

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

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

1.0 **Visitors:** Harlen and Marie Bean, Josh Hall, and Robbie Ostertag

2.0 **Minutes:** Kendall moved to approve April 27, 2023 minutes, Revane second; all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 11, 2023, Selectmen meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall.

May 10, 2023, Park & Rec meeting 5:00 pm Town Hall

May 11, 2023, Conservation Commission meeting 7:00 pm Town Hall

May 15, 2023, Cemetery Trustee meeting 7:00 pm Town Hall

May 31, 2023, Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting 7:00 pm Town Hall

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!

May 20– Lasagna Dinner at Camp Morgan Lodge in Washington NH served between 5 pm and 6 pm Sponsored by the Washington Congregational Church. Menu includes homemade meat lasagna, green tossed salad, garlic bread, beverage, and dessert. Adults - \$12; Children under 12 - \$5; Kids under 5 free. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Sue at 603-495-0096 or emailing your reservation request to shofstet@hotmail.com. Take-out available by reservation with pick-up at the side entrance between 4:30 and 5 pm

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

3.1 Robert Langlois, Tm. # 14-86 requesting a building permit to construct a 15 X 20' screen porch. Selectmen inspected, finding all setbacks comply with the Land Use Ordinance. Revane moved to approve the building permit. Kendall second all voted in favor. Permit # 23-15.

3.2 Daniel and Deborah Gaity, Tm. # 11-33 requesting a building permit to construct a 10 X 24' addition. Tabled for a site visit.

3.3 Steven Becker Tm. # 7-29 requested a building permit to construct a 30 X 40' barn with a 10 X 40' overhang. Tabled for corrective calculations.

3.4 James Hall Tm. # 14-430 requested a building permit to construct a 20 X 15' sugar house. Tabled for additional information.

3.5 Nicholas Robicheau, Tm. # 8-6 requesting a building permit to construct a 32 X 40' barn with a 12' overhang. Selectmen inspected, finding all setbacks comply with the Land Use Ordinance. Dube moved to approve the building permit, and Kendall second all voted in favor. Permit # 23-16.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY.

4.1 Conference call with town council, selectmen, and Zoning Board members regarding ongoing legal matters.

4.2 The select board inspected TM. # 20-137 on April 29, 2023, finding the construction complies with the Town's Land Use Ordinance. Certificate mailed.

4.3 Donna Stone (cemetery trustee secretary) spoke with the select board on procedural change. Also, the 4th and 5th graders will be helping place flags within the cemeteries.

4.4 Revane spoke with property owner TM. # 16-123 regarding Land Use Ordinance violation.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins (fire chief)

5.1.1 Camp Morgan equipment cleanup

5.1.2 Provided two weeks of activity reports

5.1.3 Letters donating a Royal kitchen stove, kitchen exhaust hood, and Milnor gear extractor to the town. Revane moved to accept the donations, and Kendall second all voted in favor.

5.1.4 Discussed seal bid for generators; radios are in, batteries on backorder.

5.2 Ed Thayer

5.2.1 Reviewed his research on different products for road calcium.

5.2.2 Culvert pricing on steel/ plastic has increased, needing to order to complete this year's projects.

5.2.3 Excavator truck repairs needed. The select board authorized the repair.

5.2.4 Reviewed sand shed quotes; select board authorized Thayer to order product.

6.0 PUBLIC

6.1 Harlan Bean Tm. # 25-72 reviewed his approved building permit and the conditions from the Zoning Board of Adjustments. (Removing the existing shed once the garage was built). He would like to keep the shed. The board explained that is a condition of the building permit, and he would have to file for an appeal with the Zoning Boards.

6.2 Josh Hall discussed missing information on the submitted building permit.

6.3 Robbie Ostertag followed up with a complaint on his property. The board explained the cleanup needed, and Robbie understood and will take care of it.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

7.1 NH Department of Revenue Administration (PA-34 form), Inventory of Property Transfer

7.2 LT. Dressel provided a Certificate of Authority for the selectmen to review and approve.

7.3 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System. (ISDS). Tm. # 24-18

7.4 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Operation of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS). Tm. # 25-115

7.5 State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration, Re: Official notification of the 2022 Total Equalization Valuations.

7.6 Email complaint regarding 3rd driveway located on TM. # 12-175. Inspected and reviewed, finding maintenance was completed on the preexisting LUO driveway.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Revane moved to approve \$2,100.00 to be expended from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund; Kendall second all voted in favor.

9.2 Dube moved to approve the Certificate of Authority (See 7.2) supporting LT. Dressel to sign police department grant, Kendall second, all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$9,322.14 and vendor checks for \$249,262.92 (includes school payment) for May 5, 2023.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Kendall moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm, and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse