

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 22, 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 April 15, 2021 minutes, Dube second all voted in favor.

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

April 29, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

**DID YOU KNOW!**

**NO BURNING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
**Once allowed please follow protocols:**

## **Fire Permits**

### **Fire Permits Required For All Outside Burning**

Under State law (RSA 227-L: 17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow.

Below is a current list of Fire Wardens that are available to issue fire permits or answer any questions that you may have regarding outdoor burning:

### **Fire Warden:**

- Brian Moser - (603) 495-3720

### **Deputy Wardens:**

- Robert Crane - (603) 478-0530
- Jed Schwartz - (603) 495-3125
- John Corrigan - (603) 495-5365
- Shawn Atkins - (603) 495-6170
- Ryan Murdough - (603) 495-3294
- Mark Dressel - (603) 495-3294
- Dale Havunen - (603) 495-5399
- David DeFosse – 603-495-0494

Burn permits can also be obtained online directly from the NH Division of Forests and Lands. To purchase a permit online go to [www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com) you will need to review a 7 question affidavit of the rules then complete the applicant information. After FIVE renewals the Fire Warden or Deputy Wardens must inspect sight.

A) ANY NEW BURN PERMITS MUST BE INSPECTED.

B) ALL BRUSH BURNING WILL NEED INSPECTION

### **Household Hazardous Waste 2021 Collection Days**

**May 1, Lebanon High School**

**June 5, Newport Highway Garage**

**July 16, Lebanon High School**

**August 7, Sunapee Highway Garage**

**October 2, Lebanon High School**

**(Free to Washington Residents)**

**Camp Morgan Summer Program, looking for Life Guards and Swim Instructors. July – August. If interested please call the Town Hall 603-495-3661.**

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

**The 6-ton road postings have been removed.**

**Class VI roads are posted weight limit 2000 #s. STILL IN EFFECT**

**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.**

**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 04/22/21 Update

From the Board of Selectmen April 22, 2021

Re: COVID-19

NH Mask Mandate expired Friday, April 16, 2021, Sununu said private businesses, cities and towns can still require that masks be worn, but the state will no longer mandate it.

**To all residents and visitors from the Selectmen: Masks are mandatory in all Washington public buildings.**

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

Domestic travel within the U.S. outside of New England no longer requires quarantine upon return to **NH**, although people are recommended to still follow CDC's travel guidance, including wearing a well-fitted face mask while traveling, practicing social distancing, getting tested 3-5 days after travel.

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

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](https://www.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 Jim Crandall, updated the board that the installation of the heat pumps in the upper level of the Meeting House will begin on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

4.2 Marshall phoned Jane Thayer regarding Old Home Day. Jane mentioned she is planning a one-day celebration this year, time and date to be determined.

4.3 Resident asked the reason one received a violation letter about running a business in East Washington. Resident explained he is not running a business it's a hobby. The select board explained the other issue is the number of unregistered vehicles that he is only allowed two. Resident understood and thanked the board for the explanation.

4.4 Wednesday, April 21, 2021, selectmen and Ed Thayer met with property owner to sign a release form to remove the Beaver Dam on Bailey Road. Thayer to remove dam.

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

5.1 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief

5.1.1 Updated the board with the pump house alarms going off due to the latest storm. Revane approved calling Life Safety to investigate.

5.1.2 Board explained they will be placing in AD for per diem day shifts and paid-on-call part-time employees.

## 5.2 Ed Thayer, DPW

5.2.1 Provided a proposal from Bellemore Septic, Sewer & Drain. (Yearly cleaning of town's catch basins). Dube moved to approve the proposal and for Revane to sign on behalf of the board. Marshall second all voted in favor.

5.2.2 Resident asked for the Town to trim back a tree located on town property that is encroaching on his house. Thayer and Marshall to meet with property owner.

## **6.0 PUBLIC:**

### **7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:**

7.1 State of New Hampshire, List of Real Estate on Which Exemption is Claimed, Re: Society for the Protection of NH Forest. Forward to assessors for recording.

7.2 Letter from property owner with one's concerns on neighboring property.

7.3 Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice, 2020 Annual Report, placed in public reading file.

7.4 Citizen requesting a 180 day RV permit extension to finish construction. Tm. # 20-81

7.5 The Business Journal, issue 2, volume 6; placed in public reading file.

7.6 Ed Thayer, provided Lovell Mountain Land Management, Re: trapping pricing.

7.7 Correspondences from the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Re: renaming a trust.

## **8.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

## **9.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

## **10.0 EXPENDITURES:**

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 8,094.21 and vendor checks for \$16,708.89 for the week of April 23, 2021.

## **11.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

11.1 Marshall moved to adjourn at 7:46 pm and Revane second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse