

Town of Washington

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Jed Schwartz, Don Revane

1.0 Visitors: Bruce Putnam, Kevin Lawrence, Cindy Eaton, Guy Eaton, Vivian Clark, Andrew Hatch

2.0 Minutes: Marshall moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 14, 2019, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 21, 2019, Selectmen office hours 9-4, evening meeting 7 PM at the Town Hall

March 27, 2019, Trustee of Trust Funds meeting 9:30 am at the Town Hall

April 2, 2019, Planning Board meeting 6:30 pm at the Town Hall

April 10, 2019, Park & Rec meeting 6:00 pm at the Town Hall

April 17, 2019, Conservation Commission meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

DID YOU KNOW!!

Spring Loads Limit has been posted!!

Pursuant to Town Ordinance #93:011

"It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle weighing more than 6 Tons on any town street, the highway from March 1st to May 31st or as deemed necessary." An exception may be granted by the Public Works Director or their designee by contacting the public works garage at 603-495-3641.

Pursuant to Town Ordinance #001983-1

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in excess of 2,000 lbs. on any class V road to a summer cottage or class 6 highways until the end of mud season as designated by the Public Works Director.

Saturday, March 23 – Maple and Mud dinner at Camp Morgan Lodge in Washington with seating's at 5:00 and 6:30 PM; sponsored by the Washington Congregational Church. The menu includes maple-glazed pork loin, roasted veggies, herb rice, applesauce, salad bar and chocolate fudge cake with vanilla ice cream. Adults - \$8; under 12 - \$4; under 4 – free; Family - \$20. Tickets may be purchased at the Washington General Store or by calling Sue at 495-0096 or limited availability at the door. Take out available.

**Join the Seniors for Lunch
On Thursday, March 28th
At noon
At Camp Morgan Lodge
Lunch will be Corned Beef and Cabbage,
Rye Bread and your wonderful desserts!
Visit with friends and share a meal!**

**Town of Washington
Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 13th – 10:00 am Town Center**

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

3.1 Robert, Barbara Nieman Tm # 14/110 requesting a building permit to construct a 28' X 16' roof, screening in half the deck. Tabled

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Property owner met with the selectmen to discuss one's tax payments.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Ed Thayer

5.1.1 Discussed the meeting with the representative for the truck lifts purchase.

5.1.2 Updated the board with personnel.

5.2 Chief Moser

5.2.1 Discussed personnel files.

5.2.2 Updated the board with his transition to Fire Chief.

5.2.3 Discussed the procedure for dispatching auxiliary.

6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 Cindy Eaton discussed the rental charge at Camp Morgan asking the select board to consider lowering the cost for residents. Schwartz explained; after comparing our rates for renting CML to surrounding towns that also rent out town-owned buildings, the fees we are charging along with the flexibility of access and inclusion of a commercial kitchen are extremely reasonable. The board feels that the taxpayers who rent CML at the current rate of \$250 per day are receiving a great benefit for being taxpayers, and to lower this rate would put an unfair burden on the taxpayers who do not use the facility. Marshall explained he will be putting a letter together to send out to associations and other organizations in town who use CML suggesting they make a donation to the town for their use of the building.

6.2 Vivian Clark asked what will be the cost of renting the upstairs of the meeting house? Marshall explained they don't have that yet, once we get a handle on completion then we will discuss the fee, but it won't be as much as Camp Morgan because it does not offer as much.

6.3 Andrew Hatch informed the selectmen that the Energy Committee is currently looking into incentive payments with Eversource for Camp Morgan Lodge and the Elementary School. Andrew explained, after inspecting the elementary school with the energy committee's infrared camera he found many examples of serious energy loss in the school. Working with Arin Mills and others on the school board he applied to Eversource to cover the cost for a professional energy audit of the elementary school. Eversource agreed to pay for the audit and it was conducted in March 12. Eversource will provide the audit report sometime in June. Andrew will also be looking into the possibility of Eversource incentives to assist in the cost of replacing the old fluorescent lights in Camp Morgan.

6.4 Kevin Lawrence asked for an update on the driveway permit on South Main Street? Schwartz explained he spoke with the property owner and he has an approved driveway permit along with an approved septic system from the state. Marshall mentioned once he submits a building permit to the town, we can have the health officer inspect the location for septic system and the board can then inspect the property for setbacks.

6.5 Vivian asked the board what is the status of the dilapidated house on Faxon Hill Road. The board explained it is in the attorney's hands.

6.6 Kevin Lawrence asked for an update on the other two property cleanups, along with a property on Rte. 31. Schwartz explained winter came early and we had to cut them some slack and explained we are at the mercy of the court on one property. Regarding the collapsed shed on the property on N. Main St., there was a condition on the building permit to remove the old house after construction was completed. The board will be reaching out to the property owner in regards to the shed.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Email from Lisa King (Town's Insurance Agency) asking to review the property schedule for any new structures or changes.

7.2 CivicPlus provided a License and Service Agreement for an update to the Towns website.

7.3 Property owner requesting enlisting the board's assistance regarding a Jet Ski matter for the upcoming season on Lake Ashuelot.

7.4 DTC Lawyers Re: Copy of the Municipalities' Supplement to Motion to Compel and Continue concerning Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy.

7.5 New Hampshire Department of Transportation Re; RSA 234:25-b Inspection of Red List Bridges: Report Red Lists updated for 2018.

7.6 NH Department of Environmental Services Re: Notices of expired Subsurface Systems.

7.7 NH Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin # 12, placed in the public reading file.

7.8 Capital Alarm provided a yearly contract for inspection of the town's fire alarms.

7.9 Email from Powers Generator provided the cost for one time training with the new Kohler Generators Located at the Meeting House and Fire/Rescue Department.

7.10 NH Department of Environmental Services Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS). Placed in property file Tm # 25/53.

7.11 Clean Energy NH 2019 Municipal Member Certificate

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Revane moved to keep the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge at \$ 250.00. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 The board reviewed and approved the 2019 MS-232, DeFosse to complete recording with Department of Revenue (DRA)

9.2 St Mary's Church requesting the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge on July 28, 2019. Schwartz moved to approve the rental of Camp Morgan, Marshall second all voted in favor.

9.3 Marshall moved to revise the pay schedule for the Fire/Rescue Department following several lengthy conversations with the town attorney and fire personnel. The new pay schedule will comply with state

9.4 Schwartz moved to approve the Service Agreement with CivicPlus to upgrade the town's website. Revane second all voted in favor.

9.5 Marshall moved to approve the Capital Alarm contract for the yearly inspection on the town buildings. Revane second all voted in favor.

9.6 Schwartz moved to approve Marshall as chair of the select board Revane second all voted in favor.

Nonpublic Session Minutes Select Board, Town of Washington, NH

Members Present: Thomas Marshall, Chair
Jed Schwartz, Selectman
Don Revane, Selectman

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Schwartz second by Marshall

Specific Statutory Reason cited as the foundation for the nonpublic session:

 X RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Marshall	Y
	Schwartz	Y
	Revane	Y

Entered nonpublic session at 8:03p.m.

Note: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. *Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the*

*information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person **other than a member of this board**, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.*

Motion made to seal these minutes? If so, motion made by Schwartz, seconded by Marshall, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would...

X Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:	Marshall	Y
	Schwartz	Y
	Revane	Y

Motion: PASSED

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session by Schwartz, seconded by Marshall.

Motion: PASSED

Public session reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

These minutes recorded by: Deb DeFosse

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks in the amount of \$ 10,492.92 and vendor checks in the amount of \$ 42,012.11 for the week of March 16, 2019.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 8:14 pm and Schwartz second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse