

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

April 29, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Don Revane, Allan Dube

1.0 Visitors: Kevin Lawrence

2.0 Minutes: Revane moved to approve April 22, 2021 minutes, Dube second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 05, 2021, Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2:00 pm at the Town Hall (Mensh).

May 06, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at the Town Hall; 7:00 pm evening meeting, Town Hall

May 26, 2021, Zoning Board of Adjustments, 7:00 pm at Camp Morgan Lodge.

DID YOU KNOW!

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 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 8th.

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:

3.1 Gerald Sampson Tm. # 16-105, building permit # 18-11 requesting a Certificate of Compliance. Revane and Dube inspected and approved the Certificate of Compliance.

3.2 Michael Hall, Tm. # 24-3 requesting a building permit to construct a 10 X 8 addition. Revane moved to approve the building permit, Dube second all voted in favor. Permit # 21-11

3.3 James Desclos, Tm. # 15-43 requesting a building permit to construct a 10 X 20 prefab shed. Revane moved to approve the building permit, Dube second all voted in favor Permit # 21-12.

3.4 Alan Ross, Tm. # 17-41 requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X 12' gazebo with a 16 X 16' wood deck. Tabled for inspection

3.5 Robert Ostertag Tm. # requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X18 shed and 12 X 28 shed. Tabled for inspection

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Bob Wright, (Rescue Captain), Bruce Carpenter, (Trustee of Trust Fund) discussed the Rescue Squad Billing Fund wording. (Needs to remove the word volunteer).

Discussed the signature requirement on the rescue billing fund. Wright informed the board that he is authorized to approve and sign off on all expenditure from the billing fund, not the fire chief.

4.2 Property owner Tm. # 15-33 discussed the expired building permit and the conditions placed on the permit. The select board suggested a few places to reach out for help on the house along with the removal of the unregistered vehicles.

4.3 Cynthia Dressel, (cemetery secretary) reviewed the regulation on opening and closing of town cemeteries. Also advised the board with updating contacts for the upcoming mitigation plan.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief

5.1.1 Informed the select board he set up an account for Brian Moser, (Fire Warden) to record all fire permits being issued.

5.1.2 Explained that Capitol Fire Alarm does not monitor the alarm systems we have.

5.2 Ed Thayer, DPW

5.2.1 Advised the select board he usually purchases the wood pellets this time a year and asked to purchase at the discounted rate. Select board agreed with the purchase.

5.2.2 Updated the board the material for the culvert on Lovell Mtn. will be ordered next week. Also, would need to rent equipment for the project. The board reviewed the Bridge Fund and agreed to move forward with the project. Installation schedule to be determined.

5.2.3 Informed the select board the discussion with Kevin Lawrence, (cemetery repairs) the DPW is happy to help with the loam and sinkholes but not the stonewall repair.

5.2.4 Informed the select board the bulldozer needs a clutch. Select board agreed with the expenditure.

6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 Kevin address the complaint regarding the cemetery access; that the access is always available unfortunately certain times of the year there is no vehicle access between November 1 – May 1st. Marshall will respond to email. (See 7.8).

- a) Informed the board that a dead ash tree on private property could fall on the Mausoleum. Kevin has been in touch with the property owner.

- b) May 16th plan on placing flags through the cemeteries
- c) Actively seeking bids for the stonewall repair.
- d) Informed the board they are working with Holt -Woodbury as the cemetery sexton.
- e) The trustees are currently looking into a fundraiser/donation of trees to replace some of the older ones. Additional information will be posted once they have a confirmed plan.

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

7.1 David Marazoff, (town assessor) provided a Corrective-Abatement notice on Tm. # 11-69, incorrect LUCT issued. Tm. # 14-94 and 25-91 interest accrued in error

7.2 State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue Administration, Re: 2020 Total Equalized Valuation.

7.2 Cecile Bushey requested a 180-day Recreational Vehicle Seasonal Permit.

7.3 Town of Charlestown, NH. Personal Notice Planning Board, Re: Public Hearing will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 4, 2021. 2021-SPFP-001: New Cingular Wireless PCS, requesting final site plan review for reconstruction of an existing cell tower.

7.4 Property Transfer Tm. # 10-20 and Tm. # 10-55, forward to assessing for recording.

7.5 Trident Public Risk Solutions, notice the insurance coverage will be with ASRCH Insurance Company effective July 1, 2021.

7.6 Highland Haven District provided a copy of their new Bylaws.

7.7 NH Department of Revenue Administration, (PA-34) Tm. # 10-20. Forward to assessors for recording

7.8 Email to the select board with concerns about access to the town cemetery.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Revane with members of the planning board met Sunday, April 25, 2021, to review property complaints and building permit measurements. Per Revane after inspection found no LUO violations and property was not staked for measuring.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Dube moved to approve the RV Permit extension (See 7.2), Revane second all voted in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to approve the abatements for the sum of \$ 646.95, Dube second all voted in favor. (See 7.1).

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 15,015.41 and vendor checks for \$12,705.23 for the week of April 30, 2021.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 7:59 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse