

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2023, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Don Revane, Chair, Allan Dube, Gary Kendall

1.0 **Visitors:**

2.0 **Minutes:** Kendall moved to approve April 6, 2023 minutes, Revane second; all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

April 20, 2023, Selectmen meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

April 25, 2023, Cemetery Trustee meeting 7:00 pm Town Hall

April 26, 2023, Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting 7:00 pm Town hall 2nd floor.

DID YOU KNOW!

Burn Permits

Except when the ground is covered with snow:

Any person who kindles a fire in the Town of Washington is required to obtain a written burn permit from the Washington Town Fire Warden, one of his deputies, or one of his issuing agents (see website for contact information) Or **online directly from N.H. Division of Forests and Lands. To purchase a permit online, go to <https://nhfirepermit.com>** . No fire may be kindled during VERY HIGH or EXTREME FIRE DANGER.

Call 495-3030 before starting your fire!

Notice
The month of April is time to get your dog(s) licensed
Town Clerk Hours: Thursdays – 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Friday- 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Last Saturday of the month, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

2023 is a town-wide property revaluation year. Please expect to be contacted by our assessors by mail. Your cooperation is appreciated and assists in assuring accurate town assessment results. Please also be advised that as property values are increased to reflect the current market trends, the property tax rate will decline.

Once the preliminary assessments are completed, meeting times will be established so that you can speak to the assessors if you have any questions.

Limitation of Use: Except as explicitly 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 1 to May 31 or as deemed necessary.

SECTION V

Exceptions: The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to:

- A. Any motor vehicle operated by the Town.
- B. 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.
- C. Delivery vehicles making occasional trips to service residences.

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

3.1 James and Kristen Morse Tm. # 7-24 requesting to amend previously approved building permit (22-44). Changing Farmers porch 6X36 and deck 12*24 to the three-season porch on gable 10*24 and moving deck to the back of the house 12*16'. Tabled

3.2 Gordon Kildey Jr. Tm. # 14-242 requesting a building permit to construct a 6 X 6 to an existing deck, construct a roof over an existing 10 X 16 deck, add a roof over a 6 X 8' existing deck, and a 4 x 4 roof over garage entry. Tabled

3.3 The selectmen inspected Tm. # 25-52 for Certificate of Compliance, the board finding items to be completed, rescheduled for later.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY.

4.1 Lisa King Cross Insurance presented the 2023-2024 renewal coverage.

4.2 Geoffrey Davis (Electronic Security Protection) reviewed cost of installing alarm systems for the Town Hall and Police Department.

4.3 Andrew Hatch Energy Committee reviewed the completion of Camp Morgan Lodge winterization project. Revane inspected and signed off on the incent program for reimbursement.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, fire chief

5.1.1 Reviewed the first net program, cell phones, and modem.

5.1.2 New fire department member interview with the select board.

5.1.3 Provided amended fire department minutes and weekly actively log, 4/6/23-4/13/23

5.1.4 Atkins to provide pictures and pertinent information on generators to be sold at auction.

5.2 Ed Thayer DPW

5.2.1 The one ton sold at auction for \$7,000.00, funds to be deposited in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund.

5.2.2 Provided summer 2023 Paving Projects Bid Specifications. Board approved.

5.2.3 Provided estimate on truck parts.

5.3 Ryan Murdough, Police Chief

5.3.1 Discussed applying for an equipment grant (100% reimbursement) and updated the board with a private matter. Dube motioned to Murdough to pursue grant, and Kendall second all voted in favor.

5.4 Kristine Chidester reviewed ongoing Intent to Cuts.

6.0 PUBLIC

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

7.1 Arline France, Trustee Chair, Re: Capital Reserve Monthly totals March 2023

7.2 NH Division of Public Health Services, Re: Radon testing fire department

7.3 NH Business Review

7.4 Vegetation Control Services, Inc. Re: Notice that New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) and contractor consultant intends to selectively apply herbicides to undesirable vegetation growing within the power line rights of way corridors. Re: Marlow, Lempster, and Washington

7.5 Sandy Eccard, tax Collector, provided a copy of the State of New Hampshire Board of Tax and Land Appeals filing.`

7.6 Southwestern Community Services, thanking the citizens of Washington for the generous financial report.

7.7 Robert Porter Health Officer, Re: inspection report at Tm. # 11-81

7.8 Resident emailed concerns with article # 15, which did not pass at the town meeting, and business permits and Land Use Violations (LUO).

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Dube moved to approve the \$ 821.00 expenditure from the Health Reimbursement Capital Reserve Fund. Revane second all voted in favor.

9.2 Dube motioned to install the security system for the Town Hall and Police Station and for Revane to sign on behalf of the board; Kendall second all voted in favor.

9.3 Dube motioned for Revane to stay as select board chair, and Kendall second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,099.28 and vendor checks for \$ 47,235.55 for April 14, 2023.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Kendall moved to adjourn at 8:08 pm, and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse