

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

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

**1.0 Visitors:** Suzanne Grover, Richard Ellen

**2.0 Minutes:** Dube moved to approve September 7, 2023 minutes, Revane second; all voted in favor.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

September 21, 2023, Selectmen meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm, Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

September 26, 2023, Cemetery Trustee meeting 7:00 pm Town Hall.

**DID YOU KNOW!**

**REMINDER: Per the Binding Decision from previous Town Meeting 85-25  
"Prohibits Parking in front of Town Buildings on the Common."**

**Please take notice of this Town Voted binding decision and refrain from parking in front of the Town  
Buildings. Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Washington Area Artisans 2023 Art Event  
September 23 & 24 / September 30 & October 1 / 10 am to 4 pm  
Grange Hall and around the Mill Pond, East Washington**

### **3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:**

3.1 Timothy Crouss Tm. # 15-18 requesting a building permit to place a 10 X 12' storage shed on crushed stone. Revane moved to approve the building permit, Kendall second all voted in favor. Permit 23-48

3.2 David and Deborah DeFosse Tm. # 24-65 requesting to construct a 23'6" X 10' addition. Kendall moved to approve the building permit, and Dube second all voted in favor. Permit 23-50

3.3 Joanne Deegan Tm. # 22-32 requesting a barn renovation/addition as an Accessory Dwelling unit, 568.25 sq. ft. Kendall moved to approve the building permit, Dube second all voted in favor. Permit # 23-49

3.4 James Smith Tm. # 14-22 requesting a building permit to extend house 8' toward the road 8' X 24', add covered entrance on street side 5' X 5', and add roof to deck 12' X 24'. Tabled for Energy Permit

3.5 Select board inspected Tm. # 17-41 (Alan Ross) to close out various permits.

### **4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY.**

4.1 Jim Crandall discussed forming the Camp Morgan Committee. Jim will reach out to the other committee members

4.2 Miles Gelatt updated the board where he stood with the Dam Bureau and explained additional work that would need to be corrected, looking for assistance from the town. The select board suggested attending a Conservation Committee meeting.

4.3 Sean McLaughlin builder for Tm. 10-3 reviewed the building permit process and Shoreland requirements. The board orders a cease & desist until all permits are in place.

### **5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:**

5.1 Shawn Atkins (fire chief)

5.1.2 Advise the board he will be purchasing Cold Water suits, and the Compressor needs to be replaced.

5.1.3 Discussed Per-Diem re-hire.

5.2 Ed Thayer (DPW)

5.2.1 Truck repairs, working on truck inspections, and will start with the fire apparatuses next week.

5.2.2 Dawn Bilski (elementary school) asked Thayer about mowing the new leach field area. Selectmen agreed for the school to maintain.

5.2.3 Reviewed bridge on McKinnon Road, who owns it, maintains, etc.

5.2.4 Discussed the Engineering fees regarding the culvert repair on Valley Road. Also, ongoing discussion with the town's portion of the dam repair on East Washington Road. Revane moved to approve the Engineering fees, and Dube second all voted in favor.

5.2.5 Class VI road repairs are close to being finished.

5.3 Ryan Murdough

5.3.1 Reviewed handicapped parking, ATV, UTV usage on town roads, and building maintenance issues.

## **6.0 PUBLIC**

6.1 Suzanne Grover discussed payments on her property taxes.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:**

7.1 JSJ Auctions NH Surplus Property Auction to be held Saturday, October 21, 2023, at the White Farm. 144 Clinton Street, Concord, NH.

7.2 Arline France (Trustee of Trust Fund, chair) submitted the Town of Washington's Capital Reserve/Common Fund balances as of August 2023.

7.3 NH Department of Revenue Administration, Re: Inventory of Property Transfer, Tm. # 14-247.

7.4 West Central Behavioral Health respectfully requests the Town of Washington support for \$1,500.00 for the ensuing year. Tabled for consideration.

7.5 Alan and Kristine Chidester request to renew one's RV Parking Permit. Revane moved to approve the RV permit, Kendall second all voted in favor. Expires December 31, 2023

7.6 Sansoucy Associates Agreement to contract with the Town of Washington regarding tax appeals filed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire, d/b/a Eversource Energy (PSNH). Further review.

7.7 Email from Gwen Gaskell regarding handicapped parking spaces.

7.8 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Outstanding Item (s) request for enforcement file # 2021-03482. Tm. # 24-58.

7.9 New Hampshire Association of Assessing Officials -2024 Election Ballot.

## **8.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

9.1 Kendall moved to approve the expenditure of \$790.26 from the Young, Meehan Trust Fund; Dube second all voted in favor.

**10.0 EXPENDITURES:**

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,479.67 and vendor checks for \$ 20,459.55 for September 8, 2023

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

11.1 Dube moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse