

**Washington Planning Board**  
**Public Hearing Minutes**

February 4, 2014

- 0.0 Assembly: 6:30PM
  - 0.1 Members present: Cook, Crandall, Dagesse, Marshall, Schwartz
  - 0.2 Alternates present: None
  - 0.3 Members and Alternates Absent: Kluk, Terani
  - 0.4 Visitors: Phil Barker, Gwen Gaskell, Jim Gaskell
  
- 1.0 Cook called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30PM.

She explained that this is a public hearing on the RV ordinance that will be on the ballot at Town Meeting this year. Schwartz passed out copies of the proposed ordinance to the visitors. Cook asked if the visitors wanted her to read the changes aloud or if they wanted to read through it on their own. They chose to read through it themselves. Marshall explained that it had come to Town Meeting last year but the ballot was misprinted and thrown out before the vote. Crandall explained that the new ordinance is to clean up the existing and give the Selectmen something easier to enforce. Barker said that 306.1 was not clear to him, he asked what is a construction trailer? Marshall pointed out that this section is about day use trailers for construction sites. Barker said it talks about approved septic but you can't get approval for a septic until the system is in and probably the foundation is in. Barker is concerned that this would mean tool trailers are not allowed. Marshall explained that a construction trailer is an occupy-able space such as an office space. He pointed out that it applies to specifically "day use" trailers only. Gwen Gaskell suggested "office" trailer. Cook suggested we remove "construction" and put in "office". Barker asked about 306.3 where it talks about being on wheels and registered. He asked if camper tops for pickups would be allowed if they were off of the pickups. Cook answered yes, she read aloud the section 306.3 and pointed out that this section is about permits not required. Barker asked about people that put their RVs on public property? Schwartz pointed out that with the passage of the revised ordinance the Selectmen would have a better chance of enforcing the RV section of the LUO. Jim Gaskell had a question about section 306.2 where it talks about guest permits being good for 30 days, now it is 7 days for each 30-day period. Gwen Gaskell commented that if you are having guests you could get the permit several weeks ahead. Marshall said it is on the honor system. Barker asked about what would happen if someone had a fire and wanted to stay in their RV on their property for the winter? Schwartz said that if someone is in that situation they should go to the Selectmen and work something out. Barker said there are big RVs now that are very well equipped and people want to use them to live in. Marshall said we don't allow that. Barker asked about the 180-day permit price. Dagesse wasn't sure what it was but she will look it up and let him know. Marshall said that in a hardship situation we would work with people. Dagesse said we have had situations before that have been worked out with the Selectmen on an individual basis. Gwen Gaskell asked about abandoned trailers around town. Marshall said it is a hard situation to deal with but they are working on it. Gwen said someone was there today looking at them. Marshall said a court order is needed and the property owner is responsible, the Selectmen have no authority at this point without one. He said that he has heard of 2 towns that tried to get rid of abandoned trailers and they ended up having to pay. Jim Gaskell suggested the town does something

about the messes coming into town and going out of town. Marshall said this is another matter and very complicated. Cook closed the hearing at 7:03PM. She called the regular meeting to order at 7:04PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nan Schwartz