

Town of Washington
November 13, 2008
Public Hearing

Revision and Approval of Dog Control Ordinance, Town Beach Ordinance and 911
Ordinance

1.0 Assembly

1.1 Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman

1.3 Visitors: Chief Marshall, Ralph Otterson, Sandy Poole and Colleen Duggan,
Jim Gaskell and Gwen Gaskell

Eaton motioned to open the Dog Control Ordinance for the Town of Washington at 6:30PM. The Selectmen read the proposed Ordinance for those in attendance. Ralph Otterson asked why we are proposing this ordinance. Chief Marshall informed Mr. Otterson explained that if the Town does not adopt the ordinance the RSA is not enforceable. Mr. Otterson stated that the Town is becoming very restrictive and do we really need this it used to be that neighbors could take of these issues. Mr. Otterson said that maybe we could go back to those days. Mr. Otterson said that he hoped that the ordinance is voted down. Eaton said that the Selectmen are trying to help the police do their job. Sandy Poole asked how many times do you have to speak to a family. Chief Marshall said that it happens two or three times a year. Colleen Duggan said that this is based on complaints. Poole said that it could become that way. Sandy Poole said that she was not in support of the ordinance. Chief Marshall said that everyone thought that there was a law already. Eastman asked if there were any changes that would make it more acceptable. Mr. Otterson said no. Jim and Gwen Gaskell requested to review the ordinance since they had arrived late. Chief Marshall said that he would not be looking for dogs. Mr. Otterson said that he would not always be the Chief of Police and who knows what the next Chief would feel. Eaton closed the Dog Control Ordinance at 6:47PM.

Eaton motioned to open the Town Beach Ordinance at 6:47PM and read the proposed changes to those in attendance. Eaton asked for questions. Mr. Otterson asked about the changes. Eastman advised that the time and pets on the beach would be defined clearer with the adoption of the amendment and that the new Town stickers would be issued stating "Town Facilities". Eaton motioned to close the hearing at 6:52PM.

Eaton motioned to open the 911 Ordinance at 6:52PM and read the proposed changes to those in attendance. Eaton asked for any questions. Chief Marshall asked if this would apply to existing 911#'s. Eaton said that yes everyone would have to comply with the contrasting color. Eaton motioned to close the hearing at 6:56PM. Eastman seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed at 6:56PM