

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
February 9, 2012

**1.0 ASSEMBLY**

**1.1** Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

**1.2** Members: Guy Eaton, Ken Eastman and Tom Marshall

**1.3** Visitors: Bob Wright, Jenn Read, Nancy Tanner, Chief Moser and Shawn Atkins

**2.0 MINUTES**

Eastman motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of February 2, 2012 be accepted as written. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Important Dates -**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** □ Forestry Committee 4PM at the Town Hall

**February 15<sup>th</sup>**- Conservation Commission meeting 7PM at the Town Hall

**February 18<sup>th</sup>** □ The Washington Rescue Squad will be hosting the First Annual Whoopie Pie Contest at Camp Morgan Lodge- Posters with rules are at the Town Hall and the Post Office. The proceeds are going to the Fire Department Scholarship Fund and Fire Equipment needs

**February 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** Washington Ice Fishing Derby at Camp Morgan Lodge

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** □ Selectmen's Advisory Committee Meeting 7PM at the Town Hall

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**- Meet the Candidates Night 7PM at the Town Hall

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>**- Washington Snow Rider Dance at Camp Morgan Lodge 7:30PM

**March 10<sup>th</sup>**- School Meeting 2PM at the Washington Elementary School

**March 13<sup>th</sup>** □ Town Meeting 9AM at the Camp Morgan Lodge

**Did You Know?**

Applications for the position of Tax Collector are being accepted if you would like an application please see Michelle Dagesse at the Town Hall.

The Town of Washington Park and Recreation Commission is looking to go to a Monarch's game for March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. Children tickets are \$11.00 and adults \$13.75. We are looking to get approximately 20 to go. Call the Town Hall for more information.

Jerry Klohs is requesting interest/input for a potluck dinner at Camp Morgan Lodge (February 12th between 5-7PM) to discuss creating a cooperative Washington, a food cooperative, and skill/work cooperative. If you are interested call Jerry: 1-800-746-8783

The Winter Walking Group is meeting on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Camp Morgan Lodge 9AM. All are Welcome!

### **3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS**

- 3.1 Ralph Marinaccio: TM#14-208**, Taft Road. The Board of Adjustment met on February 8, 2012 and approved an equitable waiver for the previously constructed 12x8 shed. Eastman motioned to approve the building permit application. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor, permit #2469 was approved.
- 3.2 G. Paul and Rebecca Dulac: TM# 15-079**, Millen Pond Road. The Board of Adjustment had met on February 8, 2012 and approved the requested variance to construct a 11x10 shed that had been previously approved but the building permit had expired. Eaton motioned to approve the permit application with the Board of Adjustment variance. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor, permit # 2470 was approved.

### **4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY**

- 4.1** Michael Pon called to get information on last Saturday's budget hearing and the list of residents running for office. Dagesse and Poole provided him with the information.
- 4.2** Dave Cutter came in and asked for an occupancy inspection for a Beaver Brook Road home. Dagesse to coordinate.
- 4.3** Shawn Atkins came in to discuss the siding project for the Town Hall building. He will be putting together a bid for the Selectmen's review. The Selectmen will contact other local contractor's regarding the project.
- 4.4** Annie Bissonnette came in to review the birthday party agenda with the Selectmen and wanted their input. The Selectmen thanked Bissonnette and Russell for their continued hard work.
- 4.5** Dan Reed came in to review documents in regards to Ulrich Road.

### **5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **5.1 Chief Marshall:**

**5.1.1.** Requested the Selectmen's authorization to accept a donation of a SR556 patrol rifle. It is going to replace the current AR-15 and the donation is from Sturm Ruger and it is valued \$2,000.00. Eastman motioned to approve the donation. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### **5.2 Lynn Cook and Arline France:**

**5.2.1.** Provided the Selectmen with the Timber Tax Levy

### **6.0 Public Appointments:**

**6.1** Bob Wright came in to discuss the Rescue Budget last week with the Selectmen and Chief Moser came in to their meeting last night and said that the

Selectmen are not happy with the budget. Eaton explained that the Selectmen had comments regarding the need for an ambulance and questions regarding billing fund. Wright asked for Roy to include a breakdown on the invoices to categorize each invoice. Wright came in and put in a request for last years \$10,000.00 Capital Reserve Ambulance warrant article from the billing fund. Wright said that he thought that the warrant article was the authority to approve the monies to be sent to the Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen, Wright, Tanner and Read reviewed the Rescue Squad budget. Marshall asked about the training line and the payroll line is the training line, the only money used for training. Wright explained that the training line is to keep the line open in case something happens to the billing fund. Marshall asked for explanation on the payroll line. Wright said that the Fire Chief explained that the fire department only has a small training line that is not adequate for the training needs of his Department. Wright said that the Rescue Squad was denied a grant because of the training level of some of the fire department personnel. Wright said that the State is giving us more requirements and if we do not meet their requirements we would have our license pulled by the State. Wright said that the Town of Washington is ALS certified because we have qualified members. Read asked what are the Selectmen requesting for us to do, cut our budget, move budget items around, we are confused? Eaton said we are looking to have you use more of the billing fund monies to offset the Rescue budget. Marshall said that there is a perception that the Rescue Squad has 4 accounts and a very good operation going and we are dealing with seven departments that have towed the line and cut and slashed in this economy and we are fighting like hell to keep the line level and with this said you stick out like a sore thumb and understand why that has to be but there has to be an effort. Wright said that this is why we established the billing fund so we could get more equipment and offset the cost of the ambulance. The Selectmen have to justify the buck stops at the Selectmen's office when there is no transparency between the Rescue Squad and the Selectmen's office. Read said that the Rescue Squad came up with a ten-year program for the replacement of ambulance for the CIP. Marshall asked that the Rescue Squad mail be sent directly to the Town Hall. Read asked why did we not get asked this before and even within the departments there are issues.

