

Town of Washington

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Jed Schwartz, Don Revane

1.0 Visitors: Bruce Putnam, Dan Lavoie, Andrew Hatch

2.0 Minutes: Revane moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 28, 2019, Schwartz second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

April 11, 2019, Selectmen office hours 9-4, evening meeting 7 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.

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

From the Fire Warden

**Burn Permits are required for all outside fires
Please call 495-3030 before kindling an outside fire.**

Please go to the town website for
contact information for fire wardens

http://www.washingtonnh.org/Pages/WashingtonNH_Fire/burnpermits

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Noah Chidester provided a proposal for the Shedd Free Library Granite Step project including drawings and quote for selectmen's review. Noah spoke of scheduling mid-June, the select board would like to see the construction completed by early July.

4.2 Miles Gilatt updated the select board on different approaches to fix the dam located on East Washington Road. Schwartz suggested he include Ed Thayer and any discussion regarding repairs. Schwartz also suggested Miles reach-out to Ed Thayer to meet on site when he has scheduled a rep. from the State for review.

4.3 Cross Insurance, (Lisa King) met with the select board to pre-review the insurance renewal for the town's property, etc.

4.4 Shawn Atkins spoke with the select board and DeFosse to clarify conversations regarding payment of invoices and fire pay.

4.5 Schwartz called and spoke with a property owner in regards to taxes. Tm # 16/77-11

4.6 John Corrigan asked for a better understanding of the pay scale and the message it may send regarding the value of our firefighters. The board reviewed John's concerns, Schwartz explained there will be no decisions on this matter today, the discussion will continue at next week's meeting.

4.7 David Wood discussed the pay scale and written notice the town is required to provide regarding any changes in pay rate and have the employee sign such form. DeFosse explained to Dave that the town has the form in place and once the select board confirms the pay scale all employees will receive documentation.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Chief Murdough

5.1.1 Provided the Washington Police Departments Calls for Service Totals by Call Type for the month of March.

5.2 Chief Moser

5.2.1 Provided the Rescue run report for the first quarter of 2019. The selectmen requested a more detailed report.

5.2.2 Discussed the payroll schedule.

5.3 Arline France

5.3.1 Provided the Charter Trust Company, Capital Reserve/Common fund balances.

5.4 Ed Thayer

5.4.1 Reviewed Hansen Bridge, Re: Bridge construction on Ayers Pond Bridge

5.4.2 Informed the select board on truck repairs.

5.5 David Marazoff

5.5.1 Provided a (Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemption) Re: Tm # 12/02

6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 Andrew Hatch (planning board, chair) discussed revisions to the building permit application and proposed fees for permits under 50 sq. ft. Schwartz stated the board has not decided on the fees at this time. Andrew informed the select board that the planning board has been working on revisions on the building permit and welcomes all input. He provided the board with a draft of the revised permit.

6.1.2 Discussed with the board the new Land Use Ordinance changes (LUO), and how the changes should be communicated. Andrew suggested we prepare a clear description and consider posting in the "Did you Know" portion of the selectmen minutes.

6.1.3 Zoning Board of Adjustments, discussed the need for new members/alternates. Andrew discussed the RSA in regards to members being on the Planning Board along with the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Zoning Board is currently looking for new members!

6.1.4 Status update on energy audit on the Washington Elementary School, Andrew and Al with attend the school board meeting next Monday and will update the school board with audit suggestions. Andrew is still progressing with the potential lighting retrofit at Camp Morgan. Informed the board that Eversource does allow credits for energy improvements, but a contractor would need to be involved with the application.

6.2 Dan Lavoie asked for an update for Docket # 220-2017-CV-00017, Schwartz will reach-out to the town attorney for an update next week.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Property Transfer Survey, Re: Tm # 12/114. Forward to assessors for recording

7.2 Sullivan County Nutrition Services, Re: Appreciation letter for the town's donation of \$1,000.00 voted at Town Meeting.

7.3 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Notice of Acceptance of Permit Application Tm. # 9/26.

7.4 Email, Joseph Coyne, Jr. (board of director member @ LAE. Looking for information on the process of turning their roads over to the Town to maintain. Schwartz followed up by explaining there is a process for requesting the town to take over a network of private roads. Schwartz explained there is a lot of information out there on the RSA's and attached a link to New Hampshire Municipal Association Web Site and invited him to come in to discuss with the Selectmen.

7.5 Drummond Woodsum, (Matt Serge, town counsel) provided copies of the Order (Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA chapter 155-B, Hazardous and Dilapidated buildings). Re Tm # 15/63. Filed

7.6 New Hampshire Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin # 14, placed in the public reading file.

7.7 The State of New Hampshire, provided a list of Real Estate on which Exemption is claimed, Pursuant to RSA 72:23-c. forward to assessors for recording.

7.8 2019 MS-232-R, DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations, January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019. Filed

7.9 Crestwood Landscaping provided an estimate of cost for Shedd Free Library repairs See: 4.1

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Susan Barry requesting the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge on May 18, 2019, Revane moved to approve the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge and for Schwartz to sign on behalf of the board. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.2 Schwartz moved to approve the Hansen Bridge work estimate, Re: Bridge Construction (Ayers Pond Bridge). See 5.3.1 Revane second all voted in favor.

9.3 Schwartz moved to sign and approve the Tax Exemption Re: Tm # 12/02 Revane second all voted in favor.

9.4 Revane moved to approve Crestwood Landscaping estimate for the Shedd Free Library repair. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks in the amount of \$ 8,178.28 and vendor checks in the amount of \$ 18,788.14 for the week of March 30, 2019.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Schwartz moved to adjourn at 7:54 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse

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