

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Don Revane, Jed Schwartz

1.0 Visitors:

2.0 Minutes: Schwartz moved to approve February 25, 2021 minutes, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 9, 2021, Town Elections, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm, Camp Morgan Lodge

March 11, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

DID YOU KNOW!

**The Town of Washington Ordains:
Ordinance #93:011
Spring Road Load Limit Posting**

Limitation of Use: Except as specifically provided in Section V below, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle weighing more than six (6) tons on any Limited Weight Street, Highway from **March 1st to May 31st** or as deemed necessary.

Special Permits: The Road Agent shall issue a special permit after consulting with the Board of Selectmen for the operation of vehicles weighing more than six (6) tons over Limited Weight Streets, Highways, and/or Bridges only after the Road Agent and Selectmen determine that the vehicle will not cause unusual damage to the highway.

Exceptions: Delivery vehicles making occasional trips to service residences. Any permitted business in the Town of Washington operating a Motor Vehicle empty over six (6) tons from their place of business to and from N.H. Route 31 and N.H. Route 10.

Due to the pandemic, the Selectmen have voted to postpone the deliberative portion of our Town Meeting to June 8th. The “Ballot Portion” of Town Meeting will still take place at its scheduled time March 9th, 2021 from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm at Camp Moran Lodge.

Please come out and vote for elected officials and Land Use Ordinance changes on March 9th and plan to attend our Town Meeting on June 8th at Camp Morgan Lodge, to debate and vote on the Town Warrant articles.

Public Notice
Candidates for Town and School Office 2021

Selectmen 1 for 3 years:
Allan Dube

Treasurer 1 for 1 year:
Cynthia Dressel

Town Clerk 1 for 1:
Meghan Robicheau

Moderator 1 for 2 years:
Guy Eaton

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years:
Cynthia Dressel
Kenneth Cornell

Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 3 years:
Arline France

Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 2 years:
Bruce Carpenter
Thomas Cross

Library Trustee 1 for 3 years:
Lynn Hendrickson

Supervisor of Checklist 1 for 2 years:
Amber Shifflett

Washington School District
2 School Board Members – 3-year term:
Arin Mills

1 School District Moderator – 1-year term

Guy Eaton

1 School District Clerk – 1-year term

Colleen Duggan

1 School District Treasurer – 1-year term

Ingrid Halverson

Shedd Free Library

Open regular hour's curbside pickup still available

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 10-2 / Thursday 1-5 / Saturday 10-1

Please go to the Town's website at washingtongov.org for additional information.

COVID -19 VACCINE

For information and scheduling a time and place to get vaccinated for COVID-19

Please visit the website below for New Hampshire Residents: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov>

COVID 19 - IMPORTANT NOTICE and Information 03/04/21 Update

From the Board of Selectmen March 4, 2021

Re: COVID-19

To all residents and visitors from the Selectmen: Masks are mandatory in all Washington public buildings. All Granite Stater's and visitors (above the age of 5) are required to wear a face mask over their noses and mouths any time they are in a public space, indoors or outdoors, where they are unable to or do not consistently maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their household.

NH <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/>

To visitors from outside of New England and non-resident homeowners and residents returning from extended travels outside of New England

When you arrive in Town, you are advised to self-quarantine for 10 days. If you receive a negative COVID test on day 6 of your quarantine, you can resume public activities and work outside of your home on Day 8. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. This will go a long way towards protecting our most vulnerable residents.

Restricted Buildings: DPW Building, Fire, Rescue and Police Station, Camp Morgan Lodge.

The Town Hall is open for Tax Collector and Town Clerk transactions at regular hours:

Thursday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 to 3:00 pm, and the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

To enter the building, you must wear a mask and follow the state guidelines for social distancing.

Board of Selectmen Meetings: The selectmen have resumed their regular schedule of public office hours on Thursdays from 9:30 am-4:00 pm and holding a weekly public meeting at 7:00 pm.

For Building Permits: Please download the permit from the town website and mail the completed permit to the Selectmen, or leave the completed permit and all required documents with Town Administrator. Please call 495-3661 if you have any questions or need to make other arrangements for dropping off your permit. The Board will review your permit within 7 days and get back to you by phone with any questions or concerns.

Public Committee, Board, and Commission meetings:

Any essential town business can be conducted by phone or internet conference, the public will have access to all meetings via a public login and password, minutes will be recorded and posted as usual. If plans are made to adhere to social distancing guidelines and masks are worn by ALL attendees, the Secretary or Chair of any Town organization can request the use of CML or other town building for small public meetings and hearings.

Emergency Management Cynthia Dressel, the Director of Washington's Emergency Management Team, continues to be in contact with the state and federal agencies associated with the response to the pandemic.

Fire and Rescue the Washington Fire and Rescue Chief is in close contact with our associated hospitals regarding protocols for our first responders during the pandemic. The Fire Station continues to have restricted access to only those who are active Fire, Rescue, and Police personnel. As always in an emergency call 911, Non-emergencies Fire/Rescue 495-3133.

Police The Washington Police continue to maintain their usual full schedule of operations. Non-emergencies call 495-3294. As always in an emergency call 911

The Recycling/Transfer Station will be opened at the usual hours, please remain in your vehicles until you can pull up to the compactor to dispose of your trash. All recycling will continue as usual. The attendant shed is restricted to employees only.

The Department of Public Works continues to be fully operational, however, their building is restricted to DPW personnel and vendors only. Please call Ed Thayer with any questions regarding the roads or the transfer station at 603-495-3641.

The Welfare Department Please contact Monica Scanlan at 495-0262 if you are in need of welfare assistance or are negatively impacted by COVID-19.

If you need assistance with groceries, please contact Sue Hofstetter at 495-0096 to schedule an appointment to visit the food pantry. The privacy of all welfare clients is guarded and respected, so please let us know if you need help!

Shedd Free Library

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Again, as the situation evolves we expect changes and revisions to these measures. Please visit the Washington Website <https://www.washingtonnh.org> for the latest updates on services and restrictions due to the pandemic.

Please stay safe and reach out to us (495-3661) if you need help!

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3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Citizen phoned inquiring about building and road maintenance on a Class VI roads. Select board explained one would be required to get permission from the town to plow/maintain the road and sign a waiver acknowledging that town services (Rescue, Fire) would not be guaranteed. Also, if road maintenance performed by the property owner causes the need for repairs to the road, the cost of all repairs falls back on the property owner. Building on the property is a case-by-case decision see RSA 674:41. Board suggests visiting the town website for additional information on permits and LUOs.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief

5.1.1 Asking to purchase a pager with a signal booster due to the outage this week where fire and rescue members could not be reached. Selectmen approved the expenditure.

5.1.2 Informed the select board he attended class for gas inspections and reviewed procedures for building permits.

5.2 Ed Thayer, DPW

5.2.1 Updated the select board with equipment repair.

5.2.2 Discussed Class VI roads maintenance.

6.0 PUBLIC:

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

7.1 Life Safety Fire Protection, Annual Water-based Fire Protection System Inspection, and Annual Fire Pump Flow Test, Re: Meeting House and Fire Department.

7.2 Sulloway & Hollis P.L.L.C., Re: New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. 2020 Tax Year Abatement Application

7.3 David Marazoff, (town assessor), Re: Land Use Change Tax Tm # 12-181-3 recommendation of value and calculated penalty.

7.4 Citizen follow-up with Article 20 (night time per-diem shift coverage), asking for additional information facts to support the article.

7.5 Property transfer Survey Tm. # 19-1. Forward to assessors for recording.

7.6 NH Department of Environmental Services, Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS).

7.7 NH Department of Revenue Administration (PA-34), Inventory of Property Transfer Tm. # 24-113.

7.8 Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy's Application for Abatement of Taxes Pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 76:16. (2020 property tax.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,291.56 and vendor checks for \$ 17,576.63 for the week of February 26, 2021.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:18 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse