

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen

### Meeting Minutes

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

### ASSEMBLY

**MEMBERS:** Tom Marshall, Don Revane, Allan Dube

### 1.0 Visitors:

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

### IMPORTANT DATES:

March 29, 2021, Trustee of Trust Funds Meeting, 10:00 am, Town Hall.

March 31, 2021, Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7:00 pm Camp Morgan Lodge

April 1, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

**DID YOU KNOW!** Class VI roads are posted weight limit 2000 #s.

As authorized by RSA-7:11.47:17 VII and 47:17 VIII we proposed the following town ordinance:

**When, by order of the Selectmen, signs are posted indicating that a road is closed to wheeled vehicles, it should be illegal to operate any wheeled vehicle with a gross registered weight greater than one ton or any motorcycle on said road, with exception of emergency vehicles. Under penalty of a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), enforcement of this ordinance to be under the control of the Police Department of the Town of Washington. Exceptions may be made only by approval of the road agent.**

**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 determine 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.

**Due to the pandemic, the Selectmen have voted to postpone the deliberative portion of our Town Meeting to June 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**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 03/04/21 Update

From the Board of Selectmen March 4, 2021

Re: COVID-19

To all residents and visitors from the Selectmen: Masks are mandatory in all Washington public buildings. All Granite Stater's and visitors (above the age of 5) are required to wear a face mask over their noses and mouths any time they are in a public

space, indoors or outdoors, where they are unable to or do not consistently maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from persons outside their household.

NH <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/resources-guidance/>

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. If you receive a negative COVID test on day 6 of your quarantine, you can resume public activities and work outside of your home on Day 8. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. This will go a long way towards protecting our most vulnerable residents.

Restricted Buildings: DPW Building, Fire, Rescue and Police Station, Camp Morgan Lodge.

The Town Hall is open for Tax Collector and Town Clerk transactions at regular hours: 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.

To enter the building, you must wear a mask and follow the state guidelines for social distancing.

Board of Selectmen Meetings: The selectmen have resumed their regular schedule of public office hours on Thursdays from 9:30 am-4:00 pm and holding a weekly public meeting at 7:00 pm.

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 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.

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 any Town

organization can request the use of CML or other town building for small public meetings and hearings.

Emergency Management Cynthia Dressel, the Director of Washington's Emergency Management Team, continues to be in contact with the state and federal agencies associated with the response to the pandemic.

Fire and Rescue the Washington Fire and Rescue Chief is in close contact with our associated hospitals regarding protocols for our first responders during the pandemic. The Fire Station continues to have 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.

Police The Washington Police continue to maintain their usual full schedule of operations. Non-emergencies call 495-3294. As always in an emergency call 911

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. All recycling will continue as usual. The attendant shed is restricted to employees only.

The Department of Public Works continues to be fully operational, however, their building is restricted to DPW personnel and vendors only. Please call Ed Thayer with any questions regarding the roads or the transfer station at 603-495-3641.

The Welfare Department Please contact Monica Scanlan at 495-0262 if you are in need of welfare assistance or are negatively impacted by COVID-19.

If you need assistance with groceries, please contact Sue Hofstetter at 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!

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://washingtonnh.org) for additional information.

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 (495-3661) if you need help!

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### **3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:**

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

4.1 Citizen discussed building permit requirements.

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

5.1 Shawn Atkins, (Fire Chief)

5.1.1 Discussed the fire department's cistern water levels. Select board requests weekly logs on water levels.

5.1.2 Discussed per-diem night shifts.

5.1.3 Discussed burn permits.

5.2 Ed Thayer, (DPW)

5.2.1 Discussed what can be purchased while running on a default budget. Select board explained everyday operations, emergency, or safety needs.

5.2.2 Discussed his concern with heavy equipment going over the culvert, with the harvest timber on 150 acres of the Max Israel Forest. Ed informed the select board he reached out to the State with one's concerns with heavy equipment. Ed asked the state forester to set-up an appointment with the select board to further discuss the plan to bypass or replacement of the culvert.

5.2.3 Asked the select board if he could continue to sell additional highway equipment surplus through the state auction site. The select board agreed to sell surplus.

5.2.4 Discussed the docks at Camp Morgan and will make arrangements with park & rec.

5.3 Brian Moser, (Fire Warden)

5.3.1 Discussed the burn permit procedures. Select board asked Moser to come back with a draft letter with burn permit procedures.

5.4 Bruce Carpenter, (Zoning Board of Adjustment, chair).

5.4.1 Provided a letter to recommend Fred Crombie as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

## **6.0 PUBLIC:**

## **7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:**

7.1 Emails from potential buyers and property owners regarding whether the lot is buildable or not.

7.2 State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Forest and Land. Re: notice to the select board, Division of Forest and Lands is planning to harvest timber on 150 acres of the Max Israel State Forest in Washington.

7.3 New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (PA-34 form). Re: Inventory of Property Transfer Tm. # 20-182

7.4 New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Re: Shoreland Impact Permit 2021-00395 Tm. # 10-20.

7.5 Sullivan County NH. Re: Sullivan County Health Care (SCHC) Project Recommendation

7.6 Law Offices of James G. Fellen. Re: closing documents regarding Tm. #'s 25-8, 17, and 18.

## **8.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

9.1 Dube approved the \$ 62.82 reimbursement request from the Washington Food Pantry Trust Fund. Revane second all voted in favor.

9.2 Dube moved to approve the \$100.00 donation to the town's community service fund. Revane second all voted in favor.

9.3 Revane moved to appoint Fred Crombie as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Marshall second all voted in favor.

#### **10.0 EXPENDITURES:**

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 13,749.13 and vendor checks for \$ 29,455.50 for the week of March 26, 2021.

#### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:11 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse