

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2020, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Jed Schwartz, Don Revane

1.0 Visitors: Bruce Putnam

2.0 Minutes: Schwartz moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 27, 2020, Marshall second, all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 7, 2020, School Board Meeting at 10 AM – 12 Noon at the Elementary School.

March 10, 2020, Town Meeting at Camp Morgan Lodge. Meeting begins at 9 AM, voting begins at 9:30 am until 7 PM.

March 11, 2020, Park & Rec. meeting, 6:00 pm, Town Hall

March 12, 2020, Selectmen office hours 9-4, evening meeting 7:00 PM Town Hall.

March 18, 2020, Conservation Committee 7:00 pm. Town Hall

**DID YOU KNOW!!**

The Planning Board wants you to know that the new Noise Ordinance, to be voted on at Town Meeting this year, is an amendment to the existing Noise Ordinance.

We worked on this amendment with the Police Chief to create an ordinance that is complaint-based. No one will be cited for a noise violation unless there is a legitimate complaint lodged by someone who is disturbed by the noise levels caused by another person. No complaint = no violation. It is written to protect you and our community from nuisance noises at night.

Please consider your neighbors and their circumstances, along with the level of noise you will be making, in order to help us keep the peace between 10 PM and 7 AM.

The Planning Board recommends this amended noise ordinance

**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 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 determines 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.

**Free Dance sponsored by the Washington Snow Riders  
March 7th, 7-10 pm. at Camp Morgan Lodge.**

We will be starting our summer raffle, which is an Olde Towne Heron, 11XT Kayak, with a life jacket and paddle. That will be drawn at the Flea Market on July 4th. (mark your calendar)

We will also have a 50/50 raffle, and drawings on several baskets being donated by members of the club. We look forward to seeing you at the dance. Enjoy a night out with friends.! Bring your own beverages and snacks.

**Candidates for Town and School Office 2020**

**School Board Member – Kathy Atkins  
School District Moderator – Guy Eaton  
School District Clerk – Colleen Duggan  
School District Treasurer – Ingrid Halverson**

**Selectmen – Thomas Marshall  
Town Treasurer – Cynthia Dressel  
Town Clerk – Jane Barkie  
Trustee of the Trust Fund – Gary Carney  
Library Trustee – Peggy Carney  
Fire Chief – Shawn Atkins  
Cemetery Trustees – Phil Barker  
Dale Havunen**

**Planning Board Members – Jean Kluk**

Andrew Hatch  
Town Moderator – Guy Eaton  
Supervisor of the Checklist – Elizabeth Sargent

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Property owner Tm. 11/75 discussed one's building options.

4.2 Property owner Tm. # 15/36 obtained an RV permit.

4.3 Nonpublic Session Minutes  
Select Board, Town of Washington, NH

**Members Present:** Thomas Marshall, Chair  
Jed Schwartz, Selectman  
Don Revane, Selectman

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session** made by Marshall second by Revane

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as the foundation for the nonpublic session:

X RSA 91-A:3, II(l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.

<b>Roll Call vote</b> to enter nonpublic session:	Marshall	<b>Y</b>
	Schwartz	<b>Y</b>
	Revane	<b>Y</b>

**Entered nonpublic session** at 2:34 p.m.

**Note:** Under RSA 91-A:3, III. *Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person **other than a member of this board**, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.*

**Motion made to seal these minutes?** If so, motion made by Schwartz, seconded by Marshall, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would...

X     Affect adversely the reputation of any person or a member of this board

<b>Roll Call Vote to seal minutes:</b>	Marshall	Y
	Schwartz	Y
	Revane	Y

**Motion: PASSED**

**Motion to leave nonpublic session** and return to public session by Marshall, seconded by Revane.

**Motion: PASSED**

**Public session reconvened** at 3:56 p.m.

#### 5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Peggy Carney, (Library Trustee, chair) informed the select board that some of the windows are cracking. The select board suggest finding the company that previously worked on the windows

5.1.2 Informed the selectmen that there is a major leak at the chimney

5.1.3 Informed the selectmen that the Trustees voted to hire Century Roofing for the painting of the cupula and roof repairs.

5.1.4 Discussed lockboxes and library keys.

5.2 Ed Thayer

5.2.1 Discussed town meeting

#### 6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 Guy Eaton, Town Moderator, discussed the proceedings for the upcoming Town Meeting

#### 7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Municipal Leasing Consultants, Re: updated lease proposal (backhoe).

7.2 NH Municipal Association Legislative Bulletin # 10

7.3 Eversource Energy, Re: Application for Abatement of Taxes with respect to taxes assessed by Washington as of April 1, 2019.

7.4 NH Department of Transportation, Re: notification that the New Hampshire Department of Transportation has tentatively identified state road(s) within the Town for paving in 2020.

7.5 State of New Hampshire, Re: net energy metering

7.6 Sandy Eccard, (Tax Collector) provided a list of unpaid receivables as of February 28, 2020.

7.7 CC: copy to the select board from property owner Tm # Re: Docket No. 29030-17PT Motion to Enforce the BTLA Decision of November 25, 2019.

7.8 Proposal (Powers Generator) remove and replace the automatic transfer switch controller on the Kohler Generator at the Fire Department.

7.9 Plodzik & Sanderson, P.A. audit services and engagement letter.

## 8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

## 9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Revane moved to approve \$10,973.00 to be expended from the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to approve the Municipal Registration permits and for Revane to sign on behalf of the select board. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.3 Marshall moved to approve Plodzik & Sanderson as the Town Auditor Schwartz second all voted in favor. See 7.9

9.4 Revane moved to approve the proposal from Powers Generator (See 7.8) Marshall second all voted in favor.

## 10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks in the amount of \$ 8,401.68 and vendor checks in the amount of \$ 13,120.68 for the week of March 7, 2020.

## 11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Schwartz moved to adjourn at 7:40 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse