

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen

MINUTES
October 4, 2012

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Tom Marshall and Ken Eastman

1.3 Visitors: Barbara Wicks, Chief Marshall

2.0 MINUTES

Eastman motioned to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2012.
Eaton seconded the motion.

All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

October 6th – 2nd Annual Rich Cook Memorial Hike is being sponsored by the Conservation Commission and Harris Center. We are hiking the Camp Morgan trail loop and then hiking up Oak Hill to take in the views. Starts at 10:30AM, meeting at the CM trail parking lot on Faxon Hill Rd. Please join us and dress for hiking and bring water, lunch/snacks, cameras, friends and family. Rain date is Oct. 7th.

October 10th- Park and Recreation Commission 6:00PM at the Town Hall

October 10th – Conservation Commission public hearing at 7PM in the Town Hall. The hearing concerns WCC expending \$20,000. from the conservation fund to help pay transaction fees for the Farnsworth Hill Forest land conservation project. The land will be held by the Forest Society (SPNHF) as a reservation and will be open to the public for passive recreation.

October 10th – Board of Adjustment public hearing 7PM at the Town Hall

October 17th – Conservation Commission 7PM at the Town Hall

October 19th – Flu Clinic 5-7PM at the Town Hall

October 22nd – Cemetery Trustees Meeting 7PM at the Town Hall

October 25th – Planning Board site walk 1PM for business permit applicants

October 30th – Planning Board working session 10AM at the Town Hall

Did You Know?

We are always looking for volunteers to help out with small jobs around the town! Please contact the Town Hall with your talents.

We are in needs for Library Trustees if you are interested please contact Lynn Hendrickson at 495-0464

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

- 3.1 . Charles Johnson: TM#12-074, Washington Drive, proposed a building permit for a breezeway and bridge to the roof to the garage. The Selectmen are waiting for a shoreland permit for the construction.
- 3.2 Ross Jubert, TM#24-079, Beech Way, proposed to construct a 12x16 sugar shack. Eaton went and inspected and found that the setbacks were in not in compliance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to deny the permit. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
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4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

- 4.1 A concerned citizen spoke with Marshall regarding a business sign that is placed on the town common.
- 4.2 Jubert came in and asked for a building permit. Dagesse provided him with the application and assistance in completing a variance application.
- 4.3 John Lawrence phoned and asked Dagesse to email a copy of the special meeting minutes where the town voted to authorize the Selectmen to sign a lease agreement for the proposed cell tower. Dagesse forwarded the minutes.
- 4.4 Joanne Bonczar came in to speak with the Selectmen regarding the Highland Forest Association and their covenants that express no mobile homes.
- 4.5 Mike Clark asked about the reason why the cruiser was not parked in the old highway garage. The police had impounded a vehicle inside the building and this is why the cruiser was not inside. Clark also asked why the new fire trailer was parked outside the Chief's home. Marshall explained that it would be moving to the Public Works Department yard.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Ed Thayer:

5.1.1. The temporary bridge will be delivered next week there will be no interruption in service and the weight limit is the same.

5.2 Assessors:

5.2.1. Provided the Selectmen with a copy of a letter from the Town of Washington to Courteous Law in regards to Van Hertel/Burgess current use tax lien. Filed

5.3 Michelle Dagesse:

5.3.1. Provided the Selectmen with a copy of a "Quit Claim Deed" for the tax-deeded property that was sold last week. The Selectmen signed the document and Dagesse will forward to the Sullivan County Registry.

5.4 Chief Marshall:

5.4.1. Informed the Selectmen that the police department is banned from Mr. Klohs's property, the police will contact the property owner's attorney with any issues as requested.

5.4.2. The website initial design has been forwarded to the Chief, Dagesse and Schwartz. Comments have been sent back and will be moving forward.

5.4.3. Discussed the police budget and personnel needs for the Washington Police Department. He asked the Selectmen to look for another officer to make up a 32-hour workweek, possibly a retired officer, instead of another full time position. The least effective option is to have a clerk come to do paperwork. The computer in the cruiser needs to be replaced at a cost of \$5,000.00, tasers, vests, upgrade the computer licensing. Marshall said maybe the Selectmen could establish a capital reserve account to replace police equipment.

6.0 Public Appointments:

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7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Resignation letter from Kathy Nohavec. – The Selectmen accept Kathy's resignation with regret and wish her all the best.

7.2 Local Government Center 2012 publications – Filed

7.3 Resignation letter from Melissa Cole from the Library Trustees- The Selectmen accept the resignation with regret and wish her all the best.

7.4 Letter from Sullivan County Nutrition Services asking the Town of Washington to include \$600.00 in the 2013 budget. – Filed for budgeting purposes

7.5 Letter from Project Lift asking for \$500.00 to be included in the 2013 town budget. – Filed for budgeting purposes

7.6 Letter from Sullivan County asking for the Town's portion of the county tax- Forward to Dagesse

7.7 Application from the Goodwin's for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge- (See 9.1)

8.0 Unfinished Business

8.1 The lock on the door at the lodge is back to working condition.

8.2 Marshall will call the vendor that is working on creating the lights in front of the Town Hall.

8.3 Eastman emailed the architect to ask where the town hall plans are at this moment.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Eaton motioned to approve the application of the Goodwin's for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

9.2 All of the Selectmen went to Reverend Salt's last sermon last Sunday and the Selectmen wish him well in his retirement.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$5,696.01 and vendor checks in the amount of \$10,073.64 for October 5, 2012

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Eaton motioned to adjourn at 8:12PM. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen