

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

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

**1.0 Visitors:** Allan Dube

**2.0 Minutes:** Schwartz moved to approve February 18, 2021 minutes, Revane second all voted in favor.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

March 9, 2021, Town Elections, 9:30 am – 7:00 pm, Camp Morgan Lodge

### **DID YOU KNOW!**

#### **The Town of Washington Ordains: Ordinance #93:011 Spring Road Load Limit Posting**

**Limitation of Use:** Except as specifically provided in Section V below, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle weighing more than six (6) tons on any Limited Weight Street, Highway from **March 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>** or as deemed necessary.

**Special Permits:** The Road Agent shall issue a special permit after consulting with the Board of Selectmen for the operation of vehicles weighing more than six (6) tons over Limited Weight Streets, Highways and/or Bridges only after the Road Agent and Selectmen determines that the vehicle will not cause unusual damage to the highway.

**Exceptions:** Delivery vehicles making occasional trips to service residences. Any permitted business in the Town of Washington operating a Motor Vehicle empty over six (6) tons from their place of business to and from N.H. Route 31 and N.H. Route 10.

**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.  
Road load limits will be enforced beginning March 1; load limit is 6 tons.**

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 [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 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.washingtongh.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:**

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

5.1 Ed Thayer, Department of Public Works:

5.1.1 Discussed road postings, 6 ton weight limits, Selectmen to post minutes.

5.1.2 Discussed issues related to snow removal.

5.1.3 Apprised the selectmen on windshield repair on the 1-ton.

5.1.4 Article regarding town forest was reviewed.

5.1.5 The selectmen accepted Mr. Thayer's draft copy to be sent to property owners regarding Class 5 summer maintenance only. (See 7.4 Communications)

5.2 Chief Atkins

5.2.1 Discussed per diem shifts.

5.2.2 Concerns about the cistern were also discussed.

5.2.3 Ice dams on roof and other maintenance issues were discussed.

#### **6.0 PUBLIC:**

6.1 Tom Burt, President of LAE Association discussed deeded property.

#### **7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:**

7.1 Received driveway permit for TM 11-27 from NH DOT.

7.2 Property Transfer Survey for TM 15-15, TM 15-13, TM 14-373 and TM 14-410 received. Forward to Assessors.

- 7.3 Correspondence from attorney related to closing on town property transfer.
- 7.4 Ed Thayer provided a draft copy regarding private plowing of Municipal right of ways.
- 7.5 Road Bond, 693 Ayers Pond Road.
- 7.6 Schwartz to draft letter from the select board regarding Land use change tax, Re: 12-181-4.
- 7.7 A quote from Premier Printing for town beach/transfer station stickers was received.
- 7.8 Information from NH Municipal Association was received regarding potential gravel excavation.
- 7.9 A resident sent a follow-up request for additional information.

### **8.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

- 8.1 Marshall moved to approve the Corrective Quit Claim Deed, Revane second it all voted in favor. Tm. 14-298.

### **9.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

- 9.1 Marshall approved the new transfer station stickers and for Schwartz to forward to vendor for printing, Revane second all voted in favor.

### **10.0 EXPENDITURES:**

- 10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 15,980.21 and vendor checks for \$ 12,936.82 for the week of February 26, 2021.

### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

- 11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:15 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse/Kristine Chidester