

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2021, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Tom Marshall, Don Revane

1.0 Visitors: Jane Thayer, Jim Garvin

2.0 Minutes: Revane moved to approve April 29, 2021 minutes, Marshall second all voted in favor.

IMPORTANT DATES:

May 13, 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.

June 8, 2021, Town Meeting will be held at Camp Morgan Lodge at 9:00 am.

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 Alan Ross, Tm. # 17-41 requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X 12' gazebo with a 16 X 16' wood deck. Marshall and Revane inspected finding setbacks comply. Marshall moved to approve the building permit Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 21-13

3.2 Robert Ostertag Tm. # requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X18 shed and 12 X 28 shed. Marshall and Revane inspected finding setbacks comply. Marshall moved to approve the building permit, Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 21-14.

3.3 Katrina, Shawn Kotfer, Tm. # 20-184 requesting a building permit to construct a 24 X 36' garage with second-floor living space. Marshall and Revane inspected finding all setbacks comply. Marshall moved to approve the building permit, Revane second all voted in favor. Permit # 21-15.

3.4 Wayne Chasse, Tm. # 14-432 submitted an amended building permit to construct a 30 X 30' garage. Revane moved to deny the building permit due to setbacks, Marshall second all voted in favor. Refer to Zoning Board of Adjustment.

3.5 Phil Byers & Kristie Eccard, Tm. # 9-42 requesting a building permit to construct a 12 X 26' concrete pad with a 10 X 24' deck. Revane moved to approve the building permit, Marshall second all voted in favor. Permit # 21-16.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Conference call with Allan Dube, (selectmen) regarding his research with towing companies and State Building Codes.

4.2 Burt Bodner, checking to see if the Meeting House second floor is open for use. Yes, select board agreed to rent/use the second floor as long as state Covid protocols are followed.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Shawn Atkins, Fire Chief

5.1.1 Provided the calls for service for April 2021

5.1.2 Provided pricing to replace the burn signs at the transfer station.

5.1.3 Updated the select board that there is a 50 % improvement with the pager booster in LAE.

5.1.4 Informed the select board the repeaters have been installed on Engine 1 and ambulance

5.1.5 Updated the board with the cistern levels.

5.2 Ed Thayer, DPW (via email)

5.2.1 Informed the select board while cleaning catch basins he identified a plugged outlet pipe on Farnsworth Hill. They need to jet out and flush the pipe to remedy the problem.

The select board understands the upcoming upcharge for the flushing of the plugged line.

5.2.2 Updated the board with his conversation with Steve Hanssen regarding the Camp Morgan field project. New seeding was hit hard with winter kill and would need to address; also they will be installing a 6" French drain in the area of the bathhouse to remedy a small section that is ponding water.

Select board agreed on the work at camp Morgan field. We have a balance of. \$6,500 to be able to apply to that project.

5.2.3 Updated the select board of the beaver dam on Bailey Road three times now and they continue to work the dam. Thayer asked the board if they would like him to reach out to the property owner regarding the beaver deceiver idea and establish a deadline for installation.

Yes, the select board would like you to contact the landowner about the beaver dam and see if he has done anything about the beaver deceiver or the alternative that we contract to have the beaver removed. I will leave it up to you for giving him a time frame and we will back you up on it

5.2.4 Informed the board the materials have been ordered for the Lovell Mtn. culvert project.

6.0 PUBLIC: Jane and Jim updated the select board that they intend to hold Old Home Day on July 31, 2021.

Let's celebrate and have a modified Old Home Day event. On July 31, 2021, the town will be hosting an Old Home Day celebration. Our hope is that multiple organizations/groups will be involved by hosting activities to fill the day.

Ideas:

- Farmers Market/ Craft sale on the common
- Fire/Rescue breakfast at the Station also some type of event at station
- Burgers/Hot Dog lunch for sale on the common
- Entertainment at the Bandstand (fill the day with variety)
- Family Fun Day at Camp Morgan
- Ice Cream Social at end of the day

Please reach out to Jim Garvin and Jane Thayer (organizers) with the idea/plan that you or your group would like to do to participate in the activities of the day. j_garvin@gsinet.net jthayer@gsinet.net

7.0 COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

7.1 David Marazoff, (town assessor) provided two abatements for approval from the select board

7.2 State of New Hampshire, Department of Revenue, Re: 2021 General Assessing and Cyclical Inspections.

7.3 Selectmen's request for Planning Board input on Conversions of existing Non-Dwelling Structures to dwellings.

7.4 Young's Excavation & Paving request to change and pave driveway on Tm. # 12-69. Select board to inspect for increase of impervious restrictions.

7.5 Health Trust, Cobra Administrative service agreement.

7.6 NH Department of Environmental Services, Re: Approval for Construction of Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Tm. # 24/72.

7.7 Eversource Energy's 2021 filing of the PA-28 and HB-700 forms for the Town of Washington. Forward to assessors for filing.

7.8 Chief Murdough, provided the Washington Police Departments, Call for Service Totals by Calls Type for April 2021.

7.9 NH Department of Revenue Administration (PA-34), Re: Inventory of Property Transfer.
Tm. # 20-80.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Marshall moved to approve the two abatements (See 7.1), Revane second, all in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to deny having Health Trust, Cobra Administrative Service Agreement, and for Revane to sign on behalf of the board.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks for \$ 6,876.33 and vendor checks for \$ 11,517.96 for the week of May 07, 2021.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Revane moved to adjourn at 8:04 pm and Marshall second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse