

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
January 27, 2011

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Ken Eastman and Tom Marshall
Visitors: Carolyn Russell,

2.0 MINUTES

Eaton motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of January 20, 2011 be accepted as written. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

February 1st □ Planning Board 6PM Public Hearing with meeting to follow

February 5th □ Budget Hearing, 2PM at the Town Hall

February 9th □ Park and Recreation 6PM at Town Hall

February 17th □ Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

February 22nd - Selectmen's Advisory Meeting 7PM at Town Hall

March 5th - Snowriders Dance at Camp Morgan Lodge all property owners and members are welcome. The dance is free but donations will gladly be accepted

March 8th □ Town Meeting at Camp Morgan Lodge, 9AM at Town Hall

Fri, Feb. 18, Becky Holland from Southwestern Community Services will be in Town Hall from 10 - 11:30 to answer questions about services available.

Beginning Friday, Feb. 4, until Fri., Apr. 1, free tax assistance will be available. For an appointment, call Carolyn Russell, 495-3193.

Did You Know?

TOWN OFFICE VACANCIES

SELECTMAN 1 FOR 3 YEARS

LIBRARY TRUSTEE 1 FOR 3 YEARS

ASSESSOR FOR 1 FOR 3 YEARS

FIRE CHIEF 1 FOR 1YEAR

TRUST FUND TRUSTEE 1 FOR 3 YEARS

TREASURER 1 FOR 1 YEAR

CEMETERY TRUSTEE 1 FOR 3 YEARS

TOWN CLERK 1 FOR 3 YEARS

PLANNING BOARD 1 FOR 3 YEARS

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER 1 FOR 3 YEARS

SCHOOL MODERATOR 1 FOR 1 YEAR

PLEASE FILE FOR CANDIDACY WITH THE TOWN CLERK JANUARY 19TH TO JANUARY 28TH.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

3.1 None

4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

- 4.1** Harold Parker phoned from Congressman Bass's Office to provide the Selectmen with contact information for the Congressman.
- 4.2** Ray Wilson phoned to discuss his concerns with the condition of Lempster Mountain Road late last night. Eaton spoke with Wilson regarding his concern advising him that all efforts would be made to have emergency vehicles access his Washington Heights Road property. See 5.3.4.
- 4.3** John Hyland asked about the process of creating a petition to send to the State regarding the Town of Washington's school tax. He also asked Dagesse when the report must be in for the printer.
- 4.4** Phil Barker, Gwen Gaskell, Carolyn Russell spoke with the Selectmen to request a warrant article be included in the budget for Town Meeting \$2,500.00 for a 225th birthday celebration of the Town Hall. The Selectmen agreed with the request. A petition was also presented to the Selectmen to be included on the 2011 Town Warrant which read
□ For the past several years, at the request of the Conservation Commission, the Selectmen have had an unofficial policy of retaining all tax-deeded properties rather than to sell them. At the 2010 Town Meeting there was a petition article □ to require the Selectmen to sell parcels of land under ten acres that are not adjacent to other Town owned parcels or have no other value except the resale and tax value. □

The Article was presented late in a long meeting and the Selectmen repeated the request of the Conservation Commission as a reason not to sell tax-deeded lots. There was little discussion and the article failed. Given the loss of sale and tax revenue to the town at a time of economic hardship and given the unproven value of the tax-deeded parcels for significant conservation purposes, this topic deserves further exploration and discussion by the voters of the Town. In view of these considerations, we propose the following petition to be presented to the 2011 Washington Town Meeting: □ To see if the Town will vote to require the offer for sale of any tax-deeded parcels of any size that have no specific documented value as conservation land. □ The Town Clerk reviewed the signatures and all except one was acceptable. The group also recommended to the Selectmen that the part of the Town Hall be painted for the birthday celebration.

- 4.5 Jim Crandall dropped off a copy of the Municipal Task Force binder that he had taken previously for review.
- 4.6 Bob Dearborn complained about not receiving a receipt of his tax payment. He said that he had included a SASE with his payment. The Tax Collector has been notified.

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

- 5.1.1 Dropped his logs.
- 5.1.2 Advised that the new cruiser has been purchased and is in the process of being adapted. It should be in Town tomorrow.
- 5.1.3 Requested the title for the old cruiser. Dagesse provided him with document.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

- 5.3.1. As Emergency Management Director he received a letter from Mr. Hofford regarding emergency food supplies. The Selectmen will review.
- 5.3.2. He is currently looking at a used 6-wheel dump/plow truck to purchase with appropriated funds from Town Meeting. The truck will be held for the Town pending the results of Town Meeting.
- 5.3.3. He spoke with the Selectmen regarding an issue with the Office of Emergency Management and funds that are owed to the Town for work that had been done last year.
- 5.3.4. Eaton passed on the complaint that Lempster Mountain Road was not plowed at 12:30 last night. The road did not have 3□ of snow and did not warrant the Public Works crew to plow.

5.3 Jim Berry:

5.3.1. Dropped off an Occupancy Inspection Checklist for a South Main Street property.

5.4 Arline France and Kathy Atkins:

5.4.1. Discussed the Assessors proposed 2011 budget.

5.4.2. Brought in information regarding Northern Timber Investment LLC.

5.5 Chief Moser:

5.5.1. Requested authorization from the Selectmen to sell Engine #2.

5.5.2. Advised that he received a quote to put the foam system on the new fire engine bought from Hillsboro.

5.5.3. Advised that the Fire Department roof has some rust spots on it. Pictures will be sent to the manufacturer for warranty purposes.

5.6 Sandy Poole:

5.6.1. Dropped off a shoreland impact permit for 690 Millen Pond Road.

5.6.2. Checked the signatures on the petition warrant article.

5.6.3. Provided the Selectmen with the list of names running for Town Offices. The last day to sign up is the 28th of January. The list of candidates will be completed tomorrow and posted in next week's minutes.

5.7 Michelle Dagesse:

5.7.1. Provided the Selectmen with the proposed 2011 budget.

5.8 Colleen Duggan:

5.8.1. Requested that the Selectmen reduce the Library budget by \$1,300.00 due to monies that were not spent in Transfers to the Trustees.

7:43PM Eaton motioned to move to a non-public session due to a welfare issue. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7:52PM Eaton motioned to revert to a public session and to seal the minutes due to a welfare issue. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6.0 Public Appointments

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7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 Approval of Operation from NH DES to Karen Carrick, TM#23-027 East Washington Road. Filed

7.2 A copy of The New Hampshire Civil Engineer. Forward to Thayer

- 7.3 A copy of Legislative Bulletin. - Public reading file
- 7.4 Letter from State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency- Filed
- 7.5 Email from the APDVD requesting use of Town Hall for a meeting. □
Dagesse to coordinate
- 7.6 Letter from the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands
congratulating the Town of Washington for the re-appointments of the
Deputy Forest Fire Warden- Filed
- 7.7 Public Notice for the Washington School District Public Budget Hearing
for February 8, 2011 at 6:00PM in the Washington Elementary School. □
Posted at Town Hall
- 7.8 A copy of the 2011 edition of Local Government Center □s Town Meeting
and School Meeting Handbook. □ Filed
- 7.9 Application from the Washington Historical Society for the use of Camp
Morgan Lodge. □ See 9.1
- 7.10 Letter from State of New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency advising that
□ Washington In-Cruiser Video (replacement) □ has been officially
approved.- Filed
- 7.11 Letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human
Services regarding statewide point-in-time. □ Forward to Russell
- 7.12 Copy of Town & City. □ Filed

8.0 Unfinished Business

8.1

9.0 New Business

- 9.1 Eaton motioned to approve the application of the Washington Historical
Society for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. Marshall seconded the motion.
All voted in favor.

9.2

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

- 10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$17,248.25 and vendors
\$36,561.39 the week of January 28, 2011.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

- 11.1 Eastman motioned to adjourn. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the
meeting was adjourned at 8:24PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen