

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 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 29, 2020, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

November 5, 2020, Selectmen office hours Thursday's 9 am - 4:00 pm, evening meeting 7:00 pm, Town Hall

DID YOU KNOW!!

You can find the Election Results at:

<https://www.washingtonnh.org/home/news/general-election-results-november-3-2020>

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](https://www.nhfirepermit.com) so please direct everyone to that site for their fire permits.

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 Michael Goodman Tm # 20-137 requesting a building permit to reconstruct a 480 sq. ft. deck with a 192 sq. ft. shed roof. Schwartz moved to approve the building permit, Revane second all voted in favor Permit # 20-86.

3.2 Eric Mensh Tm. # 24-48 requesting a building permit to replace existing 23'9" X 48'5" barn/garage on existing foot print and a 10'2" X 27'3" carport. Revane moved to approve the building permit Schwartz second all voted in favor. Permit # 20-87

3.3 Crombie Tm 25-69 requesting a building permit for 24x32' wide garage with second floor. Revane moved to approve the building permit Marshall second all voted in favor. Permit # 20-88.

3.4 Barkie Tm 25-116 Building Permit revision to enlarge garage. Schwartz moved to approve the building permit revision Revane second all voted in favor.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Telephone appointment regarding the approval of the Holiday Senior Lunch Take Out. Contact Mike Grunwald for further information.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Ed Thayer, reviewed equipment repairs. Selectmen approved replacing door locks at DPW. Also discussed upcoming budget items.

5.2 Peggy Carney regarding library issues related to re-opening and budget items.

5.3 Kevin Lawrence, Cemetery Trustee, informed the selectmen about voluntary activities for restoring headstones in Washington Cemeteries. Also discussed future maintenance.

5.4 Met with Officer Dressel regarding several on-going issues in town.

6.0 Public

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

7.1 Correspondence from the State of NH Department of Transportation Regarding District 4.

7.2 Request from resident to have interest charges removed due to payment being lost in the mail.

7.3 Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission bulletin.

7.4 Election Day information provided by Judy Aron.

7.5 Election Day back-up power communications received from Eversource.

7.6 Ed Thayer, Highway Department, presented a quote for the highway garage lock replacement.

7.7 NHMA (NH Municipal Association) Virtual Conference Invitation received.

7.8 Primex NHMA Bulletin on COVID related issues.

7.9 E-mail received related to using CARES funding to enhance town communications systems.

7.10 Agreement and Deposit Receipt received for TM 14-227 property sale.

7.11 NH Department of Environmental Services, Notice of Acceptance of Permit Application for septic system tm 24-116 and Approval for construction of system

7.12 Correspondence from a resident concerned about COVID procedures was received.

- 7.13 Chief Murdough, provided the Calls for Service Totals for the month of October 2020.
- 7.14 Life Safety fire sprinkler system, service proposal, Re: meeting house and fire department.
- 7.15 NH Department of Environmental Services, Approval for Operation of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS). Tm # 15-14.
- 7.16 NH Department of Environmental Services, Shoreland Permit 2020-02545 for Tm # 24-116.
- 7.17 NH Department of Revenue Administration (PA-34), Inventory of Property Transfer. Tm # 20-185 and 24-63. Forward to Assessing Department.
- 7.18 Concerned citizen requested that the handicap parking by Camp Morgan Lodge be reserved for handicapped parking only.
- 7.19 State of NH Department of Revenue Administration sent the Education Tax Warrant for the Tax year 2021.
- 7.20 Shedd Free Library Budget Request for 2021 Received.
- 7.21 Survey submitted regarding Report of Building or Zoning permits issued for New Housing. Forward to Assessing Dept.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

- 9.1 Marshall moved to approve the Agreement and Deposit Receipt, Tm # 14-227 and for Schwartz to sign on behalf of the select board, Revane second all voted in favor. (See 7.10).
- 9.2 Selectmen would like to extend their gratitude for the outstanding job by our election officials in an unprecedented voter turnout. Also, many thanks to the fire department auxiliary for feeding the election team.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

- 10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 7,379.26 and vendor checks for

\$ 12,043.90 for the week of November 6, 2020.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 7:17 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse/Kristine Chidester