

Town of Washington
Board of Selectmen
MINUTES
May 5, 2011

1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

1.2 Members: Guy Eaton, Ken Eastman and Tom Marshall
Visitors: John Pietkiewicz

2.0 MINUTES

Eastman motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of April 21, 2011 be accepted as written. Marshall seconded motion. All voted in favor.

Important Dates -

May 7th – Conservation Commission will be holding a Vernal Pool Discovery Session at 11am on Faxon Hill Road at the Old Haying Road intersection. Everyone is invited to come!!!!

May 10th – Trustees of the Shedd Free Library 5PM at the Library

May 10th – Park and Recreation 6:00PM at the Town Hall

May 14th - The Washington Elementary PTO Spaghetti Supper at Camp Morgan Lodge. 5-7PM

May 18th - Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

May 23rd - Cemetery Trustees 7PM at the Town Hall

May 24th – Forestry Committee Meeting 4PM at Town Hall

May 28th – Mega Yard Sale Fundraiser to be hosted by the Washington Elementary School at the school 8-1pm, Rain date the 29th any questions regarding the renting of a table call Karen Belanger at 495-0665 or Cameo Mulliner 495-0394. The PTO will also have a table selling books and will gladly accept book donations.

Did You Know?

The Farmer's Market will be starting up again May 28th on the Town Common from 10-1PM. Come get some local products!!

Carolyn Russell will be holding hours on June 3rd from 9-11:30am at the Town Hall to provide assistance in completing the "Low to Moderate Income" forms. These forms can be picked up at the Town Hall or can be printed off of www.nh.gov/revenue. The forms must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2011.

Please be advised that the Town will be hosting the "Rich Cook Annual Blood Drive" on July 19th hours will be provided in the near future. The blood drive will be held at Camp Morgan Lodge. Please make sure that you are aware you can only donate every six weeks so that you will be able to donate. Baked goods, juices and fruit donations would be great! Contact Michelle at the Selectmen's office.

3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS

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4.0 APPOINTMENTS DURING THE DAY AND PREVIOUSLY

- 4.1** The Selectmen, Nan Schwartz, Lynn Cook, Jim Crandall, Jed Schwartz and Ed Thayer met this afternoon to discuss an issue that came before the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday with a property owner who is requesting the use of a 600-foot portion, of a Class VI road, to gain access for a building permit. There was an option to construct a parallel driveway that those in attendance did not think was esthetically appealing. The group discussed the applicable laws and will consider permitting the property owner to construct a single dwelling.
- 4.2** Carolyn Russell wanted to remind the Selectmen that the filming crew will be at the Town Hall on May 19th

5.0 DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS

5.1 Chief Marshall:

5.1.1. Provided a copy of his police logs.

5.1.2. Provided the Selectmen with a quote for a display rack, that would be constructed by GraniteCor NH Correctional Industries, Wood Shop for the Town Hall. The quote came in for \$465.00. He then did some research on a brochure display rack from other vendors. It would be more cost efficient to purchase the display rack from another company.

5.1.3. Advised that the US Department of Justice is beginning the 2011 COPS Hiring Program Grant again and asked if the Town would like to enroll. The program will pay for the three years of pay and benefits after that the Town will have to pay the salary and benefits. Marshall said that the Town would need an additional cruiser with having two full-time officers. The Selectmen discussed the grant and are glad to see that the program was brought back but it is not for the Town at this time. Chief Marshall said that the Selectmen could look into having Officer Corrigan go to the Academy to become a full-time officer. The Town would be charged for his hours of work while at the course but the Town would not be charged for the course, monies collected from motor vehicle fines and other monies go to pay for the academy.

5.2 Ed Thayer:

5.2.1. Advised that the Public Works employees are working on the summer schedule now.

5.2.2. Advised that the parking area between the Police Department and the Church has been improved as the Selectmen requested last week.

5.2.3. Requested that the Selectmen authorize him to sign a contract with United Construction Corporation of Newport for the hot top that will be placed on Lempster Mountain Road. The job is scheduled to be done within the next two weeks. Doing this now will save the Town money by using last year's hot top quotes, any work done after the May 18th will be at an escalated price. Eastman motioned to approve Thayer's request. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5.2.4. Discussed the availability to purchase a 1994 Ford tractor with a sweepster, 80hp with 600 hours. This would be purchased from the surplus vendor; the tractor came from an Air Force base in Japan. The cost of the machine is \$5,500.00, this will be purchased from Block Grant monies, the Town will also auction off the old tractor and these monies will be returned to the general fund. Thayer said that in the future the Town could look for a side mount brush mower and that this would cut down on future equipment rentals. Eastman motioned to allow Thayer to purchase the tractor. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5.2.5. Advised the Selectmen that the Public Works Department attended a bucket truck safety course last week. It was a very beneficial class that was hosted by the Town of Washington.

5.2.6. Advised the Selectmen that the tar roads would be open today and that the dirt roads would be open next Thursday, weather permitting.

5.2.7. Discussed the status of the solar panels at the garage. The invertors are in, the wires are going overhead instead underground. The system should be complete next week.

5.3 Lynda Roy

5.3.1. Requested the Selectmen authorize a reimbursement from the Rescue Squad Billing Fund for administration work that had been done from February to April 2011. Eaton motioned to approve the request. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5.4 Janice Philbrick

5.4.1. Paul Johnson filed bankruptcy again and she has forwarded all of her information to Jim Raymond, the lawyer she works her bankruptcies with. She wanted the Selectmen to know she is awaiting his response.

6.0 Public Appointments

6.1 John Pietkiewicz asked how long the application process would be open for the Deputy Welfare Officer position. Eaton advised that Russell was in briefly today and had mentioned she had received two applications to this point. Pietkiewicz also made a complaint regarding several campers that are parked on Valley Road about a mile passed his property. Eastman and Marshall will go and take a look at the area next week and the Selectmen will further research if they are not legally parked. Eaton said that the Selectmen would research the camper issue and get back to him. Pietkiewicz complained of a storage trailer on Lookout Point Road. Eaton advised that the camper is registered and legally parked on the property.

7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

7.1 A copy of the Legislative Bulletin. – Public reading file

7.2 Email from Brian Dingman advising that he is interested in purchasing a tax-deeded lot as an abutter. – Filed

7.3 Newsletter from the Tri County OHRV Club, Hillsboro, NH- Public reading file

7.4 Letter from NHDES to Michael and Julia Kane regarding file #2003-02192 Nuthatch Way – Filed

7.5 A Thank You card from SPACE for the donation from the Town of Washington. – Filed

7.6 Certified letter from Donald Mellen Surveyor, LLC advising that Janet Feeney intends to file a shoreland permit application with the State. – Filed

7.7 Guided Pathways from ICMA- Filed

7.8 Email from Al and Kathryn Bartlett advising that they are interested in purchasing a tax-deeded lot in Lake Ashuelot Estate. – Filed

7.9 Email from the Town's attorney answering the questions from the Selectmen to review the architect's contract. – Eastman to discuss with the architect

7.10 Letter from the NHDES forwarding a compliance in response to a file of deficiency #2008-00226 –

7.11 Letter from the Attorney General Department advising of sessions coming up for the Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees and Trustees of the Trust Fund

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8.0 Unfinished Business

8.1 The Selectmen congratulate the Forestry Committee for completing the Rich Cook memorial bench. The Forestry Committee, Selectmen and Lynn Cook walked the trail to Cook's Corner and warmed the bench. The sign and bench are beautiful and a great addition to the trail.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Dagesse sent a letter and building permit application to a Juniper Drive property owner for building without a permit.

10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,352.32 and vendors \$72,877.18 the week of April 22, 2011.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

11.1 Eaton motioned to adjourn. Marshall seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen