

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

December 29, 2020, Selectmen Meeting 12:00 pm at the Town Hall; no evening meeting.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Jed Schwartz, Don Revane

1.0 Visitors:

2.0 Minutes: Schwartz moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 22, 2020, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 7, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

December 30, 2020, Zoning Board of Adjustments meeting 7:00 pm Camp Morgan Lodge

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DID YOU KNOW!!

Parking Ban is in effect from November 1, 2020, to April 1st, 2021 from 11:00 pm – 6: 00 am.

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.

COVID 19 - IMPORTANT NOTICE and Information

10/15 Update

From the Board of Selectmen December 03, 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 10 days**. 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 you 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:

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Peabody Electric met with the select board with potential work on the Meeting House.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief

5.1.2 Discussed 2020 additional purchases, outstanding invoices, and encumbrances.

5.2 Ed Thayer

5.2.1 Conference call, Re: warrant articles, budget numbers.

5.2.2 DeFosse to draft a letter to the Town of Stoddard noticing the tipping fees have increased.

5.2.3 Updated the board with damage the storm has caused and steps that have been taken to repair.

6.0 PUBLIC

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED

7.1 Ryan Curran, owner of the Washington General Store requesting the names of individuals who have complained about his business not following state guidelines, (use of masks and social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic). DeFosse forward request to town council.

7.2 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS). Tm. # 16-30

7.3 Notice of a Cybersecurity Breach Notification, (Devine Millimet, Attorney at Law).

7.4 NH Department of Transportation, Re: notice on approved driveway permit. Tm # 7-46.

7.5 CivicCMS, Re: 2020 Annual Review & Update on 2021.

7.6 State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, Re: rulemaking actions initiated by the Department of Safety: Readoption w/amendment of EMS Provider License Application & Provider Licensing requirements. Public hearing has been scheduled for January 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. in the second-floor conference room of the Department of Safety, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire.

7.7 NH Department of Revenue Administration, (PA-34, inventory of property transfer). Tm. # 14-23

7.8 Property owner, Tm. 15-9 requesting a 6-month extension to remove dilapidated trailer. Revane moved to grant an extension until July 1, 2021. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

7.9 Millen Lake Association, Re: CC, Town of Washington Board of Selectmen the letters written to Ed Thayer and Larry Gaskell thanking them for a job well done on the Millen Lake dam Project

7.10 NH Department of Environmental Services, CC, Town of Washington, Re: Millen Lake Dam #D245004 letter of deficiency (LOD) Dam # D245004. Based on the receipt of submittals on December 7, 2020, has determined that the deficiencies noted have been corrected.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Schwartz moved to approve the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed Intent filed during Tax Year: April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020. Marshall second all voted in favor.

9.2 Schwartz moved to accept then \$100.00 donation to the Washington Food Pantry, Revane second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 7,935.87 and vendor checks for \$ 19,519.52 for the week of January 01, 2021.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 2:45 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse