

Annual Report of the Washington Web Page Manager

www.washingtonnh.org

The Town of Washington web site is actually several websites that are grouped under the *www.washingtonnh.org* web address. Under that there is the main town government web site, Conservation Commission, Department of Public Works, Planning Board, and Police Department. I design and maintain the General Government, DPW and Police sites, while Jed and Nan Schwartz are responsible for the Conservation Commission and Planning Board sites. We have designed them so that our users do not have to remember or bookmark many addresses. All the pages are linked to each other, so once you are in, you can navigate around quite easily.

After some technical problems at the start, everything has been resolved, and the site is a current as the information we are provided from the various boards, committees, departments and commissions. The site has two goals: 1- to promote the town and the quality of life we have here; and 2- to make government as accessible to the residents and visitors as it can be. As we have a "part-time" government, i.e. offices and officials only available certain hours, we include as many documents, forms, minutes of meetings, and access points to government officers as we can. We have links to other agencies and offices that we thought you may need to reference at some point.

There are pages listing upcoming events, meetings, and hearings. One can review public notices, special events postings and see pictures of the area wildlife, people and Washington scenes. Some of the newer pages that were added in 2008 was a page for the planning of Old Home Days, if approved at Town Meeting; updates and planning by the Future of the Meeting House Committee; Ice Fishing Derby site and most recently the Washington Business directory.

We invite any Washington based business (the business' base of operations is in Washington) that has a web site, to send the web address to me, and I will include it on the directory. The focus for the site for 2009 will be to try and expand it more. I want to try and get some of the Departments with no web presence on the site to post information, as well as provide more emergency management information for your education and safety. A training budget was included in the 2008 web site budget, and that has helped to solve the technical problems I was having. The most recent class I took was Photoshop, so I as soon as I can get some folks to send me more pictures I will be posting some photo galleries.

I invite you to register with the Selectmen's Office to get their Minutes e-mailed to you (or read them on the web site), with me to get my WPD Newsletter, and to the E-Town Meeting group to increase discussion and communications for the residents outside of the formal annual Town Meeting.

The web site is for the use and benefit of the citizens. Please feel free to contact me with suggestions for what you would like to see on the site to make it more usable and functional.

Steven J. Marshall
Web Manager
police@washingtongh.org