

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2020, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

**MEMBERS:** Tom Marshall, Don Revane, Jed Schwartz

**1.0 Visitors:**

**2.0 Minutes:** Schwartz moved to approve February 04, 2021 minutes, Revane second all voted in favor.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

February 18, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

February 24, 2021, Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

**DID YOU KNOW!**

**Marshall moved to approve the postponement of Town Meeting to June 8, 2021, Revane second all voted in favor. Voting for elected officials and Ballot questions will still occur on March 9, 2021, from 9:30 to 7:00 pm. At Camp Morgan Lodge.**

The selectmen after careful consideration of several responses to the question of “what to do about the upcoming town meeting” have voted to postpone the deliberative portion to a later date in hopes of being able to conduct a “traditional meeting”. A date will be posted 14 days before the chosen date. The “Ballot Portion” of town meeting will still take place at its scheduled time March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm at Camp Moran Lodge.

Please come out and vote for elected officials and Land Use Ordinance changes on March 9<sup>th</sup> and stay tuned for 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. BOS

**Public Notice**  
**Candidates for Town and School Office 2021**

**Selectmen 1 for 3 years:**  
**Allan Dube**

**Treasurer 1 for 1 year:**  
**Cynthia Dressel**

**Town Clerk 1 for 1:**  
**Meghan Robicheau**

**Moderator 1 for 2 years:**  
**Guy Eaton**

**Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 years:**  
**Cynthia Dressel**  
**Kenneth Cornell**

**Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 3 years:**  
**Arline France**

**Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 2 years:**  
**Bruce Carpenter**  
**Thomas Cross**

**Library Trustee 1 for 3 years:**  
**Lynn Hendrickson**

**Supervisor of Checklist 1 for 2 years:**  
**Amber Shifflett**

**Washington School District**  
**2 School Board Members – 3-year term:**  
**Arin Mills**

**1 School District Moderator – 1-year term**

**Guy Eaton**

**1 School District Clerk – 1-year term  
Colleen Duggan**

**1 School District Treasurer – 1-year term  
Ingrid Halverson**

**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 [washingtongh.org](http://washingtongh.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 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 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:**

3.1 Angela Werner, Tm # 16-30 requesting a building permit to construct a 24 x 24' two-story house. Tabled for additional information.

### **4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:**

4.1 Citizen discussed deeded properties.

4.2 Tim Fountain met with the select board and department heads to review proposal for an upgrade on town mapping.

## **5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:**

### **5.1 Ed Thayer**

5.1.1 Discussed Tm. # 13-2 East Washington Road asking the select board to look into the regulations placing the property into town forest. Thayer provided a proposed plan from years ago having the property being phased for road, gravel pit, etc. Thayer feels that the property could be useful source for the town.

5.1.2 Discussed road bonds procedures and suggested changes. Thayer to provide information on designated roads.

### **5.2 Shawn Atkins**

5.2.1 Discussed the emails requesting additional information regarding Article 20, (additional per-diem shifts).

5.2.2 Discussed Town Hall keys for lock-box.

5.2.3 Atkins asked to purchase additional floor mats, selectmen denied expenditure, due to running on a default budget until Town Meeting.

## **6.0 PUBLIC:**

## **7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:**

7.1 NH Department of Revenue Administration (PA-34) Inventory of Property Transfer, Re: Tm. #'s 16-029, 18-21, 14-373, and 14-181

7.2 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Shoreland Permit Application Tm. # 10-39

7.3 United States Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Re: Boundary Survey

7.4 Email from Tiffany Stafford (Washington Elementary School teacher) to Revane asking if any of the selectmen would be interested in Zooming with her class so they can learn more about what a selectman does.

7.5 Intermunicipal Memorandum, Similarly Situated Communities, Re: Commission on Education Recommendation of Return to Donor Town Education Funding Model and Coalition Communities 2.0.

7.6 Arline France, (Trustee, chair), provided the January 2021 monthly totals with the Town of Washington Capital Reserve and Common Funds.

7.7 Four (4) emails questioning and opposing Article # 20 to add additional evening per-Diem shifts.

7.8 Email from Jim Crandall provided a quote for the upstairs AC and a payment voucher for the selectmen to sign –off for deposit with the Meetinghouse Finale, Capital Campaign Trust Fund Expenditure.

7.9 Property Transfer Survey, Tm. # 14-11 and 16-29.

7.10 Atkins, (fire chief) provided the 2020 Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact Annual Report.

## **8.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

9.1 Schwartz moved to approve the \$28,413.00 deposit for the A/C unit second floor meetinghouse Capital Campaign Trust Fund. Marshall second all voted in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to sign the Corrective Quit Claim Tm. # 14-288 Revane second all voted in favor.

## **10.0 EXPENDITURES:**

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,453.70 and vendor checks for \$ 9,337.26 for the week of February 12, 2021.

## **11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:34 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse