

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

July 09, 2020, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am at the Town Hall; evening meeting at 7 pm.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Jed Schwartz, Don Revane

1.0 Visitors:

2.0 Minutes: Schwartz moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 02, 2020, Revane second, all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

July 16, 2020, The Town Offices are closed except for essential business with the Tax Collector and Town Clerk transactions, due to COVID-19.

July 16, 2020, Selectmen office hours have been cut back to 9 am-12 pm, evening meeting 7:00 pm, Town Hall

DID YOU KNOW!!

Washington Drive,
Shoulder work scheduled for mid-July,
"PLEASE EXPECT DELAYS"

Shedd Free Library
Curbside pickup, start date: Tuesday, June 16th
New Hours of Operation: Tuesday 10-2 / Thursday 1-5 / Saturday 10-1
Please go to the Town's website at washingtonnh.org for additional information

Washington Town Beach Advisory (Camp Morgan and East Washington)
Due to COVID -19,

Use of the beach is limited to accessing the lake for swimming
Please adhere to social distancing guidelines and do not sit or play on the beach.

The annual Firemen's chicken BBQ and Firemen's Breakfast will be canceled due to COVID -19.

Know that the Selectmen are as anxious as you to get beyond this crisis and back to normal

Thursday, June 4, 2020, the Town Hall reopened for Tax Collector and Town Clerk transactions, Thursday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 to 3:00 pm, and the last Saturday of the month 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

- 1. Please wear a mask**
- 2. Inside the lobby please ring the buzzer to let us know you are here, there will be a limit of 5 customers at a time within the building.**

From the Fire Chief and Fire Warden Regarding Burn Permits:

In regards to burn permits, we will not be issuing burn permits at this time so that we can limit the person to person contact. The permitting process can now be done online at nhfirepermit.com so please direct everyone to that site for their fire permits.

Taking precautionary measures if anyone is negatively impacted by the Corona-Virus and needs assistance please contact Monica Scanlan, Welfare Administrator 495-0262.

COVID 19 - IMPORTANT NOTICE and Information 7/2 Update

From the Board of Selectmen July 2, 2020
Re: COVID-19

The Selectmen are lifting the shelter in place advisory: However, when out in public around other people, we advise everyone to wear a face mask and adhere to the social distancing and other guidelines outlined by the state of

NH <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/> and CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/index.html>

To visitors from outside of New England and non-resident homeowners and residents returning from extended travels outside of New England

When you arrive in Town, you are advised to **self-quarantine for 2 weeks**. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. This will go a long way towards protecting our most vulnerable residents.

As of June 18, the business of our town government will go on, but some of this work will continue to be completed remotely.

Restricted Buildings: DPW Building, Fire, Rescue and Police Station, Camp Morgan Lodge.

The Town Hall is open for Tax Collector and Town Clerk transactions:

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Public Committee, Board, and Commission meetings:

Any essential town business can be conducted by phone or internet conference, the public will have access to all meetings via a public login and password, minutes will be recorded and posted as usual. If plans are made to adhere to social distancing guidelines and masks are worn by ALL attendees, the Secretary or Chair of the organization can request use of CML for a meeting.

The Selectmen are in close contact with our town safety agencies; Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue, Police and Welfare, and will do our best to keep the public informed of any information relevant to community safety and access to public services. Call [603-495-3661](tel:603-495-3661) to contact the selectmen's office with any questions or concerns. Please leave us a message and one of us will get back to you if the line is tied up.

For Building Permits: Please download the permit from the town website and mail the completed permit to the Selectmen, or leave the completed permit and all required documents in the box (labeled "Building Permits") located in the entryway to the meeting house on Thursday mornings between 9:am and Noon. Please call [495-3661](tel:495-3661) if you have any questions or need to make other arrangements for dropping off your permit. The Board will review your permit within 7 days and get back to by phone with any questions or concerns.

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Emergency Management Cynthia Dressel, the Director of Washington's Emergency Management Team is in contact with the state and federal agencies associated with the response to the COVID-19 emergency.

Fire and Rescue The Washington Fire and Rescue Chief and Captain are in close contact with our associated hospitals and doing their best to stay on top of the latest protocols that are being updated daily regarding first responders assisting those in need of help during this crisis. For now, the Fire Station building has restricted access to only those who are active fire, rescue, and police personnel. As always **in an emergency call 911**, Non-emergencies fire/rescue [495-3133](tel:495-3133).

Police The Washington police are maintaining their usual full schedule of operations. Non-emergencies call [495-3294](tel:495-3294)

The Recycling/Transfer Station will be opened at the usual hours, please remain in your vehicles until you can pull up to the compactor to dispose of your trash. **As of Wed. June 24 Paper and cardboard will be accepted again at the recycling center**, all other recycling will continue as usual. The attendant shed is restricted to employees only.

The Department of Public Works will continue to be fully operational, however, their building will be restricted to DPW personnel only. Please call Ed Thayer with any questions regarding the roads or the transfer station at [603-495-3641](tel:603-495-3641).

The Welfare Department is here to help! Please contact Monica Scanlan at [495-0262](tel:495-0262) if you are in need of welfare assistance. If you need assistance with groceries, please contact Sue Hofstetter at [495-0096](tel:495-0096) to schedule an appointment to visit the food pantry. The privacy of all welfare clients is guarded and respected so please let us know if you need help!

Again, as the situation evolves we expect changes and revisions to these measures. Please visit the Washington Website <https://www.washingtonnh.org> for the latest updates on services and restrictions due to the pandemic.

Please stay safe and reach out to us if you need help!

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3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

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3.1 Building permit for TM 14-45 for screened porch. Permit No. 20/48.

3.2 Building permit TM 12-47, tabled pending further documentation.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Ryan Murdough met with Selectmen. Reviewed information on COVID and road speed signs.

5.2 Shawn Atkins spoke with selectmen about the need to cancel Firemen's BBQ and Breakfast due to COVID – 19. The selectmen were also informed that Tanker 1 has been repaired and is back in service.

5.3 Ed Thayer provided information that the Ayers Pond Rd. bridge project has been completed. Related documents were submitted.

5.3.1 Ed discussed the possibility of digitizing (for archival storage) the accumulated Highway records covering all Town Roads over the past couple of decades. Kristine Chidester agreed to scan and file the documents over an undefined period of time. Ed will bring the Master documents to the Town Hall to be filed in his cabinet in the Selectmen's office.

5.3.2 Ed and the Selectmen discussed making Washington vehicle stickers available to residents with UTVs for Camp Morgan beach parking only, UTVs cannot legally get to transfer station.

5.3.3 Mr. Bodnar discussed using the outdoor facilities at Camp Morgan for Historical Society annual meeting on August 10th.

6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 Received a call from a landowner discussing land use issues.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 NH Division of Public Health provided results of Millen Pond water test.

7.2 Correspondence from resident regarding social distancing at town facilities.

7.3 Resident request for using Camp Morgan outside area for meeting.

7.4 Resident looking for information on swimming at Camp Morgan.

7.5 Correspondence from resident looking for information on building requirements.

7.6 DES provided acceptance of septic design for TM 14-202;

Also for TM 24-48.

7.7 Reminder from the NH Municipal Association about possible COVID relief funds as well as information on the 2021-2022 Legislative Policy Process Important Dates.

7.8 Correspondence from County Manager of Sullivan County regarding broadband expansion.

7.9 U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a Building Permits Survey.

7.10 Bill of Sale representing the agreement for sale of TM 25, lots 17, 18, and 08 to the Town of Washington was received.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Selectmen addressed a request from APDVD to use Camp Morgan Lodge outdoors area for an emergency meeting regarding the dam. They will be following all COVID guidelines. Selectmen approved.

9.2 Correspondence with attorney Serge (see 7.10).

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 7,899.60 and vendor checks for \$ 18,190.08 for the week of July 10, 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Schwartz moved to adjourn at 7:50 pm and Revane second. Moved

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse/Kristine Chidester

Household Hazardous Waste 2020 COLLECTION DAYS

**NEW Friday
and Saturday
Combo Dates**

**Washington &
Stoddard only**

May 2 9am-Noon—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)
June 6 9am-Noon—Claremont Highway Garage, 8 Grandview Street
Fri, July 17 and Sat, July 18 9am-Noon—miss Friday, come Saturday!—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street (off Route 120)
August 8 9am-Noon—Newbury Highway Garage, 50 South Road (tricky location—watch for signs: Rt 103→Village Rd→South Rd)
Sat, October 3 9 am-Noon—Lebanon High School, 195 Hanover Street

Saturday, Aug 8, 2020: 9-11am—2 HOURS ONLY
Washington Highway Garage, 963 South Main St

FREE to residents from Claremont, Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. Others residents and businesses welcome for a fee. **ANYONE** with 25 gallons or more or any business must pre-register by calling number below.

WHAT TO BRING:

Pesticides, Herbicides, Flea Powder
 Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene
 Adhesives & Driveway Sealer
 Mercury Thermostats & Thermometers
 Household Cleaners & Polishes
 Hobby & Pool Chemicals,
 Lead Fishing Tackle, Smoke Detectors
 Oil-Based Paint (not Latex!)
 Solvents, Varnishes, Stains
 Button, Ni-Cad, Lithium, and
 Rechargeable Batteries

...And much more...give a call or
 visit <http://hww.uvlsrpc.org>



**WHAT NOT
TO BRING:**

Alkaline batteries: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. If in doubt, just bring to collection. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal.

Ammunition and explosives: State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Get a licensed asbestos specialist. Asbestos is hazardous to your health—don't even think about removing it yourself!

Automotive batteries: Take to parts store for cash back or your transfer station

Empty aerosol cans: Can be recycled with scrap metal. Talk to your town.

Fluorescent lights: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town.

Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes.

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says "clean up with soap and water," it's latex.

Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds.

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container with marker, "Sharps, not for recycling."

Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector—can become a projectile if compacted in trash. *Lebanon Police Station accepts some sharps.*

Propane or helium tanks and fire extinguishers: Propane/helium tanks can be exchanged/refilled at a distributor; or contact town transfer station about empty tanks. Empty fire extinguishers can be recycled (NRRRA takes from towns).

Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling.



For
information
contact the

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
 Regional Planning Commission
 at (603) 448-1680 or
vdavis@uvlsrpc.org

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO: <http://hww.uvlsrpc.org>