

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 03, 2022, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Don Revane, Allan Dube (absent)

1.0 Visitors:

2.0 Minutes: Marshall moved to approve February 24, 2022 minutes, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 8, 2022, Town Meeting, 9:00 am Camp Morgan Lodge

March 9, 2022, Park & Rec meeting 6:00 pm Town Hall

March 10, 2022, Selectmen meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

March 16, 2022, Conservation Commission meeting, 7:00 pm Town Hall

March 29, 2022, Cemetery Trustee meeting, 7:00 pm Town Hall

March 30, 2022, Board of Adjustment meeting, 7:00 pm 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** 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.

**❖ PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WASHINGTON
TOWN MEETING**

The Town of Washington will hold its Annual Town Meeting on

Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 9:00 am at Camp Morgan Lodge.

The polls will open at 9:30 am and not close before 7:00 pm.

Adherence to the States CDC guidelines

COVID-19 Pandemic, Update # 57 Updated Face Mask and COVID-19 Vaccine Guidance

- As the Omicron surge declines, population immunity increases, effective therapeutics are increasingly available, and there is decreasing risk from COVID-19, the NH Division of Public Health Services (DPHS) is no longer recommending universal face mask use, but rather recommends that decisions on face mask use be based on individual choice and informed by a person's own assessment and acceptance of COVID-19 risk (rather than universal requirements).

❖ **Public Notice**
Candidates for Town and School Office 2022

Selectmen 1 for 3 years:
Donald Revane

Treasurer 1 for 1 year:
Cynthia Dressel

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years:
Kevin Lawrence

Cemetery Trustee 1 for 2 years:
Donna Stone

Planning Board 2 for 3 years:
James Crandall
Nancy Schwartz

Library Trustee 1 for 3 years:
Heidi Butcher

Supervisor of Checklist 1 for 5 years:
Martha Robertson

❖ **We are going PAPERLESS!**

If you would like to receive your tax bill thru email and not have to
worry about getting a paper one in the mail,

PLEASE give us your email address.

[603-495-3667](tel:603-495-3667) / seccard@washingtonnh.org

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

3.1 Scott, Kellie Drew, Tm. #24-13 provided an informational building permit for adding a bedroom, office, and bathroom to the existing house. Tabled for upgraded septic

3.2 Lee Ellen Chontos, Tm. # 14-131 requesting a building permit to construct a new 32 X 26' dwelling with an optional 24 X 24' garage. Tabled

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Revane and Marshall inspected Tm. # 25-46, and 15-132 approving the Certificate of Compliance and closing out the building permits.

4.2 Grace Jager provided updated access rules to the town archives. Also, reviewed the upcoming warrant articles.

4.3 Property owner Tm. # 16-77-11 discussed cleaning up one's property. The select board suggested setting up a meeting in the spring.

4.4 Cyber Security personnel met with DeFosse and the select board to review town policy and procedures.

4.5 Property owner Tm. 22-37-2 requesting a 180 day RV. Permit

4.6 In-house meeting with tax collector, assessors, DeFosse, and select board to review internal procedures. (Re: abatements, liens, lot mergers, etc.) Also, reviewed the 2020 settlement offer with the ongoing PSNH pole evaluation. DeFosse to send a memo to the Planning Board requesting the planning board to check on taxes owed prior to approval.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief

5.1.1 The board updated Atkins on the well repair.

5.1.2 Discussed Per Diem shifts maximum hours.

5.2 Ed Thayer, DPW

5.2.1 Emergency lights are fixed at the highway garage

5.2.2 Logging completed on Halfmoon Pond.

5.2.3 Spoke with the engineer regarding Robinson Pond Dam

5.2.4 Updated the board on the status of inventory to purchase a new truck.

5.3 Brian Moser, (Fire Warden) signed off on the 2022 reappointment of Deputy Wardens, and Issuing Agents.

6.0 Public

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

7.1 Email response from Linda Musmanno, Chair Washington School Board. Re: noticing the school has no record of paying for the generator fuel that supports both the School and Camp Morgan.

7.2 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (OSDS) Tm. # 25-30 & 97.

7.3 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief provided his weekly administrator report

7.4 Tm. 11-42 property owner wrote with support of the easement Camp Morgan, but after review of the proposed easement, they discovered that a significant portion of one's property was colored in as proposed easement land, or part of Camp Morgan. Property owner asked that the colored map being used to show the proposed easement be corrected. DeFosse emailed property owner, corrections have been made.

7.5 NH Department of Revenue Administration, Re: Inventory of Property Transfer (PA-34) Tm. # 15-92.

7.6 State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forest and Lands. Re: 2022 Forest Fire Warden/Deputy reappointment forms.

7.7 Mike Grunwald, (Senior Luncheon) Re: 2021 Senior Activities year-end summary.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Marshall moved to approve the 180 day RV. Permit Revane second all voted in favor.
(See 4.5)

9.2 Revane moved to approve the 2022 Forest Fire Warden/Deputy Reappointment. Marshall second all voted in favor.

9.3 Marshall moved to approve the PSNH settlement Revane second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$8,935.00 and vendor checks for \$ 7,460.79 for the week of March 4, 2022.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 8:06 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse