

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
March 18, 2010

**1.0 ASSEMBLY**

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

**1.2** Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman  
Visitors: Chief Marshall,

**2.0 MINUTES**

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of March 11, 2010 be accepted as written. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Important Dates -**

**April 3rd** – Easter Egg Hunt 10AM at Town Hall

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** – Planning Board Meeting 7PM at Town Hall

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Park and Recreation 6PM at Town Hall

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – Selectmen's Advisory Committee on Preservation and Rehabilitation of the Meetinghouse, 6:30PM at Town Hall

**Did You Know?**

The Selectmen are eagerly anticipating the first meeting of their new committee for the Preservation of the Meeting House, which will be held April 27, 2010, And did you know that anyone who is interested in participating should e-mail or call the Selectmen's Office?

A representative from Southwestern Community Services Action Program will visit Town Hall to answer your questions about Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance, Housing Services, WIC and many other services? Come, bring your questions and meet Betsy Chatman on Thursday, April 1, between 10:00 and 2:00.

**3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS**

**3.1 Dale and Ann Nelson:** TM#25-073, 41 Hemlock Circle, proposed to construct a 6-foot addition and add a 8x18 foot porch. Eaton inspected and found that the application did not conform with the Land Use Ordinance setback regulations. The permit was denied. Dagesse sent a Board of Adjustment application to the property owner.

**3.2 Frank Brown:** TM# 14-404, 130 Ashuelot Acres Road, proposed to replace existing cottage on current footprint with a full foundation and 23-foot dormer. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to approve the permit application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, permit #2367 was approved.

**3.3 Richard Brown:** TM#24-129, Hermit Island, proposed to replace an existing camp on the current footprint. Tabled until NHDES has been received.

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

- 4.1 Al Krygeris asked the Selectmen if there was a plan to do work on the Old Schoolhouse and if the Selectmen planned on an energy audit of the building before any construction work would be done. Eaton said that the Town was provided a quote for energy audits but three buildings would have to be done. Krygeris advised the Selectmen that he could look into getting a quote to perform just one energy audit. Krygeris will bring back the quote information for the Selectmen to make a decision.
- 4.2 Grace Jager and Tom Talpey, representing the Archives Committee, requesting the Selectmen's authorization to apply for a Moose plate grant through the Municipal Library. The Archives Committee is requesting monies (through the grant) for the preservation of the minutes from the 1786 original meeting discussing the construction of the Meetinghouse and three volumes of Town Records from 1802-1877 to be preserved. The Selectmen authorized the Archives Committee to continue with the grant application. Jager also requested authorization to purchase a new dehumidifier for the Archives Room; the current dehumidifier could be repaired but the committee is not happy with the current unit. The unit is using excess energy and is much too large for the room. Jager also informed the Selectmen that the smoke detectors (in the basement of the Library) are no longer functioning. (See 5.5)
- 4.3 A Valley Road resident complained about a tree resting on a phone line on Valley Road. Eaton advised the phone company.
- 4.4 Jim Crandall had several Meetinghouse questions and asked when the Selectmen would be establishing the meeting. See important dates. Crandall was also sworn in by the Town Clerk to his Planning Board seat. Crandall also volunteered to participate in the advisory committee.
- 4.5 Vivian Hunter requested the use three card tables (from Camp Morgan Lodge to use at the Shedd Free Library) in May. The Selectmen approved the request. Hunter will coordinate the pick-up/drop-off.
- 4.6 Joe Tapp asked Eaton if the Town will hold an abutter sale this year and he requested that he be contacted as an abutter of a Town owned property. Eaton advised him that the Selectmen would contact him.
- 4.7

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

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

- 5.1.1. Dropped off the police logs.
- 5.1.2. Requested authorization to use the back closet in the upstairs of the Police Department to store old police documents. The Selectmen approved the request.

## **5.2 Ed Thayer:**

- 5.2.1. Provided the Selectmen with a proposal from M.B. Maintenance, Inc. regarding installing an audible high-level alarm system on the underground diesel and gas fuel tank. The Selectmen signed the contract.
- 5.2.2. Advised the Selectmen of a proposed ruling on NHDES regarding stream-crossing. He advised that the Municipal Works Group has weighed in on the issue due to the unfunded mandate to the Town's.

## **5.3 Carolyn Russell:**

- 5.3.1. Requested the Selectmen authorize a \$50.00 donation to the Washington Food Pantry. The Selectmen approved the request.
- 5.3.2. Advised the Selectmen of Welfare issues.
- 5.3.3. Asked questions about the Selectmen's Advisory Group.

## **5.4 Michelle Dagesse:**

- 5.4.1. Provided the Selectmen with the Revenue reports for the month of January and February

## **5.5 Colleen Duggan:**

- 5.5.1. Advised the Selectmen of the nonfunctioning smoke detectors in the basement of the Library. Eaton advised that he would request the custodian to purchase smoke detectors to install in the Library basement. Dagesse to contact a contractor to see if the current smoke detectors could be repaired.

## **6.0 Public Appointments:**

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## **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 7.1 Hunting and Fishing License Limited Agency Agreement, between the Town of Washington and the State of New Hampshire. – The Selectmen signed the agreement.
- 7.2 Department of Administrative Services Surplus Distribution, requesting signature on the agreement to continue with the Federal Surplus Property Program. – The Selectmen signed the application.
- 7.3 A copy of the Sullivan County Annual Report of the Board of Commissioners. – Filed
- 7.4 Invitation to the 2010 Regional Dinners hosted by Local Government Center. – Filed
- 7.5 Invoice from Kase Printing, Inc. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.6 A copy of the 2009 Annual Report from Local Government Center. – Filed
- 7.7 Legislative Bulletin, #12. – Public reading file
- 7.8 Memorandum from New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority regarding availability of CDBG Planning Grant Funds. – Filed
- 7.9 Letter from Tower Publishing announcing the 2010 edition of the New Hampshire Register. – Filed
- 7.10 Approval for Operation from NH DES to Greg and Donna Lofgren, TM#25-071, Valley Road. – Filed
- 7.11 Municipal Energy Reduction Fund Information Session. – Electronically filed
- 7.12 Agenda for the Sullivan County Board of Commissioner's Meeting held this afternoon. – Filed
- 7.13 Email from Sullivan County Commissioner's Office advising that April is Health Counties Month. – Public reading file
- 7.14 Email from Drew Queen offering his services to the Selectmen's Advisory Committee and advised that he would like to participate. – Dagesse to respond

8:07PM Eaton motioned to move to a non-public session due to a personnel issue. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8:36PM Eaton motioned to revert to a public session and to seal the minutes of the non-public session due to a personnel issue. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

#### **8.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1 Three local contractors have received bid packages for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector room. Bids are due next Thursday at the Selectmen's Meeting.

#### **9.0 NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 The Selectmen would like to congratulate the February "Students of the Month" Travis Petrie, Devin Murphy and Garrett Smith. A big thanks goes out to the lunch sponsors Ed and Jane Thayer.

9.2 Cook advised that the Conservation Commission would be participating in a highway clean up on April 17, 2010 at 9:00AM meeting at the Wayside Park if anyone would like to help.

9.3 Cook to discuss with the Conservation Commission the possibility of holding an abutter sale this year.

#### **10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED**

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$6504.78 and vendors \$5942.89 the week of March 18, 2010.

#### **11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

11.1 Eastman motioned to adjourn. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse  
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen