

Town of Washington

Board of Selectmen

May 15, 2014

Meeting Minutes

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.2 MEMBERS: Guy Eaton, Ken Eastman and Tom Marshall

1.3 Visitors: Gwen Gaskell, Jim Crandall, Jed Schwartz, Nan Schwartz, Bob Williams, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Sue Hofstetter, Frank Musmanno and Ron Jager

2.0 Minutes: Marshall motioned to approve the draft meeting minutes of May 8, 2014, Hofstetter mentioned a time error in the non-public session. The minutes will reflect the correct times. Nan Schwartz asked Eaton if he mentioned that Marshall did not meet the setbacks. Eaton agreed and said that the setback for the new construction would not be any closer than the existing structure and this does not create a new variance. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes are approved.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 21st – Park and Recreation Commission 6PM at the Town Hall

May 21st – Conservation Commission 7PM at the Town Hall

May 22nd - Selectmen Daytime Hours 9-4PM at the Town Hall

May 25th Fireman's Breakfast 7-11am at the Center Station

May 26th – Memorial Day Ceremony 9:30am on the common

May 26th Cemetery Trustees 7PM at the Town Hall

May 28th – Board of Adjustment, 6:30PM at the Town Hall

May 31st – Memorial Day concert 4PM at the Monfort Retreat with an “Open House” and food to follow

May 31st- Park and Recreation is sponsoring the “Black Fly Ball” at the lodge, BYOB, live band. All are welcome 7-11PM

DID YOU KNOW?

Save the Date! Saturday, June 21, 2014 Master Plan Community Workshop 8-2:30, Come help shape the future of Washington!

HYMN SING

May 25, 2014 7 PM

**East Washington Baptist
Church**

**2234 East Washington
Road**

Washington NH

**Come and join us for an
old**

fashioned hymn sing.

**Bring a Friend and a
Flashlight**

Questions call Ron at

495 - 3186

3.0 BUILDING PERMITS:

3.1 Thomas and Elizabeth Talpey: TM#14-173, Ashuelot Drive, requesting a building permit to replace and enlarge an existing porch to 9.5x26. Eastman inspected and motioned to approve the application. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3.2 Suzanne Murray-Bissonnette and James Bissonnette: TM#12-096, Washington Drive, requesting a building permit to add a second story to an existing home. Marshall inspected and motioned to approve the application. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3.3 Erin and Anthony Riccio: TM#07-005, Lempster Mtn. Road, requesting a permit to construct an ADL ramp off the front door of the existing home. Eaton inspected and motioned to approve the application. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3.4 Jeff Staley: TM#12-090, Washington Drive, requesting a permit to construct a 10x15 wooden patio 20' from the shoreland. Marshall motioned to deny the permit application because it would be too close to the water. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY:

- 4.0 Robert Tabor phoned to ask Dagesse for an Occupancy Inspection, Dagesse contacted Jim Berry and Chief Moser to have them go out for the inspection and requested that one of the Selectmen inspect the site as well. Eastman to complete this week.
- 4.1 Doreen Nolet phoned to ask about the status of the New Hampshire Electric Co-op project to replace a line under Lake Ashuelot. Dagesse contacted the NHEC and provided them with Nolet's contact information. BG Frazier phoned Dagesse on Thursday and there was a delay due to weather and roads. The work will begin on Monday and will last 2-3 weeks and no work will be done on the weekends.
- 4.2 Marc Longval came in to drop off a building permit application. (See 3.4)
- 4.3 June Manning requested an E911 number be established for TM#12-153. Eaton established the number as 139 Washington Drive.
- 4.4 Sandy Poole requested an occupancy inspection.
- 4.5 Anthony DiFalco, Mary's Lane, phoned to ask if an occupancy inspection was done when his home was built in 2004. Dagesse said that the Town did not do occupancy inspections in 2004.
- 4.6 Skip Moore asked Eaton why the town was digging out the culvert on Valley Road at the Barteveian's property. Eaton told him that he would check into it. Eaton contacted Thayer at the meeting he had last year he confirmed with the property owner that he would continue with due diligence to maintain the roads. Moore would like a catch basin.
- 4.7 Jim Garvin was in speaking on justification and accountability issues with the Police.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS:

5.1 Ed Thayer:

5.1.1. Updated the Selectmen on the status of the Freightliner truck was back in town.

5.1.2. Met with the Selectmen and Jim Crandall regarding RSA 236:13 these issues are being addressed and will come to the next Planning Board meeting.

5.1.3. Someone phoned Thayer and said “Working with the Town to remove the old schoolhouse on Old Marlow Road”. The town is not aware of any activity.

5.1.4. Updated the Selectmen on the asphalt contractor was chosen United Construction was chosen and they were the low bidder.

5.2 Michelle Dagesse:

5.2.1. Chief Moser asked Dagesse to contact Powers Generators to have them come out and replace the circuit board on the generator outside the town hall. Dagesse coordinated the work.

5.2.2. Erin Riccio came in and Dagesse helped her complete a building permit application.

5.2.3. Signed up a camp staff member for a Water Safety Instructor class.

5.2.4. Worked on the RV parking permit. Eaton motioned to approve the application. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5.3 Chief Moser:

5.3.1. The forestry skid kit is on order.

5.3.2. Discussed exhaust system will bring back information next week. Schwartz read a letter sent from an exhaust manufacturer. Eaton motioned to approve the purchase of the Plymovent system. Marshall seconded the motion and pointed out that the number is under the total appropriation.

5.4 Jim Berry:

5.4.1. Came in and let the Selectmen know that the property on Valley Road did not show any signs of contaminants. Dagesse will contact the property owner that phoned with the concerns.

6.0PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Bob Williams asked about the lack of a DRA letter and what action are they taking? Eastman said that the money could be used to buy down the taxes when the new tax rate is set in the fall. Eastman we will follow up on another request for the letter.

6.2 Dennis Kelly said he wanted to discuss Eaton being removed as the chair and was it done non-publicly. Eastman not all discussion shows in the minutes. Marshall our discussions during the day does not constitute a vote. Kelly does the Selectmen Advisory Committee have any guidelines? Marshall said not yet, they have not met.

6.3 Jim Crandall, representing the Planning Board, brought back the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) questionnaire and when the Selectmen are ready to send to the Towns I am willing to help the Board.

6.4 Frank Musmanno asked will there be a questionnaire going out to the public? Eastman explained the questionnaire is

designed to ask neighboring/similar towns how their departments operate and later a questionnaire will go to the public.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED:

7.1 Email from Andrea Morris asking the road agent about a private right of way culvert on Snow Road – Discussed with Thayer

7.2 A copy of an email from the town's attorney responding to questions regarding an easement that the town is working on for Valley Road. – Filed

7.3 Email from Ed Thayer to the Board of Selectmen regarding town culverts. – Filed

7.4 A copy of Legislative Bulletin, #19- Public reading file

7.5 Sullivan County State Delegation Executive Finance Committee meeting notice and agenda for May 19th– Public reading file

7.6 Email from Executive Council Report from Colin Van Ostern – Public reading file

7.7 Email from Howard Nelson thanking the transfer station attendant for his assistance. He also wanted to know when the transfer station stopped accepting wood larger than 10 inches in diameter. – Filed

7.8 A copy of a letter from the State in regards to a septic disposal system application for 2734 East Washington Road. – Filed

7.9 Email from Jon Bilski stating that LAE is in the process of replacing the street signs. – Filed

7.10 Ray Clark left a copy of the dates that the seniors would like to use the lodge. -

7.11 Email from the APDVD informing the town that the Ashuelot Pond Dam was closed at approximately 7:30pm on Wednesday. – Filed

7.12 A copy of the New Hampshire Municipal Association, Knowing Your Territory – Filed

7.13 Letter from NH Wood Energy Council – Filed

7.14 Brochure from Konica Minolta- Filed

7.15 Letter from CASA thanking the town for the continued support with the donation of \$500.00 – Filed

7.16 Email from Jed Schwartz to the Selectmen advising that he will be in attendance at the evening meeting. – Filed

7.17 A copy of a letter from Air Cleaning Specialist to Bob Hofstetter – Filed

7.18 Letter from New Hampshire Employment Security requesting assistance to complete the community profile information – Dagesse to complete

7.19 A copy of the Washington Emergency Operations Plan Meeting schedule – Filed

7.20 Jim Berry provided a copy of a property map in reference to a complaint of possible contamination- Filed

8.0 OLD BUSINESS:

8.1 Jed Schwartz asked the Selectmen for \$4,000.00 for a peer review of Eckman's proposal for the Safety Center. Eaton motioned to expend the \$4,000.00 for a peer review. Eastman asked for a second. There was none, the motion failed.

8.2 Marshall, as a Selectman, attended the EOC update meeting on Tuesday at the Center Station. The group will work on updating the emergency operation center plan.

8.3 Nan Schwartz, the Master Plan Update Committee sent out invitations to the non-resident property owners and cards will be sent out in a couple of weeks to residents.

9.0 NEW BUSINESS:

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10.0 The Board of Selectmen approved cheques for payroll \$6,843.72 and vendor checks in the amount of \$9,593.38 for the week of May 16, 2014.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT:

11.1 Eaton motioned to adjourn and Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor the meeting was adjourned at 8:27PM. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Dagesse