

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
August 27, 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, Jim Gaskell

2.0 MINUTES

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of August 20, 2009 be accepted as written. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

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

September 1st – Planning Board 7PM at Town Hall

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

September 9th – Park and Recreation 6:00PM at Town Hall

September 10th – Energy Committee 7:00PM at Town Hall

September 16th – Conservation Commission 7:00PM at Town Hall

September 28th – Cemetery Committee 7:00PM at Town Hall

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

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

New Community Information Service

We have launched a new Community Information Service designed to deliver important and timely information to residents in our area using the latest technology.

This service, Nixle, delivers trustworthy and important neighborhood-level public safety and community event notifications instantly sent to you by cell phone text message, email, and web. There is NO Spam or Advertising. Nixle is completely free (standard text message rates apply for cell phone subscribers who do not have text plans with their cell phone providers). The service is simple to use, reliable and trusted.

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We are really excited to have you experience Nixle.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

- 3.1 Wayne C. Brush: TM#14-193, 173 McKinley Drive, proposed to construct a 8 x 12 shed. 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 #2351 was approved.
- 3.2 Charles Knight: TM#12-147, 756 Washington Drive, proposed to construct a 24 x 28 garage with a loft. 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. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit #2350 was approved.
- 3.3 Todd Hesketh: TM#14-017, 2 Ashuelot Acre Road, proposed to replace the existing roof and add a dormer. 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. All voted in favor; permit #2349 was approved.
- 3.4 Paul and Rebecca Dulac: TM#15-079, 857 Millen Pond Road, proposed to replace an existing camp with two bedroom home with a 10 x 12 deck. The Board of Adjustment approved the right of way variance request presented to the Board of Adjustment at their August 26, 2009 meeting. Eaton motioned to approve the permit with the variance approval. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit # 2352 was approved.
- 3.5 Jeremy Delisle/Washington General Store: TM22-054, 29 North Main Street, proposed to replace the existing front stairs with a new wider set of stairs. 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. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit #2353 was approved.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

- 4.1 Gil Mettler dropped off his application for an area variance for the Board of Adjustment.
- 4.2 Charlie Knight requested assistance with completing a building permit application. Dagesse provided assistance. See 3.1
- 4.3 Carl Goodman, a Mamakating Electric representative, spoke with the Selectmen regarding the fire alarm system at Town Hall and other Town

buildings and the need for the system to be replaced due to its age. Goodman will be forwarding costs to the Selectmen for the Town building fire alarm system upgrades.

4.4 Nick Alexander phoned to request an additional week to screen his propane tank. The Selectmen approved the request.

4.5 Bob Dearborn complained to the Selectmen regarding signs on Town property. The sign has been removed.

4.6 Clayton Platt requested to review and get a copy of the flood maps. Cook provided him the information.

4.7 Steve Hanssen spoke with the Selectmen regarding the proposed bathroom in the basement of the Camp Morgan Lodge. Eastman to review the information.

4.8 Jim Bissonnette requested that the Selectmen appoint Ray Clark as a full member of the Board of Adjustment. (See 9.2)

4.9 Bill Naylor asked the Selectmen which propane tank needed to be screened. He was advised that the tank that was visible from the road. Naylor advised that he would complete the screening by the end of September. The Selectmen agreed to the date.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided the police logs.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

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

5.2.2. Advised the Washington Drive culvert project may be delayed until next year due to bad weather this year.

5.2.3. Reviewed the Public Works CIP requests.

5.2.4. Proposed changes to the recycling ordinance to the Selectmen. Further discussion to continue next week.

5.3 Jim Berry:

5.3.1. Updated the Selectmen on the Valley Road septic issue.

5.3.2. Provided the Selectmen with the most recent H1N1 information.

Berry attended a meeting in Concord on Tuesday. The State has not set a date of when the vaccine will be available. The State has stated that grade school kids and health care workers will be provided the vaccine first.

Berry advised the Selectmen that he needed to complete a survey regarding the possibility of paying healthcare volunteers and what would the rate of pay. The Selectmen provided Berry the information. Berry asked if hand sanitizer needed to be purchased for emergency vehicles and where would the funds come from in the budget. The Selectmen advised from the Town Hall supplies. Berry said that he would keep the Selectmen updated with all of the information he receives.

5.4. Sandy Poole:

5.4.1. Asked the Selectmen about the Town and its current procedure of waiving registration fees for serving active military members. Eaton said that it sounds as though this has been done historically done by the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk decided to continue with the tradition.

5.5. Carolyn Russell:

5.5.1 Requested the Selectmen's approval to purchase and hang a bulletin board outside the Welfare Office. The Selectmen approved the request.

5.5.2. Advised the Selectmen that she had ordered signs to hang outside the Welfare Office.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.0 A. Jim Gaskell asked when the propane tank ordinance was passed. Eaton said that it was added to the Land Use Ordinance 2004 with a 2 year grace period for the screening to occur. Eaton said that we allowed an additional year. Gaskell asked when was the tank at Camp Morgan Lodge screened. Eaton said that it was screened in the spring and the Town did not send fine letters to property owners until the Town's tank was properly completed. Gaskell said that he felt that the Town government should be an example. Gaskell pointed out that the propane tank at the radio tower on Faxon Hill Road has not been properly screened.

B. Gaskell asked how many feet a propane tank must be from a building. Eastman said that he would provide him the requested information.

C. Gaskell asked about the Town insurance coverage for the senior group at Camp Morgan Lodge due to a recent fall at a senior lunch. The Selectmen spoke with Gaskell regarding the organization of the senior group. Eaton said that the Selectmen were approached about a month ago from current members of the senior group for the Town to take over the senior group. Eaton explained that if the fall was a result of a negligence of the Town the person would have been covered. The Selectmen requested that Dagesse call the insurance company regarding the senior group and coverage.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 A copy of Crossings from the American Red Cross, Summer 2009. – Filed

7.2 Information on fall EMS courses available at Becker Training Associates. – Forward to the Rescue Squad

7.3 Information on the Fall 2009 Small Public Water Systems Operator Training Course to be held in September. – Forward to Halverson

7.4 Copies of the Washington Police Department activity log from January to July. – Public reading file

7.5 Email from Phil Barker responding to 6.1 of last weeks Selectmen's minutes. – Filed

7.6 Letter from Trident insurance company advising of their services. – Filed

7.7 Letter from NH Municipal Energy Assistance Program advising of programs available to help reduce energy costs.- Filed

- 7.8 Letter from NH DES advising that the Washington Elementary School was in violation for the total coliform bacteria level for the month of August. – Halverson is responding
- 7.9 Email from Sullivan County advising of a meeting of the Nursing Home Trust Fund Committee will be held August 26, 2009 at 2:00PM. – Filed
- 7.10 Letter from TDS thanking the Town of Washington for its business and advising of their other communication services. - Filed
- 7.11 Memorandum from New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority advising of planning grant funds available with an application deadline of October 30, 2009. – Filed
- 7.12 Letter from AMCAD a document storage systems company advising of their services available to the Town. – Forward to Eastman
- 7.13 The Essentials of Collections Law 2010 courses available. – Filed
- 7.14 Email from Johanna Young replying to information sent from the Selectmen’s Office to the Energy Committee regarding information Melissa Cole gathered for municipal energy efficiency projects. -
- 7.15 Certified notice of a Shoreland Permit Application from Jerry Snyder to the Town of Washington. – Filed
- 7.16 Email from Vicki Davis advising of an upcoming Sullivan County Solid Waste Leadership Meeting to be held September 22, 2009. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.17 Information from the State regarding H1N1 and the upcoming flu season. – Public reading file
- 7.18 Approval for Construction from DES to Greg and Donna Lofgren, TM#25-071, Valley Road. – Filed
- 7.19 Fax from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission advising of the upcoming Finance Committee Meeting to be held September 2, 2009 at 4:00PM. – Public reading file

8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 8.1** After the Public Hearing (See attached minutes) Eaton motioned to approve the request on behalf of the Conservation Commission’s request to purchase TM#07-010, Twin Bridge Road. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 8.2** The Selectmen signed the appointment paperwork for Dorothy Thompson as an alternate on the Conservation Commission.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Eaton established several E911#’s as follows 324 Highland Haven Road, 522 Highland Haven Road, 704 Highland Haven Road, 68 Beaver Brook Road, 141 Beaver Brook Road. Dagesse advised the Assessor’s of the numbers for the tax maps.
- 9.2 Eaton motioned that Ray Clark become a full member of the Board of Adjustment. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.3 Eastman and Cook had discussed zebra mussels and ways to prevent the chance of spreading. Eastman suggested a possible need for wash rack.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$17,883.32 and vendors \$167,695.77 the week of August 28, 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 8:37PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen

Town of Washington
August 27, 2009
Public Hearing

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

Present: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman

Community Present: Carol Andrews, Jed Schwartz, Nan Schwartz, Sandy Robinson, Steve Hanssen and Jim Gaskell.

Guy Eaton opened the Public Hearing at 6:30PM for the Conservation Commission to explain their intention to purchase TM#07-010.

Carol Andrews explained to those in attendance that the Conservation Commission is interested in purchasing TM#07-010 to merge to the Town Forest.

Hanssen said on behalf of the Forestry Committee said that this property would be fine and a valuable addition to the Town Forest.

Eastman asked about the adjacent properties and how this purchase would connect to the Natural Resource Plan. Andrews explained that the Lempster Forest Society is working hard on conserving land in the adjacent area to the proposed purchase site. The river corridor is a valuable area. Eastman asked if the Conservation Commission purchases the property would the Commission have any monies left. Andrews said that this would take about one third of their funds. Eastman asked about other properties that the Conservation Commission are looking at for the future. Andrews said that there are many other properties in Town that we are interested in. Robinson said that the level of conservation

land in this area could increase tremendously. Jim Gaskell said that there is a wonderful peat bog in this area. Gaskell asked if snowmobiling will still be allowed on the property. Andrews said the current snowmobile trail is not on this property but just adjacent. Gaskell asked if the current snowmobile trail would be discontinued. Robinson said no, this is part of the Conservation Commission intentions. Andrews said that if that adjacent lot sold at some point we could be able to move the snowmobile trail to TM#07-010. Eastman asked if the townspeople are getting the information on conservation easements. Andrews said that she has been working hard at getting the word out speaking at public hearings on the topic. Andrews said that the Forestry Committee has been working on acquiring this property for many years. The Selectmen thanked the Conservation Commission for all of their hard work!!!

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dagesse