

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 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: Marshall moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 30, 2020, Revane second, all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 13, 2020, Selectmen office hours Thursday's 9 am-4:00 pm, evening meeting 7:00 pm, Town Hall

August 26, 2020, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment joint Public Hearing, 6:30 pm Camp Morgan Lodge.

August 26, 2020, Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing, 7:00 pm Camp Morgan Lodge

DID YOU KNOW!!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection August 8, 2020 / 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Residents and Property owners, to use Camp Morgan' beach you need a transfer sticker which can be obtained from the Transfer Station

Sundays 11 – 7, Wednesday 10 – 6, Saturday 9 to 5

(Please bring some form of proof of residency or property ownership, thank you).

To All Voters interested in absentee voting, please go to the following web-site <https://www.voteinnh.org/absentee>, download, print and fill out the application form and send it to the Washington Town Clerk, 7 Halfmoon Pond Road, Washington, NH 03280. You can apply for ballots for both of the upcoming elections on the one application.

**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.

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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:

3.1 James Desclos, Tm # 19/26 requesting to amendment on permit # 19/41 adding a 16 X 9' lean-to, 8 X 12' shed and 4 X 8' chicken coop. Marshall moved to approve the building permit Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/58.

3.2 Ed, Jane Thayer, Tm # 9/19 requesting a building permit to construct a 10 X 15' chicken run to the existing 10 X 20 shed. Schwartz moved to approve the building permit Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/59.

3.3 James & Marianne Garvin, Tm # 9/24 requesting a building permit to construct a 24 X 40' barn/garage. Schwartz moved to approve the building permit. Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/60.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Conference call with property owner, (Tm # 20/184), to discuss permitting for the RV on their property. Property owner is contesting the Land Use Ordinance that requires the need for an RV permit. due to section 402 of the LUO, (grandfathered, non-conforming lot). Schwartz informed the property owner the board will reach out to legal counsel and forward all responses and decisions from the select board.

4.2 Conference call regarding LUO violations observed on Tm # 24/47 and 24/48.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, (Fire Chief)

5.1.1 Discussed the purchase of an intercom to allow communication between the rescue crew and the driver.

5.1.2 Discussed the fire department vehicle maintenance budget.

5.1.3 Discussed the Washington Elementary School yearly inspection.

5.1.4 Informed the selectmen the cistern is still leaking. Will continue to monitor.

5.1.5 Discussed possible future use of the radio tower on Faxon Hill Road.

5.2 Ed Thayer, (DPW)

5.2.1 Shoulder work is complete on Washington Drive.

5.2.2 Discussed the process for testing and removal of lead paint. Revane to follow-up

6.0 PUBLIC:

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Chief Murdough, provided the Calls for Service and query summary Camp Morgan Beach parking stickers.

7.2 Eversource notification, maintenance outage August 19 and 20th 9 am to 12 pm.

7.3 NH Department of Transportation, Re: Washington Highway Block Grant Aid-payment schedule

7.4 NH Department of Revenue, (PA-34) Inventory of Property Transfer Tm # 10/47

7.5 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Operation of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS). Tm # 25/103 and 12/69

7.6 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Tm # 12/69 and 25/52.

7.7 Notice of Public Hearing, Planning Board Wednesday, August 26, 2020, 6:30 pm Camp Morgan Lodge.

7.8 Fire Chief Atkins, provided service calls for July 2020.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Arline France, (Trustee of Trust Fund, chair) asking the select board to appoint Bruce Carpenter as a trustee. Marshall moved to appoint Bruce Carpenter as a trustee. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,994.70 and vendor checks for \$ 11,989.48 for the week of August 7, 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Schwartz moved to adjourn at 7:11 pm and Revane second. Moved

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse