

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

October 15, 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: Benjamin Blakney

2.0 Minutes: Schwartz moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 8, 2020, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 22, 2020, Selectmen office hours Thursday's 9 am - 4:00 pm, evening meeting 7:00 pm, Town Hall

DID YOU KNOW!!

**TRUNK A TREAT
OCTOBER 31, 2020
TOWN COMMON
1 TO 4 PM**

**If interested in participating with decorating your vehicle for the
kiddies please call Danielle 309-6475/ Diane 831-8873/
Deb 495-0494**

**Notice from the Town Fire Warden
No outside burning until significant rain
Call 495-3030 to see if burning is allowed**

From the Fire Chief and Fire Warden Regarding 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.

**General Election
November 3, 2020
Camp Morgan Lodge
8:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Trick A Treat
October 31, 2020
5 to 8:00 pm**

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.

NHDES has issued a Cyanobacteria Alert for Millen Pond. Please be careful of the small green orbs along the shoreline, they can be dangerous to humans and pets.

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/beaches/cyano_bacteria.htm

COVID 19 - IMPORTANT NOTICE and Information

10/15 Update

From the Board of Selectmen October 15, 2020
Re: COVID-19

To all residents and visitors from the Selectmen: Masks are mandatory in all Washington public buildings. When out in public in proximity to other people, please 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.

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 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 or are negatively impacted by the Corona-Virus. 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:

3.2 Eric, Wendy Mensh, Tm # 24/48 requesting a building permit to construct a 48.5 X 33' dwelling. Tabled.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Plodzik, Sanderson, reviewed the 2019 town audit report with the Selectmen.

4.2 Property owner met with the board regarding a possible purchase.

4.3 Peggy Carney, had the selectmen sign the masonry proposal for the library.

4.4 Property owner, and builder discussed proposed building permit.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Kristine Chidester, Assessing Clerk

5.1.1 Reviewed and determined a settlement agreement with Timber operation # 07.

5.2 Sandy Eccard (tax collector)

5.2.1 Provided 2017 lien notices. The select board unanimously agreed to move forward with the deeding process.

6.0 Public

6.1 Property owner informed the selectmen of the corrective measures one had made to come into compliance with the Land Use Ordinance (LUO). The board appreciates all the effort and agree no further action would be needed at this time.

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

7.1 Health Trust, Re: Medical Rate Exhibit for January 2021 renewal.

7.2 Chief Murdough, Washington, NH Police Department, Calls for Service Totals, September 2020.

7.3 Arline France, (Trustee of Trust Fund, chair). Town of Washington, Capital Reserve Funds and Common Funds report.

7.4 Town of Marlow, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Re: Notice of Public Hearing to consider the application for a Telecom Tower to be built on Miller Road in the Town of Marlow.

7.5 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Operation of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Tm # 15/15.

7.6 Property Transfer Survey Tm. # 23/48.

7.7 Health Trust, FY2020 Health Trust Return Surplus

7.8 Crestwood Landscaping submitted a proposal for the installation of two sets of granite steps in front of the Old Schoolhouse.

7.9 New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, letter informing the selectmen that the grant proposal to restore the old hand painted Stage Curtain, submitted by the town with the help of the Historical Society for a \$6,511.00 Moose Plate grant was successful.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 The select board approved, allowing the planning board to hold a public hearing in the upper Town Hall.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Revane moved to approve the proposal from Crestwood Landscaping, (See 7.8) Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to approve the proposal from Crestwood Landscaping for the cemetery lawn maintenance for 2021. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.3 Schwartz moved to approve the closed bids regarding the abutter sales on Tm # 14/341, 14/87, 14/298, and 14/227. Revane second all voted in favor. DeFosse to notify abutters.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 7,467.63 and vendor checks for \$ 8,455.49 for the week of October 16, 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 7:42 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah DeFosse