

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
August 20, 2009

**1.0 ASSEMBLY**

**1.1** Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

**1.2** Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman

Visitors: Carl Moore, Greg Lofgren, Donna Lofgren, Jim Berry and Chief Marshall

**2.0 MINUTES**

Eastman motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of August 13, 2009 be accepted as written.

Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Important Dates -**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Cemetery Trustees 7PM at Town Hall

**August 26<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Adjustment 7PM at Town Hall

**August 27<sup>th</sup>** – Public Hearing 6:30PM at Town Hall, Conservation Commission purchase of a property on Twin Bridge Road

**August 29<sup>th</sup>** - Town Open House at the Montfort Retreat, 11-4PM

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Planning Board 7PM at Town Hall

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** – Pancake Breakfast 8AM at the Center Station

**Did You Know?**

**That All propane tanks must be screened by August 31, 2009 in order to avoid a fine!!!**

That the Health Officer has information regarding H1N1 posted on the Town website.

The Energy Committee is looking for volunteers to do an energy audit, please contact Al Krygeris at 495-3116

**3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS**

**3.1** Gilbert Mettler: TM12-131, 416 Washington Drive, provide a building permit for a previously constructed 8 x 10 shed. Eaton had inspected and found that the structure site did not conform with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to deny the permit and forward the application to the Board of Adjustment. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the permit was denied.

**3.2** John and Barbara Kelly: TM#07-043, 919 North Main Street, requested that the Selectmen to amend building permit #2300 to include a 8 foot porch on side of house with a 6-foot porch on the front of the house. Eaton motioned to approve the request. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the request was approved.

- 3.3 Charlene and Rick Langtry: TM#24-107, 92 Cove Road, proposed to construct a screened porch from an existing 10 x 21 deck. 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 # 2348 was approved.
- 3.4 Wayne C. Brush: TM#14-193, 173 McKinley Drive, proposed to construct a 8 x 12 shed. Eaton to inspect next week.

#### **4.0**

##### **APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY**

**4.1** Carl Moore phoned to request to be placed on the Selectmen's agenda.

Dagesse advised he was welcome to come at seven o'clock. (See 6.1)

**4.2** Anne Doyle asked for the procedure of obtaining a street sign for a private way. Dagesse advised and forwarded the information to Thayer.

**4.3** Sandy Robinson requested that the Selectmen provide a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission for the Treasurer to write a check for a purchase and sales agreement. The Selectmen provided the requested letter, which was forwarded to the Treasurer. Robinson requested that the Selectmen sign the purchase and sales agreement for a Twin Bridge Road property. The Selectmen signed the paperwork.

**4.4** Jim Crandall requested to review the Board of Adjustment application of Rebecca Dulac scheduled for the August 26<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. Dagesse provided Crandall the information to review.

**4.5** Bill and Ruth Shannon requested to review the variance application of Rebecca Dulac scheduled before the Board of Adjustment for their August 26<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing. Dagesse provided the Shannon's the information for their review.

**4.6** Phil Budne requested information regarding an equitable waiver request, from an abutter, that is scheduled to go before the Board of Adjustment at their August 26<sup>th</sup> public Hearing. Dagesse provided him with copies.

**4.7** Gil Mettler dropped off a building permit application. (See 3.1)

**4.8** A. Tom Taylor asked the Selectmen if there was an official foundation report on the inspection under the Town Hall. Taylor was provided a copy of the report from the architect. Taylor spoke with the Selectmen regarding the condition of the Town Hall foundation and their opinions of the condition. Taylor requested to take the information for review. He was provided the document.

B. Taylor advised the Selectmen that a logger had attended the Conservation Commission meeting last night and requested access through the Town Forest. He was advised that this was a forestry issue. Taylor would be going on a site visit and consulting with a forester and return with a recommendation.

**4.9** Anthony Guthrie requested a letter from the Selectmen providing his address while he was a Town employee. Dagesse wrote him the letter he requested.

**4.10** Stacy Bishop, a Community Service Leader for the Washington Seventh-Day Adventist Church, dropped off a letter requesting assistance in producing GO BAG's which would be distributed to local residents for use in case of a disaster. – Forward to Thayer

**4.11** Charlene Langtry provided a building permit application. (See 3.3)

**4.12** Donna Whiton phoned regarding a letter she had received from the Selectmen to screen her propane tank. Dagesse advised her of the appropriate method to screen the tank.

**4.13** Al Krygeris spoke with the Selectmen regarding the information he had gathered for the 2008 Town of Washington energy use.- The Selectmen have reviewed and are looking for additional ways to reduce energy costs.

**4.14** Lou Bodak phoned to advise the Selectmen that he is in the process of screening his propane tank in response to the letter he received.

**4.15** Andrew Lafferty, a Woodpecker Road resident, advised that he would like to replace his leaking culvert. Cook advised him to call DES for advice.

**4.16** Jeff Gleason came in for a tour of the upstairs of the Town Hall.

**4.17** A concerned citizen brought up the issue of all the signs (garden center, farmers' market, and local events) placed in the center of Town and if there were permits for the signs. Eaton spoke with the resident regarding the signs.

## **5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS**

### **5.1 Chief Marshall:**

**5.1.1.** Provided the police logs.

**5.1.2.** Spoke with the Selectmen regarding 6.1.

**5.1.3.** Advised the Selectmen that he had submitted the Police Department CIP requests to the Planning Board.

### **5.2 Ed Thayer:**

**5.2.1.** Advised the Selectmen of the status of the Halfmoon Pond Road Bridge project.

## **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS**

**6.1** Carl Moore spoke with the Selectmen regarding his concern with the speed of the vehicles traveling on Valley Road. The road is posted at 35mph with the main road is posted at 30mph and other areas in Town are posted at a lower rate of speed. Moore said that he had spoken with Chief Marshall and Ofc Brian Moser who did not disagree with Moore's concerns. Moore said lowering the speed would be an attempt to provide the Town's officers to enforce a more appropriate speed. Moore said that this is a great safety risk to those who live on the road. Moore asked for the Selectmen's support. Eaton said that the Selectmen would take the complaints from him and the Allen's (Ref 7.6) and speak with Chief Marshall and the Public Works Director. Chief Marshall said that he would not argue with the logic of having the main road posted at 30mph and turn onto

Valley Road you could speed up to 35mph. Chief Marshall said that we could reduce the speed by 5mph with a public hearing but any more than that we would have to conduct a traffic survey. Chief Marshall said that we have not received any speed complaints from residents of Valley Road until today. Moore said that if we could post the road at 30mph and warning signs of the hill this would be a start.

- 6.2** Donna and Greg Lofgren updated the Selectmen on the status of the replacement of their failed septic system. They have contacted rural homes an agency that assists with septic installation of rural property owners. The paperwork was sent out on Wednesday and they are awaiting a response. The Lofgren's are also attempting to get financing through their mortgage company as well. The installation quote is \$14,000.00. The Lofgren's asked the Selectmen if there were any other government organizations that they can file for. The Selectmen said that Berry would be the best resource. The Lofgren's advised that one waiver paper in the septic plan had not been signed off on and it had been initialed and forwarded to the State this afternoon. The Selectmen thanked the Lofgren's for the update. Eaton said that we will have Jim Berry continue to check with the State. Greg Lofgren advised that he would come in next week and update the Selectmen on the status of their septic system.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 7.1** Letter from DuBois & King Inc. advising of advising of their engineering services. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.2** Postcard from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission advising of a Wind Energy meeting scheduled for September 9, 2009. – Forward to the Energy Committee
- 7.3** Certified letter from the Zoning Board of Adjustment from the Town of Greenfield, NH advising of a public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00PM regarding a request for a cell phone tower. – Filed
- 7.4** 2009 Budget and finance Workshop, LGC – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.5** A copy of the Summer 2009, LGC Coordinator Connection. – Filed
- 7.6** Letter from Fred and Irita Allen Valley Road forwarding their concerns regarding speeding vehicles on Valley Road. – Filed (See 6.1)
- 7.7** Email from Kerry Jassen requesting information on the Rebecca Dulac variance request. – Dagesse forwarded the information
- 7.8** Email from Barbara Kelly regarding a letter she received from the Selectmen for building without a permit. (See 3.2)
- 7.9** Email from Rebecca Dulac forwarding additional information requested by Dagesse for the upcoming Board of Adjustment case. – Filed
- 7.10** Email from Sullivan County forwarding the agenda for the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled for 3PM. – Filed
- 7.11** A copy of RPC Newsletter, Summer 2009. – Filed
- 7.12** Several emails from the Town's attorney and the Conservation Commission. – Reference 4.3
- 7.13** Email from Donna Lofgren updating the Selectmen on the status of their septic system. – see 6.2

- 7.14 Letter from NHDES forwarding results from Mill Pond – Filed
- 7.15 Email from Chief Marshall regarding an electronic community notification program for the Town. – Filed
- 7.16 Email from NHLogin regarding the right to know law and email record retention. – Filed
- 7.17 Sullivan County Conservation District notifying of an upcoming recycling workshop. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.18 Letter from DES advising of changes in bacteria sampling due to positive bacteria results. – Filed
- 7.19 Email from Office of Energy Planning reminding of the upcoming Annual Fall Planning and Zoning Conference to be held in October. – Forward to Planning Board and Board of Adjustment
- 7.20 Approval for Construction from DES to Kevin Lawrence TM#16-077-02, Mill Street. – Filed

## **8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 8.1** Cook established a 911# for a Forest Road property owner as 108 Forest Road. Dagesse advised the Assessors in order to update the maps.
- 8.2** The Selectmen completed the CIP request forms for the Planning Board; Town Building upgrade, painting the Town Hall and digital upgrade.

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

- 9.1 The Selectmen received a request on behalf of the Conservation Commission to appoint Dorothy Thompson as an alternate member. Eastman motioned Dorothy Thompson as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## **10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED**

- 10.1** The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,063.81 and vendors \$202,761.39 the week of August 21, 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