

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 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 October 15, 2020, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 29, 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 in 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 or Treat
October 31, 2020
5 to 7:00 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:

3.1 David Barkie, Tm. # 25/116 requesting a building permit to construct a 26 X 20' addition to existing garage. Schwartz moved to approve the building permit Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/83

3.2 Craig Gebo. Tm # 12/123 requesting a building permit to construct an 8 X 20' shed around existing storage container. Schwartz moved to approve the requested building permit Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/84.

3.3 Kevin Lawrence, Tm # 16/77/2, requesting a building permit to construct a 10 X 10' addition to pole shed. Marshall moved to approve the requested building permit. Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 20/85.

3.4 Harlan & Marie Bean, Tm. # 25/73 requesting a building permit to remove existing cottage and rebuild a 26 X 32' garage. Revane moved to deny the requested building permit due to setbacks, referred to the Board of Adjustment. Marshall second all voted in favor.

3.5 Edward Davis, Tm # 14/418 requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X 16' shed. Revane moved to deny the building permit due to setback to water and sideline, referred to the Board of Adjustment. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Jim Crandall, discussed options for installing sound enhancing acoustic system in the upper hall of the Town Hall

4.2 Peggy Carney

4.2.1 Discussed Furnace repair, Masonary work, opening of the library.

4.3 Property owner discussed one's building permit application.

4.4 Conference call with property owner Tm # 24/48 to further discuss a building permit.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Cynthia Dressel, (Emergency Management)

5.1.2 Discussed a “grant application” for the purpose of acquiring EOC shelter items.

5.2 Kristine Chidester (assessing clerk)

5.2.1 Updated the select board with the timber cuts on Faxon Hill Road.

5.3 Ed Thayer

5.3.1 Informed the select board that the road work associated with the Millen Pond dam project has been completed.

5.3.2 The 1997 Ford 1 Ton has been sold.

5.3.4 DPW is in the process of blowing out drainage ditches, please be cautious of equipment.

5.4 Guy Eaton, Steve Hanssen, (Park & Rec)

5.4.1 Discussed the CIP request from planning board, Re: Camp Morgan drainage. The board explained the drainage project has been completed, now is a good time to plan and budget for phase II of the project, dredging the swimming area.

- Discussed articles and budget for the ensuing year.
- Discussed the beach cleanup on how well it went. The care takers did a wonderful job.
- Discussed purchasing picnic tables.
- Wanted to give a big thank you to the highway crew for the great job on the field drainage project at Camp Morgan.

5.5 Guy Eaton, (moderator)

5.5.1 Informed the board he has met and trained the new Ballot Clerks.

6.0 Public

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

7.1 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Tm. # 15/16.

7.2 Property owner Tm # 24/94 requesting an RV permit for 180 days with one's approved building permit # (20/16).

7.3 Matthew Serge, (DrummondWoodsum), Re: Motion to appoint a Commissioner in case # 220-2017-CV-00017.

7.4 Peggy Carney, (Library Trustee), Re: important law update from Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A. (retain excess from the sale of tax deeded property).

7.5 NH Department of Revenue Administration, Re: (PA-34) Inventory of Property Transfer. Tm. # 9/42.

7.6 American Red Cross respectfully requesting a municipal appropriation of \$ 513.00, Tabled for consideration.

7.7 Kevin Electric proposal to install a generator and transfer switch, (Washington Shedd Free Library). Tabled for additional quote

7.8 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: 90-Day Construction Approval Extension Notice, Tm. # 14/153.

7.9 Municipal Aid notification fiscal year 2021, school year 20169-2020 data.

7.10 James Bruno, (Library) asking to borrow one of the plexiglass shields after town election to use at the checkout counter.

7.11 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Shoreland Permit Application Tm # 24/72.

7.12 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Operation of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS). Tm # 14/153.

7.13 Washington School Board, Re: letter informing the board the decision of the school board

7.14 NH Department of Revenue Administration, (PA-34) Inventory of Property Transfer.

7.15 Woodland Care Forest Management (Anita Blakeman, L.P.F.), synopsis of the timber review that was made on Op#19-467-09T.

7.16 La Valley Northern Services, provided an estimate for cemetery maintenance

7.17 A concerned citizen called the selectmen to ask why the selectmen were advertising the Fire Chief position. The Selectmen explained that all applications will go to the Fire Department selection committee for review. The selection committee is following an informed, transparent process for choosing their candidate to put forward for appointment to the selectmen next month.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Schwartz moved to approve the Recreational Vehicle Seasonal Parking Permit on Tm # 24/94 from October 15, 2020, through April 15, 2021. Marshall second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 7,409.85 and vendor checks for \$ 455,934.24 for the week of October 23, 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse