Town of Washington

Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2018, Selectmen Meeting 7:00 pm at Temporary Office Trailer

ASSEMBLY

MEMBERS: Bob Williams, Al Krygeris, Tom Marshall

1.0 Visitors: Jed Schwartz, Barbara Gaskell, Jane Barkie

2.0 Minutes: Williams moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 8, 2018, Krygeris second all voted in favor

IMPORTANT DATES:

**March 21, 2018**, Conservation Commission meeting 7:00 pm at 54 Bear Hill, East Washington

**March 22, 2018**, Selectmen office hours 9-4, evening meeting 7:00 pm at the Temporary Trailer

**March 28, 2018**, Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting 7:00 pm at Camp Morgan.

**April 03, 2018**, Town Meeting, Camp Morgan Lodge, voting begins at 9:30 am and closes at 7:00 pm. The Town Meeting begins at 9:00 am.

**DID YOU KNOW!!**

**Town Meeting, April 3, 2018 at Camp Morgan Lodge**

**Voting begins at 9:30 am and closes at 7:00 pm.**

**The Town Meeting begins at 9:00 am.**

Candidates for Town Office 2018

* Selectmen 1 for 3 Years: Robert Williams

Jed Schwartz

* Library Trustees 1 for 3 Years Karen Drew
* Town Moderator
* Fire Chief 1 for 1 Year David DeFosse
* Trust Fund Trustee 1 for 3 Years Arline France
* Treasurer 1 for 1 Year Lynda B Roy
* Cemetery Trustee 1 for 3 Years Kitty West

* Supervisor to the Checklist 1 for 6 years Yvonne Bachand

Supervisor of the Checklist 1 for 4 years Nina Otterson Carter

**Spring Loads Limit has been posted!!**

Pursuant to Town Ordinance #93:011

“It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle weighing more than 6 Tons on any town street, the highway from March 1st to May 31st or as deemed necessary.” An exception may be granted by the Public Works Director or their designee by contacting the public works garage at 603-495-3641.

Pursuant to Town Ordinance #001983-1

 It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in excess of 2,000 lbs on any class V road to a summer cottage or class 6 highways until the end of mud season as designated by the Public Works Director.

Maple and Mudd Dinner

(Sponsored by the Washington Congregational Church)

March 23, 2018, Camp Morgan Lodge

Seating at 5:30 and 6:30 pm

Tickets may be purchased at the Washington General Store or

by calling Sue at 495-0096

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

3.1 Craig Gebo Tm. # 12/127 requesting a building permit to construct a 36’ X 42’ garage. Tabled

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

4.1 Conference call with State Representation regarding the change of dates for Town Meeting and Town Voting.

4.2 Geoff Lemay, Frank Lemay, (Milestone) Ed Hayes (GM) discussed the status of the Meeting House project.

4.3 Sam Greene and Kris Fowler from Department of Revenue, Dave Marazoff (assessor) met with the selectmen to discuss assessing audit as well as the town revaluation. Sam provided a copy of the procedures, in which would be initiated for the assessing audit.

4.4 Call from Brother Peter from Montfort retreat to Williams concerning the Article 28, road change classifications.

4.5 Conference call with Matt Serge to discuss the Attorney Generals position on postponing the Town Election. The board reached out to Barbara (Town Moderator) to explain the Attorney General’s position and that there will be a letter stating how they suggest for the town to move forward.

4.6 King Street property owner with his concerns with the reclassification of Class V Highway to Summer Cottages to Class VI

4.7 Sumner Dole met with the selectmen to discuss potential building permit Tm. # 16/04 Ayers Pond Road. The selectmen discussed the pending vote on Article 28, reclassification of class V to class VI roads.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Arline France

5.1.1 Provided February monthly totals from Charter Trust Company, Common Funds, and Capital Reserve Funds.

5.2 Ed Thayer

5.2.1 Discussed an email that he had received regarding a property in LAE that one feels it could be an emergency management situation because they are completely closed in due to their plowman quit. The selectmen advised Ed to let the property owner know the town is not responsible for clearing one's driveway.

5.2.2 Discussed the Public Works Budget, the selectmen agreed that given concerns with expenditures so far due to the harsh winter they will support a proposed increase on the floor at town meeting.

5.2.3 Discussed the repairs that are needed with the highway fleet.

5.3 Chief DeFosse

5.3.1 Discussed with the selectmen the communications between the fire department and the select board.

6.0 PUBLIC:

6.1 **Nonpublic Session Minutes**

**Select Board, Town of Washington, NH**

**Date**: March 15, 2018

**Members Present**: Bob Williams, Chair

Al Krygeris, Selectman

Tom Marshall, Selectmen

**Motion to enter Nonpublic Session** made by Williams seconded by Krygeris

**Specific Statutory Reason** cited as the foundation for the nonpublic session:

X RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person,* ***other than a member of this board****, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant*.

**Roll Call vote** to enter nonpublic session: Marshall **Y**

Krygeris **Y**

Williams **Y**

**Entered nonpublic session** at 3:38 p.m.

**Note**: Under RSA 91-A:3, III. *Minutes of proceedings in nonpublic sessions shall be kept and the record of all actions shall be promptly made available for public inspection, except as provided in this section. Minutes and decisions reached in nonpublic session shall be publicly disclosed within 72 hours of the meeting, unless, by recorded vote of 2/3 of the members present, it is determined that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person* ***other than a member of this board****, or render the proposed action of the board ineffective, or pertain to terrorism. In the event of such circumstances, information may be withheld until, in the opinion of a majority of members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.*

**Motion made to seal these minutes?** If so, motion made by Krygeris, seconded by Williams, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would…

\_X\_ Affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board

\_\_\_\_ Render a proposed action ineffective

\_\_\_\_ Pertains to preparation or carrying out of actions regarding terrorism

**Roll Call Vote to seal minutes**: Marshall Y

Krygeris Y

Williams Y

**Motion: PASSED**

**Motion to leave nonpublic session** and return to public session by Williams, seconded by Krygeris.

**Motion: PASSED**

**Public session reconvened** at 3:55 p.m.

**These minutes recorded by** Deb DeFosse

6.2 Barbara Gaskell (Town Moderator), Jane Barkie, (Town Clerk) and the selectmen discussed the letter from the Attorney Generals Office and agreed to comply with the Attorney Generals letter ordering the Town of Washington to hold its election of town officers on April 3, 2018. The select board and Barbara agreed to hold both the town meeting along with the election of officers on the same day.

6.3 Jed Schwartz asked for clarification with Article 28, reclassification of class V to VI. Re; who has the authority regarding Class VI roads? Marshall expressed the select board has the authority with building permits but not re-classification with class VI roads is this would be case by case.

6.4 Jed spoke of the fire department and the plan changes that were going to be represented at town meeting. The fire department suggested changes to move the kitchen from the connector making that an EOC room. The select board explained it would be too late all the plumbing has been completed as originally planned. The select board explained the additional work that would take place with the partial renovation of the bond money would be, total renovation of the exterior, new roof on the existing building and partition for the police cruiser.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Property owner provided a copy of a letter that one sent to Tm # 25/117 in regards to the town not allowing a lot line adjustment do to a nonconforming lot that the Zoning Board of Adjustment had denied and is requesting ones money back from the property owner. Placed in the property file

7.2 Letter from Mark Wyman Re: asking to vote against the proposal outlined in Article 28.

7.3 Letter from Padriac Burns, MD with one's concerns of the road changed in Article 28, proposing that the road designation not to be changed. Williams had responded to Doctor Burns by email.

7.4 New Hampshire Retirement System confirming that the account user is still valid. Account user is still valid no action needed.

7.5 New Hampshire Municipal; Association Legislative Bulletin # 12, placed in the public reading file.

7.6 Letter from Department of Environmental, Re: A complaint received regarding the removal of vegetation beyond the permissible limits within the Waterfront Buffer (0-50 feet). Placed in the property file

7.7 Paul Mercier (town auditor) providing an update on the status of the town audit.

7.8 Milestone provided the meeting minutes of March 1, 2018

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Williams attended a court hearing regarding Land Use Enforcemnt Tm # 25/17 and updated the selectmen with the case that there is a schedule site visit in May and waiting to hear the Judges decision.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

9.1 Krygeris moved to sign the Abatement Refund for Tm. # 010-003-000 Marshall second all voted in favor.

9.2 Marshall moved to sign the Land Trust Alliance Board Adoption Resolution (LCHIP) Krygeris second all voted in favor. DeFosse to forward to Lynn Hendrickson for processing.

9.3 Williams moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Tm. # 14/143, DeFosse to forward to Sullivan County Registry of Deeds for recording.

9.4 Williams moved to approve Granite State Communications to install, terminate, and test 24 Cat6e copper lines for 12 data and 12 Telephone outlets for the Meeting House and for DeFosse to sign on behalf of the board. Krygeris second all voted in favor.

10.0 EXPENDITURES:

10.1 The Selectmen authorized payroll checks in the amount of $ 8,376.91 and vendor checks in the amount of $ 5,902.08 for the week of March 16, 2018.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Williams moved to adjourn at 8: 26 pm and Krygeris second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah DeFosse