**6.2** Chief Moser said that the Fire Department is looking for a new four-gas meter for the Fire Department the sensors can be replaced at \$175.00 or a new meter can be purchased for \$800.00. The calibration unit is \$1800.00 the total cost is \$2600.00. Chief Moser said it could come out of the equipment line or the Capital Reserve Fund. The Selectmen authorize the monies to come out of the Capital Reserve Fund. Eaton asked about the Fire Department heat since we replaced the heater, the heat has not been decreased at all. Chief Moser said that the Rescue members had told him that the meds in the ambulance need to be kept warm. The Rescue members are going to look into the different meds and what temps they need to be kept at and if there is another alternative than to heat the whole building.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 7.1 Emails from Mary Ann Turner, Joan Kirchner, Pat Liotta, Greg and Janis Vogt and Thomas Cross in support of Chief Marshall. □ Filed
- 7.2 A copy of The Source- Forward to the Conservation Commission
- 7.3 A copy of Legislative Bulletin- Public reading file
- 7.4 A copy of the Washington School District Budget and the agenda for the meeting tonight and the minutes of last months meeting minutes- The School budget is down 4.6% due to a decrease in tuitions.
- 7.5 Letter from the Town's attorney regarding the classification of the Ulrich Road. □ Filed
- 7.6 Invoice from the Town's attorney- The Selectmen authorized and forwarded to Dagesse

## **8.0 Unfinished Business**

- 8.1 Joint Loss Management and Rescue Squad need to have their Town report submissions in by Monday to be included in the report.
- 8.2 The double doors at Camp Morgan Lodge on the basement and lakeside are now completed. Eastman will be hanging signs on the doors to make renters and lodge users are aware that the doors have been repaired and to make sure to use them appropriately.
- 8.3 The Town Hall has a new vestibule-buzzing door.
- 8.4 The Selectmen held the budget hearing on Saturday and approximately 25 attended it and the minutes are attached.

## **9.0 New Business**

- 9.1 The Selectmen congratulate the Students of the Month for the month of January. Morgan Mulliner, Gracie Atkins and Megan Belanger. Sponsor- Al & Jennie Bruno
- 9.2 Application from Benjamin Crane for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge. Marshall motioned to approve the application. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 9.3 Application from Lola Allen for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge. Marshall motioned to approve the application. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

## **10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED**

- 10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$5,793.23 and vendor checks in the amount of \$178,279.94 for February 10, 2012

## **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- 11.1 Eastman motioned to adjourn at 9:15PM. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse  
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen

February 4, 2012  
Budget Hearing  
Town of Washington

Eaton welcomed everyone to the 2012 Budget Hearing and opened the meeting at 2PM

Eaton went through the 2012 highlights

Employees 3.6% increase

Decrease of \$48,000.00 in health insurance

Trustees of the Trust Funds have moved the funds to a charter trust and the fees are charged up front and there is now a new line for \$6,000.00

Election and Registration lines have been increased due to more elections.

Increase in motor fuel line

Increase in Park and Recreation due to the proposal to paint all of the camp buildings and reimbursing summer camp employees for training hours and mileage to their classes

Eaton went through the detailed expense budget with the attendees.

There was discussion on the proposed wood boiler at the Public Works garage. Thayer informed everyone that the State DOT had installed 30 of the wood boilers last year in department sheds. The proposed system is a gasification unit. There was more discussion on the benefits that installing the system would have for the Town.

Eaton moved to the warrant for review.

There was much discussion on how the first petition warrant article would be brought up and the process it would move through. After discussion the second article was brought before the meeting and there was discussion on what this article meant and that the Town would have to vote the following year to elect a Chief of Police. There are many requirements to be a qualified police chief and the elected official would have to go to and pass the academy is just one of the requirements. The meeting attendees and the Selectmen went through the remaining articles. The Town Hall birthday party will be August 11<sup>th</sup> and there will be flyers at Town Meeting. Eaton said that the Selectmen elected to use the fund balance to pay for many special articles to help keep the taxes level. Article 32 was proposed for continued improvements to Camp Morgan Lodge. Eaton informed everyone that the Selectmen had just had a handicap accessible shower bathroom upgrade done and that it is a great addition to the building. Article 33 is a proposal to remove the clapboards replace them and to insulate the building while the boards are down. After new boards are put on the building they will be painted. This proposal came about because of the fact that the current boards on the Town Hall do not

seem to hold paint as they had in the past. Eaton informed the attendees that the Selectmen had spoken with Captain Wright and he informed them that the Rescue Squad had determined that the ambulance could be pushed off for another year. The last warrant article is to make the land taken for taxation that the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Selectmen determined to keep be added to the current Town Forest properties by merging them. Selectman Marshall thanked all of the Department Heads for their continued effort to keep costs down because of their consistency we are able to bring forward a responsible budget to our taxpayers.

Eaton motioned to adjourn at 3:00PM Marshall seconded. All voted in favor.