

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021, 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 11, 2021 minutes, Revane second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

February 25, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

THE SUPERVISORS OF SAID TOWN OF WASHINGTON WILL BE IN SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO THIS LIST AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION(S) AND TIME(S):

LOCATION: TOWN HALL

DAY/DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2021

TIME: 10 AM

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

NO ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS SHALL BE MADE TO THE CHECKLIST AFTER THIS SESSION, UNTIL TOWN ELECTION DAY (3/9/2021), EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN RSA 659:12, RSA 654:8.11.

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 9th, 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 9th 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 [washingtonnh.org](https://www.washingtonnh.org) for additional information.

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

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.washingtongov.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. Schwartz moved to approve the permit. All voted in favor

3.2 William DeMore, Tm. # 24-72 requesting a building permit to construct a 36 X 24' house with a 24 X 24' garage. Marshall moved to deny the building permit Revane second all voted in favor. Denied due to set-backs. Forward to Zoning Board of Adjustment for consideration.

3.3 Additional building applications forwarded to ZBA for review.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Chief Murdough met with Selectmen to discuss pending issue with a non-resident using Transfer Station. (See 5.1)

4.2 Reviewed recent police calls in town.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Ed Thayer spoke with Selectmen about stickers for Transfer Station (see 9.4 below). Also addressed issue related to a specific Transfer Station user. (See 7.8)

5.2 Ed provided detailed information on town property that is viable for a proposed Gravel Pit.

5.3 Discussed letter sent to resident; awaiting reply. Also discussed road maintenance on Class V roads; Ed will draft correspondence.

5.4 Tax Collector met with selectmen to review details of a tax deeded property.

6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 Resident discussed property valuation.

6.2 Resident spoke to Selectmen regarding land purchase in LAE.

6.3 Resident approached Selectmen regarding town-deeded property. Further discussions to ensue.

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

7.1 Modern Concept, (website developer), Re: letter requesting the Board of Selectmen consider making a small policy change on the Town's website.

7.2 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Forestry Statutory Permit-by-Notification (RSA 482-A). Tm # 15-166.

7.3 Site Plan for TM 13-2 received.

7.4 Correspondence received requesting information on town building codes. Response sent.

7.5 Correspondence received from BTLA on pending case.

7.6 Septic Design and wetlands permit information received. Filed.

7.7 Correspondence received from Director of Public Works regarding non-resident using Transfer Station.

7.8 The Business Journal, issue 1, Volume 6. Placed in public reading file.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Marshall moved to approve \$ 1,604.00 to be expended from the Town Building Capital Reserve Fund. Schwartz second all voted in favor.

9.2 Revane moved to approve the new Agreement and Deposit Agreement, Tm. # 22 - 08 and for Schwartz to sign on behalf of the Select board. Revane second all voted in favor.

9.3 Schwartz moved to sign the 2021 Town of Washington Investment Policy, Marshall second all voted in favor.

9.4 The Selectmen approved of the purchase of 2,000 red numbered stickers for authorized use of the Town Transfer Station/Beach which will be distributed with the next tax bill. In addition, 250 blue stickers will be provided to Stoddard/Marlow for Transfer Station use only.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,760.15 and vendor checks for \$9,445.04 for the week of February 19, 2021.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:10 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse/Kristine Chidester