, proposed to construct a 28 x 40 two car garage with a two bedroom apartment above. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to approve the permit application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit #2346 was approved. Eaton also established a 911# of 60 Mill Street.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

4.1 Paul Cordeiro spoke with Eaton regarding his concerns with the shoreline setback requirement. Cordeiro asked if the Selectmen had an

opportunity to review the information he provided last week. (Ref 4.4)
Eaton advised that they had.

4.2 Carolyn Russell and Ron Jager spoke with the Selectmen regarding the Town Hall and LCHIP grant monies that are available. Jager advised the Selectmen that he would be attending the necessary workshop scheduled in September 10, 2009 in order to apply for the available monies. Jager asked if the Future of Town Hall Committee could make a short presentation to the Planning Board after the Municipal Task Force had made their presentation. Eastman asked that Jager send him an email and he would forward it to the Planning Board members along with advocacy for the presentation.

4.3. Melissa Cole provided the Selectmen with information she researched on the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009 regarding requests for the energy efficiency monies. Eastman asked Cole if she would be willing to serve on the Energy Committee. She agreed that she would be interested. Cole will forward the information to the Selectmen's Office and Dagesse will forward to the Conservation Commission.

4.4 Kevin Lawrence dropped off a building permit application. (See 3.1)

4.5 Grace Jager requested the Selectmen's permission to have a contractor repair the dehumidifier in the archive room. The Selectmen approved the request.

4.6 Jim Hofford phoned inquiring about the screening of the propane tanks. A neighbor had a health issue that would prevent him from screening the propane tank before the end of August. Eaton advised that a letter could be sent to the Selectmen.

4.7 Milt Whitney phoned Cook regarding his concern with the upstream dam owners opening dams without notifying the others downstream.

4.8 Several townspeople noted that they received warnings for parking at the beach parking lot without a facility sticker. Residents are reminded that stickers are available at the Transfer Station and a guest pass is available from Dagesse.

4.9 Eaton and Eastman were called by Tom Cross regarding concerns of last weeks Public Hearing regarding the deep drawdown of the Lake Ashuelot. The Selectmen advised Cross that they would accept comments to be included in the record.

4.10 Mary Ann Turner phoned Eastman regarding her concerns with the previously held public hearing regarding the deep drawdown.

4.11 Donna Cilley dropped of the bunting for the bandstand.

5.0

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the police logs.

5.1.2. Advised the Selectmen that a computer software representative would be able to consult with the Selectmen next Thursday at 10:30AM.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Advised that the Public Works Department had to get an emergency authorization from DES to repair a culvert on East Washington Road at the outlet of Freezeland Pond. Thayer said that the Town had a piece of pipe that was used for the emergency temporary repair.

5.2.2. Advised the Selectmen that he can no longer fill out the DES permitting applications. The plans now need to be signed by an engineer. The Selectmen advised Thayer that we would need to put monies in the budget for future waterfront applications.

5.2.3. Advised that the Mill Pond Project is complete with the exception of the educational step and the final report to DES. The engineer will be coordinating these final issues.

5.2.4. Advised the Selectmen that a draft of the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed and advised the Selectmen of the finalization process.

5.2.5. Discussed the gravel pit agreement.

5.2.6 Advised that the Halfmoon Pond Bridge footings will be set on Monday or Tuesday of next week.

5.2.7. Advised that the Public Works Department will be hauling material out of a Purling Beck Road property that had been left on the property years ago.

5.3 Jim Berry:

5.3.1. Provided the Selectmen a copy of the minutes from the last Cemetery Meeting.

5.3.2. Advised that the Highland Lake beach bacteria level is back to normal at this point and will be un-posted tomorrow.

5.3.3. Advised that the Mill Pond Beach will be un-posted tomorrow.

5.3.4. Updated the Selectmen on the Valley Road property with a septic issue. Berry suggested that the property owner places a porta-potty on her property, pump the tank again or the Selectmen will issue a cease and desist order to vacate. Secretary to send letter. .

5.3.5. Advised the Selectmen of a wetland violation on Stowell Drive. He provided the Selectmen photos of the property. The Selectmen will send a letter to the property owner and a wetland complaint to the State as well.

5.3.6. Advised that the grease trap was installed at the Washington Elementary School and it has been inspected.

5.4 Ingrid Halverson:

5.4.1. Dropped off a Camp Morgan Lodge Use Inspection List. The building had not been cleaned properly and the Selectmen agreed to only reimburse half of the deposit.

5.5 Chief Moser and Shawn Atkins:

5.5.1. Asked the Selectmen when Engine #2 is scheduled to be replaced. The Selectmen reviewed the 2008 CIP requests and advised Chief Moser that it is scheduled for 2011. Chief Moser said that at this point we are \$35, 000 behind schedule for a replacement. Chief Moser advised the

Selectmen the Fire Department has been researching an assembly line truck. Eaton asked for the cost of the truck. Chief Moser advised 245,000. Eaton asked if the Fire Department is interested in staying on the 2011 purchase schedule. Chief Moser said yes and advised the Selectmen of the components on the assembly line truck. Shawn Atkins said that the company provides financing as well and this could be an option to purchase the truck in 2010 and asked for the Selectmen's support to discuss options with the company. Eastman asked if there were any used trucks available. Atkins said that the used trucks are going for \$150,000.00 that is ten years old. Cole asked Moser what are you looking at in repairs next year. Moser said that it would be a \$20,000.00 bill. Shawn Atkins said that we could put money in the Capital Reserve while making payments on the proposed truck for the next seven years but asking for less to put into the reserve. Eaton said that we would have to speak to the Department of Revenue regarding placing a loan payment in the CIP. The Selectmen agreed to speak with the company; a meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

7:59 Eaton motioned to move to a non-public session due to a real estate issue in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(d). Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8:16 Eaton motioned to revert to a public session and to seal the minutes due to a legal issue. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6.0 PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Bill Cole provided the Selectmen with an invoice for work done at Town Hall and Camp

Morgan Lodge. The Selectmen approved the invoice. Eastman asked if the Town is emergency compliant on the lakeside doors. Cole said yes.

6.2 Carol Andrews, Nan Schwartz and Jed Schwartz, of the Conservation Commission requested the Selectmen's authorization to acquire a Twin Bridge Road property to add to the Town Forest. (See 9.3)

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Email from Carol Fogarty forwarding the agenda and minutes for the Washington School Board. – Public reading file

7.2 Email from University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension advising of an upcoming workshop on Managing Money in Tough Times. – Public reading file

7.3 Letter from New Hampshire Employment Security requesting the Town of Washington complete the New Hampshire Community Profiles. – Dagesse completed the paperwork

7.4 Letter from Sullivan County forwarding the MS42 Form – FY 2010 Final Budget. – Public reading file

- 7.5 Email from PSNH advising that the streetlights have been installed. – Filed
- 7.6 Email from SAU#34 Agenda for Thursday August 13, 2009 and a copy of the meeting minutes from July 13, 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.7 Email from David Sagan, US Fish and Wildlife Service requesting information regarding the Natural Resource Inventory maps. – Filed
- 7.8 Letter from Granite State Communications advising of their services. – Filed
- 7.9 Public Notice from Town of Greenfield from their Board of Adjustment in reference to a proposed cell phone tower. – Filed
- 7.10 Letter from Tom Cross, President of the Ashuelot Pond Association regarding the public hearing held last week and the deep drawdown of the Ashuelot Pond. – (See 4.9)
- 7.11 Email from Dennis and Donna O'Malley thanking the Public Works Department for the great job they did on Millen Pond Road last week. – Filed
- 7.12 Email from Bill Barton advising that he has a sail boat he would like to donate to the summer camp program. - Forward to Cook
- 7.13 Email from New Hampshire Municipal Energy Committee advising of an upcoming seminar on energy efficiency scheduled for August 20, 2009. – Forward to Energy Committee
- 7.14 Email from Bob Thompson, Commissioner of the APDVD forwarding a pond update as August 1, 2009. - Filed
- 7.15 Information from the Local Government Center advising of courses available at the LGC Academy. –Forward to Dagesse
- 7.16 A Save the Date card from Communities United for Substance Abuse Prevention. – Filed
- 7.17 Email from PSNH forwarding the electric rates effective August 1, 2009. – Public reading file
- 7.18 Letter from the United States Department of Commerce requesting additional census information. – Filed
- 7.19 Email from Vivian Clark forwarding comments on the proposed universal health care program. – Filed
- 7.20 Approval for construction from DES to Pamela Butler, Bradford Springs Road, TM#23-008. – Filed

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eaton motioned to approve the application of Daniel and Eleanor Reed for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge on October 18, 2009. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.2 Eaton motioned to approve the application of the Washington Fire Department for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge on February 20-22nd 2010. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.3 Eaton motioned to approve the Conservation Commission's request to acquire TM#07-10 Twin Bridge Road to add to the Town Forest subject to a Public Hearing scheduled for August 27th, 6:30PM at Town Hall. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$6,014.10 and vendors \$130,733.11 the week of August 7, 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 9:00

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen