

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

October 1, 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 September 24, 2020, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 6, 2020, Planning Board meeting at 6:30 pm at Camp Morgan Lodge.

October 8, 2020, Selectmen office hours Thursday's 9 am - 4:00 pm, evening meeting 7:00 pm, Town Hall

DID YOU KNOW!!

Notice from the Town Fire Warden

No outside burning until significant rainfall.

Millen Lake Association

Will commence its every fifth-year five-foot drawdown on 28 September. We will start pulling boards from the weir at Brighton's culvert on 28 September 2020 and open the Dam Gate on 1 October.

Invitation to Bid

The Town of Washington is offering up for open public bid a 1997 Ford F-350 fleetside 1-ton truck. Truck has 7.3-liter power stroke engine and automatic transmission. Transmission does have minor slippage issues. Engine has 144,000 miles and runs good. Truck is currently inspected but needs work. Truck chassis has fisher minute mount II system but does not have a plow or headgear included. To see the truck in person or access photos of the vehicle, please call the Public Works Garage at 603-495-3641 to set up an appointment.

Interested bidders may drop a sealed bid at the Town Hall in a sealed envelope labeled “1997 Ford-F 350 Bid” no later than 3:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th, 2020. The Town may exercise its right to refuse or accept any and all bids.

**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.

**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**

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:

Thursday 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Friday 9:00 to 3:00 pm and the last Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 12:00 pm.

1. To enter the building you **must wear a mask**.

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 with Town Administrator. 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.

Shedd Free Library

Curbside pickup:

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.

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Please adhere to social distancing guidelines and do not sit or play on the beaches.

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, Melissa Allison, Tm # 15/52 requesting a building permit to construct a 14 X 18' screen porch and a 12 X 30' deck. Marshall moved to approve the requested building permit, Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/74.

3.2 Jeffrey Iadonisi Tm # 11/69 requesting a building permit to construct a 33.5' X 8' addition. Schwartz moved to approve the building permit, Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/75

3.3 Bruce Carpenter Tm # 24/142 requesting a building permit to construct a 24 X 32' two-story garage. Marshall moved to approve the building permit based on a vote from the Zoning Board of Adjustments 3- 0 in favor to allow a 22' variance from sideline. Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/76.

3.4 Kathleen Glynn Tm # 22/45 requesting a building permit to construct a 288 sq. ft. deck. Marshall moved the building permit based on a vote from the Zoning Board of Adjustments 4-0 in favor of a 10' variance from the property road frontage. Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/77

3.5 Monica Scanlan, Tm # 20/183 requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X 14' screened porch with a 6X6' deck to connect it to the existing front porch. Revane moved to approve the requested building permit, Schwartz second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/78

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Jeff Iadonisi reviewed his building permit plans. See 3.2

4.2 Linda Roy mentioned to the board the Millstones at Eccardt Farm are on loan from the town and the renewal is every five years. DeFosse will look into it.

4.3 Revane, Schwartz, and Atkins inspected Tm # 20/67 finding all criteria's have been met and approved one's Certificate of Compliance.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Ed Thayer

5.1.2 Discussed the ensuing years budget/articles.

6.0 Public

6.1 Property owner met with the select board to discuss Land Use Ordinance (LUO) violations, (junkyards). The board explained that there are only two unregistered vehicles allowed. Property owner explained two of the vehicles were registered today and expressed having a hard time finding a car hauler. Schwartz will forward a contact number for a car hauler in Claremont. The board asked to have this violation cleared up within a couple of weeks. Property owner agreed.

The select board discussed the RV on the property, asking if someone was living in the RV. No one living in the RV, we use it for a game room, there is no water hook up or plumbing.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Notice of Acceptance of Shoreland Permit Application, File # 2020-02410, Tm # 25/45

7.2 Sullivan County Nutrition Services, Newport Senior Center, Inc. Re: SCNS is asking for support of \$ 3,180.00 for the ensuing year. Tabled for consideration.

7.3 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Tm # 12/181/3 and 12/181/2.

7.4 Email with Schwartz and Dressel regarding Land Use Ordinance Violation (LUO), abandoned vehicles.

7.5 Matthew Serge, (town council) provided draft letters for review regarding Land Use Ordinance violations.

7.6 Normandin, Cheney & O'Neil, PLLC, provided a Corrective Short Form Quitclaim Deed for the select board's review and signatures.

7.7 State of New Hampshire, Board of Tax and Land Appeals, Re: Docket # 30007-20TT and Docket # 30008-20TT.

7.8 West Central Behavioral Health, Re: respectfully requesting the Town of Washington's support in the amount of \$ 1,500.00 for the upcoming ensuing year. Tabled for consideration.

7.9 Chief Atkins provided the Service Calls for September 2020.

7.10 The Business Journal, Issue #4 volume # 5, placed in public reading file.

7.11 Town of Stoddard, Re: Planning Board of Stoddard informing the Town of Washington of a public hearing for Fibercast Corporation-site plan review, October 6, 2020, at 7:15 pm at the Stoddard Town Hall.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Marshall moved to approve the expender of \$ 1,500.00 from the Welfare Reimbursement Capital Reserve Fund. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to motion RSA 275:38 that the closed session on September 24, 2020, has been resolved and no further action is to be taken. Revane second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 7,974.06 and vendor checks for \$ 26,851.77 for the week of October 2, 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse