

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
May 6, 2010

**1.0 ASSEMBLY**

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

**1.2** Members: Guy Eaton, Rich Cook and Ken Eastman  
Visitors: Janice Philbrick, Jim Berry, Evie Boyce

**2.0 MINUTES**

Cook motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of April 29, 2010 be accepted as written.

Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Important Dates -**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** - Park and Rec 6:00PM at Town Hall

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30PM Olde Home Day Committee at Town Hall

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** - Energy Committee 7PM at Town Hall

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** - Forestry Committee 4PM at Town Hall

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** - Conservation Commission 7PM at Town Hall

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** - Memorial Day Service on the Washington Town Common 9:30AM

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** - Cemetery Trustees 7PM at Town Hall

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** - Planning Board 6:30PM at the Town Hall

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** - Trustees of the Trust Funds 9AM at Town Hall

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that the State of NH grants tax rebates to property owners who have low and moderate income? Forms are available in Town Hall.

May 28, 9-11:30 NH Low and Moderate Tax Rebate Assistance. No appointment necessary.

The Town Clerk will be holding business hours on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-12PM instead of the last Saturday of the month.

Any Town Organizations that are looking for student volunteers please contact the Hillsboro-Deering High School at 464-1131.

Bob Fraser is looking for any unused wheelchairs, please contact him at 495-3087. Pick-up will be coordinated.

**3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS**

**3.1 George Chicoine: TM# 25-012, Valley Road**, proposed to place a 30 x 36 carport. Eaton inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit #2376 was approved.

**3.2 Ralf Barden: TM#16-118, Highland Haven Road**, proposed to construct a 12x16 shed. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton

motioned to approve the application. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit # 2377 was approved.

- 3.3 Thomas Griffin: TM#24-018, Valley Road**, proposed to add a 10'6"x8' addition to an existing shed. Eaton had inspected and found that all of the setbacks were in accordance with the Land Use Ordinance. Eaton motioned to approve the application. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor; permit # 2378 was approved.

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

- 4.1** Bob Fraser requested that anyone who has a wheelchair that they would like to donate to the seniors wheelchair reserve. Please contact him at 495-3087.
- 4.2** Polly Cote phoned to request that Dagesse forward abutter information to her for her Board of Adjustment case. Dagesse forwarded the information.
- 4.3** Billy Kraus wanted to let the Selectmen know that the Town Clerk and her Deputy provided services above and beyond their job descriptions recently. Kraus said that he appreciated all of their effort. The Selectmen would like to thank Sandy Poole and Colleen Duggan for a job well done.
- 4.4** A concerned citizen phoned regarding construction on the Marlow side of Ashuelot Pond. The Selectmen researched and found that there are two active building permits in the area of concern.
- 4.5** Nan and Jed Schwartz spoke with the Selectmen regarding a driveway permit application and the possible need for a permit by notification through NH DES for the installation of culvert to install the proposed driveway. A letter will be sent to the property owners and the contractor informing of the need for the permit.
- 4.6** Jim Hofford requested the use of the Town Hall for May 22, 23, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> to practice for the play that will be held on the Olde Home Day weekend.
- 4.7** Carolyn Russell advised that the State Director of the NH Food Banks visited the Washington Food Pantry this week. The Director appreciated the Town's effort to control privacy and the fact that the Washington food pantry allows its clients to pick their own food.
- 4.8** Two gentlemen from Maine asked the Selectmen about building on Class VI roads. Eastman advised the men on the subject.
- 4.9** Ron Jager and Tom Dunn the Director of the Hillcats Summer Theatre Program viewed the second floor of the Town Hall. Mr. Dunn really appreciated the historical characteristics of the stage.
- 4.10** Bob Wright asked the Selectmen if they would like to run an additional wire to the Police Department from the recently installed emergency generator to run the heat. The cost of the wire would be \$70.00. The Selectmen approved the purchase.

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

### **5.1 Chief Marshall:**

5.1.1. Provided the Selectmen with the Police logs.

### **5.2 Ed Thayer:**

5.2.1. Reported on the status of the cistern installation, the job is almost complete. The hydrant connection and the remaining backfill are remaining to be done.

5.2.2. Reported that the Washington Drive culvert lining project has been completed.

5.2.3. Reported that the emergency generators installation will be completed next week.

5.2.4. Advised that the engineer took the measurements of the Public Works Department garage roof today. The engineer will calculate the roof load for the grant approved PV system.

5.2.5. Advised that the cutting of the emergency road at the Washington Elementary School will be started the middle of next week. The remainder of the project will be completed after school is out for the summer.

5.2.6. Advised of that the wiring for the lights at Camp Morgan Lodge parking lot are not up to code. The breaker is currently off and will stay off. Eastman will contact a local electrician to look at the wiring.

### **5.3 Sandy Poole:**

5.3.1. Advised that there will be a Free Fishing Day, Saturday June 5, 2010.

## **6.0 Public Appointments:**

6.1 Janice Philbrick advised the Selectmen that she had two people contact her regarding the Town recently deeding their properties for non-payment of taxes. Philbrick provided the Selectmen with breakdowns for the possibility of the former property owner purchasing the land back from the Town. Eaton asked if the person contacting her is the owner of record. The Selectmen agreed to accept the payment for the back taxes. Philbrick advised of a second property that a mortgage company regarding a tax-deeded property contacted her. The Selectmen discussed a property that has been taken for non-payment of taxes that has ongoing construction. The Selectmen will send a letter to the property owner advising that the Town now owns the property and all construction must cease.

6.2 Evie Boyce spoke with the Selectmen regarding the coordination of placing the flags for Memorial Day. She was contacted by the Washington Elementary School to have the children assist with the placement. She also had a question regarding the low to moderate income relief. Janice Philbrick advised Boyce that she would assist her with the low to moderate tax relief form.

6.3 Jim Berry advised the Selectmen that he attended a recent beach management workshop. He has new signs for the Town beaches. Advised

the Selectmen that the Town shelter will have to be Red Cross Certified. He will update the Selectmen as the process continues.

## **7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

- 7.1 A copy of the New Hampshire Civil Engineer. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.2 A copy of The Sullivan County Extension Connection. – Public reading file
- 7.3 A copy of NHBR. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.4 A copy of Legislative Bulletin, #19. – Public reading file
- 7.5 A copy of Supply Lines with The Source. – Forward to the Conservation Commission
- 7.6 Invitation to the Second Annual Local Energy solutions Conference scheduled for June 19, 2010. – Forward to the Energy Commission
- 7.7 Invitation to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission Annual Dinner Meeting. – Filed
- 7.8 Application from Tyler Libby for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. – See 9.1
- 7.9 Application from Barbara Daley for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge. – See 9.2
- 7.10 Executive Council News Release. – Public reading file
- 7.11 Email from LCHIP advising of an upcoming workshop. – Forward to the Conservation Commission
- 7.12 Email from Bob Thompson advising that the top gate of the Ashuelot Pond Dam has been closed. – Filed
- 7.13 Email advising of Dr. Baker's reception. – Filed
- 7.14 A copy of the Project Lift newsletter. – Public reading file
- 7.15 Email advising of and EFC meeting. – Filed
- 7.16 Email from Sullivan County Commissioners advising that the April minutes are available for viewing on their website. – Filed
- 7.17 Email from PSNH advising of a green rate. – Public reading file
- 7.18 Email from NHMA advising of their survey software. – Filed
- 7.19 Email from NHRS advising of upcoming workshops. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.20 Email from PUC advising of grant proposals that are available. – Filed
- 7.21 A copy of an email from the APDVD Commissioner to Ms. Taylor regarding a deed right-of-way over the Ashuelot Pond Dam. – electronically filed
- 7.22 Email from EECBG advising of an upcoming workshop. – Forward to Krygeris
- 7.23 Email from Andrew Webber advising of his wonderful trip through the Town of Washington. – Electronically filed
- 7.24 A copy of the Washington School Board Minutes, April 13, 2010. – Public reading file

## **8.0 Unfinished Business**

- 8.1 Dagesse sent out the Town's invitation to participate in the fuel bid for 2010-2011 season.
- 8.2 Services for Ken Brighton will be held next Friday information can be found at <http://www.ledgertranscript.com/article/kenneth-brighton>

**9.0 New Business**

**9.1** Eaton motioned to approve the application of Tyler Libby for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge on July 18, 2010. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**9.2** Eaton motioned to approve the application of Barbara Daley for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge on the weekend of February 22, 2011. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED**

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$6,388.58 and vendors \$244,626.32 the week of May 7, 2010.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

11.1 Eastman motioned to adjourn. Cook seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully,

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Michelle Dagesse  
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen