

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2020, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Don Revane, Jed Schwartz

1.0 Visitors: Shawn Atkins

2.0 Minutes. Marshall moved to approve January 21, 2021 minutes, Schwartz second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

February 04, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

PUBLIC NOTICE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

A Public Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, February 8, 2021 (snow date 2/9/2021)

At 6:00 PM virtually via Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://zoom.us/j/91675256203?pwd=dEVqQ09VaFI](https://zoom.us/j/91675256203?pwd=dEVqQ09VaFIybUNVcmorK3ZnT05jQT09)

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Meeting ID: 916 7525 6203

Passcode: 780181

Audio by Phone Only: 888 475 4499 US Toll-free;

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The purpose is to receive public input on the Washington School District's proposed 2021-2022 operating budget and warrant articles.

Public Notice Town of Washington Public Budget Hearing

A Public Budget Hearing will be held on Wednesday,
February 10, 2021 At 7:00 PM virtually via Zoom meeting.

Topic: Washington Budget Hearing

Time: Feb 10, 2021, 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81855807981?pwd=bEw2T3BxM01xT1RIK1EvOFIISkdJQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 5580 7981 Passcode: 831752

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Meet the Candidates Night to follow after the Budget Hearing!!

DID YOU KNOW!

After giving careful consideration to all the responses to our notice regarding “Options for holding our Town Meeting during the pandemic”, and in hope of being able to conduct a more “traditional” meeting, the Selectmen have voted to postpone our Town Meeting deliberative session to a later date (TBD). The new date will be posted 14 days before the rescheduled meeting. The “Ballot Portion” of Town Meeting will still take place at it’s scheduled time and date, March 9, 2021 from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at Camp Morgan Lodge.

Please come out and vote for elected officials and Land Use Ordinance changes on March 9th and stay tuned for a new date when we can all get together to debate the articles moving forward.

The selectmen would like to thank all those who participated in our survey, democracy at work. The Board of Selectmen

Public Notice Candidates for Town and School Office 2021

Filing For School and Town Offices

A person interested in being a candidate for the following school district offices or town offices may file for these positions starting on **January 20, 2021. The deadline for filing is 5:00 pm on January 29, 2021.** Persons wishing to file should contact the Town Clerk, Meghan Robicheau at the Washington Town Office, 495-3667 (Thursday 1:00-7: 00 pm, Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm).

Selectmen 1 for 3 years
Treasurer 1 for 1 year
Town Clerk 1 for 1 year
Moderator 1 for 2 years
Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years
Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 3 years
Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 2 years
Library Trustee 1 for 3 years
Supervisor of Checklist 1 for 2 years

Washington School District
2 School Board Members – 3-year term
1 School District Moderator – 1-year term
1 School District Clerk – 1-year term
1 School District Treasurer – 1-year term

Person wishing to submit warrant articles for inclusion in the 2021 Washington School District Warrant or the Washington Municipality must submit such warrants to the School Board, or one of its members, Municipality must submit to the Select Board no later than February 4, 2021, at 5:00 pm. Person wishing additional school information may contact the Superintendent of School’s

office at 464-4466. Person wishing additional municipality information may contact the Selectmen's office at 495-3661.

Shedd Free Library

Open regular hour's curbside pickup still available

Hours of Operation: Tuesday 10-2 / Thursday 1-5 / Saturday 10-1

Please go to the Town's website at [washingtonnh.org](http://www.washingtonnh.org) for additional information.

Washington Fire Department ~ Annual Ice Fishing Derby

Has been canceled, we will miss seeing everyone greatly, our goal is to make it up to you all next year's derby where we already have many things planned.

COVID -19 VACCINE

For information and scheduling a time and place to get vaccinated for COVID-19

Please visit the website below for New Hampshire Residents: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov>

COVID 19 - IMPORTANT NOTICE and Information 12/03 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 the 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.

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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 Bruce Carpenter, Chair, Ralph Marinaccio, Gary Carney, Andrew Hatch, (Zoning Board of Adjustment). Discussed assisting the Select Board with building permit site visits. Also, suggested enhancing communication between the boards to review the basis for voting outcomes by the ZBA.

4.2 Guy Eaton, (Town Moderator), Matt Serge, (town attorney) conference call regarding postponing Town Meeting and the associated guidelines for running the Town on a default budget (based on last year's budget until the legislative body has opportunity to vote on the proposed 2021 warrant articles), also discussed concerning articles.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, (Fire Chief)

5.1.1 Discussed the default budget.

6.0 PUBLIC:

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

7.1 Public Notice of Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, Re: upcoming meetings for February changed due to holiday: Monday, February 1, 2021, 3 PM and February 16, 2021 3 PM, 14 Main Street, Newport, NH.

7.2 Several emails with one's thoughts regarding postponing Town Meeting.

7.3 United States Census 2020, recognizes Town of Washington invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Schwartz moved to approve Quit Claim Deed Tm. # 14-227 Marshall second all voted in favor. DeFosse to forward to Sullivan County of Deeds for recording.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 14,500.37 and vendor checks for \$477,358.12 for the week of January 29, 2021.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:32 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse