

Town of Washington  
Board of Selectmen  
MINUTES  
September 16, 2010

**1.0 ASSEMBLY**

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

**1.2** Members: Guy Eaton and Ken Eastman

Visitors: Jim Berry, Janice Philbrick, Leigh Cheney, Bonnie Hannemann, Mary Reed

**2.0 MINUTES**

Eastman motioned that the Selectmen's minutes of September 9, 2010 be accepted as written. Eaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Important Dates -**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – Roadside clean-up see “Did You Know”

**September 28<sup>th</sup>** – Selectmen's Advisory Committee Meeting 7PM at the Town Hall, architect Monahan will be in attendance

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** - Board of Adjustment 6:30PM

**October 5<sup>th</sup>** – Planning Board 6:30PM at Town Hall

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – The Richard Cook Memorial Hike will begin at 10AM at the Camp Morgan beach area. This is a moderate hike that measures approximately 1 mile. Bring a poncho in case of rain.

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Park and Recreation 6PM at Town Hall

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Flu shots 6-8PM at Town Hall

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Halloween Dance 7-11PM at Camp Morgan Lodge. (Tickets are available at the Town Hall and the door) All proceeds will go to the Preservation of the Town Hall fund. Come have a great time with your friends and neighbors!!! Costumes are not mandatory but why not?

**Did You Know?**

Thursday, September 30, 2010 a representative will be at the Town Hall for Fuel Assistance Applications from 9-1PM, appointments are necessary. Please call 542-9528 Ext. 4321 or 4311

The Conservation Commission will be conducting a neighborhood road clean up on 09/18/2010 on

Rte 31 between Lempster Mountain Road and Pillsbury State Park all Washington residents are encouraged to police their own roadsides.

The Conservation Commission is fundraising for the Eccardt Farm Conservation Easement Project. The goal is \$12,000. The project will protect 135 acres of upland woodlands and permanently secure the public use of the trail through the property from East Washington Road up to Journey's End, to Pillsbury and beyond. It is a wonderful opportunity for the town. Let's all support the project through a donation. You can make a

pledge at [WCC - Washington, NH](#) or send a check to the Conservation Commission, 7 Halfmoon Pond Road, Washington, NH 03280

Join friends and neighbors at an Open House October 9 from 11 a m to 3 p m at the Eccardt Farm to support the Eccardt Farm Conservation Easement Project. Learn about the project; enjoy the animals, museum, and farm store. Buy raffle tickets to win great farm store products. Enjoy a farm burger.

On the Washington website there are links to other services put on by the Welfare Department.

"The Food Pantry provides basic food and household items to needy families in town. Items that are currently in short supply in the Food Pantry are:  
assorted canned vegetables (beans of any kind and corn are not needed),  
lite canned fruits, canned chicken, turkey, spam, stews, hash and hearty soups. Household and personal items needed include facial tissue, paper towels, individually wrapped toilet tissue, dish detergent, unscented laundry products, unscented bath soaps, toothbrushes.

The Food Pantry cannot distribute homemade, opened or out-of-date items."

Thanks.

Carolyn

The Town of Washington is scheduled to receive an estimated \$198,295 less in State education aid as of July 1, 2011. This represents approximately 8% of the education revenue and force a mil-rate increase of approximately \$.75/\$1,000. Your representatives are Sen. Bob Odell 863-9797, Rep. Beverly Rodeschin 863-1941, Rep, Steven Cunningham 763-4359, Rep. Tom Howard 863-8434. Please call any or all to voice your concerns.

### **3.0 BUILDING AND PARKING PERMITS**

**3.1 Bonnie Hannemann: TM#14-272, Lincoln Drive**, proposed to construct a 17 x 16 master bedroom. Eaton to inspect next week.

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

- 4.1 Jean Shepard phoned to inquire on the ability to bid on the Town PV system for the Public Works garage. Dagesse forwarded the information to Thayer to coordinate a site visit on Wednesday.
- 4.2 A prospective land purchaser asked Dagesse about the building permit application process. Dagesse provided him with the information, an application and the Town website for further information.
- 4.3 Bob Guerin phoned regarding the removal of a trailer on his Lempster Mountain Road property. He requested that Dagesse forward a copy of the rules regarding placing a trailer on a property. Dagesse forwarded him the requested information.
- 4.4 Rita Morris phoned to request an application for the rental of Camp Morgan Lodge. Dagesse forwarded the application.
- 4.5 Dave Dailey provided Eaton with the information regarding the Richard Cook Memorial Hike. See “Did You Know”
- 4.6 Carrie Basha phoned to request an application for the use of Camp Morgan Lodge on behalf of the local Girl Scout Troop; they are requesting to use the building for a bridging ceremony. Dagesse forwarded the application.
- 4.7 Greg Carter, a Millen Pond Road property owner, phoned Dagesse inquiring on the status of a parcel of land on the waterfront. Dagesse advised Carter that the property had been taken for taxes. Carter was informed that there is a process for the former property owner to repurchase the land from the Town. Dagesse to coordinate with the tax collector to calculate the back taxes and penalties. Dagesse advised Carter that a certified letter must be sent to the Selectmen’s Office stating his intent to repurchase the property from the Town of Washington and that he is ready, willing and able to pay all back taxes, penalties, interests and costs as defined RSA:80:90 a period of fifteen days is allowed to repurchase the property.
- 4.8 Steve Williams requested assistance completing a Board of Adjustment application. Dagesse coordinated a time to complete the paperwork.
- 4.9 Jim Gaskell requested a copy of the Tuesday, September 14, 2010 election results for the Historical Society. Dagesse contacted Poole, who provided the information.
- 4.10 Tom Burt and Normand Robert requested to be added to the Selectmen’s distribution list. Dagesse added them to the email list.
- 4.11 John Hyland updated the Selectmen on the new State education aid formula that is scheduled to go into effect July 1, 2011. With this new formula Washington will become a donor town and possibly lose \$198,295 in State funding. (See “Did You Know” )
- 4.12 Stephen Carter phoned to inquire on the status of a Millen Pond Road property. (See 4.7)

4.13 A Valley Road property owner spoke with Eaton regarding an issue with hunting geese. Eaton advised that it was domestic goose hunting season. The resident asked what was the distance that someone can hunt from a home. The resident said that the hunter was approximately 300 feet. Eaton said that this would be a safe distance. The resident had called dispatch requesting to be patched in with Chief Marshall, who was not on duty, but on call. The phone call could not be made. (5.4.3.)

4.14 Eaton spoke with Carl Moore regarding his assessed property value even after he attended the public hearing. Eaton suggested that Moore speak with the Assessor's. Moore had concerns with the right-of-way over his property and the topography.

4.15 Natalie Jurson advised that the railing at the end of the handicap ramp railing at Camp Morgan Lodge was starting to splinter. Eastman to investigate.

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

### **5.1 Ed Thayer:**

**5.1.1.** Requested that the Selectmen review the Town of Washington Drug and Alcohol Policy updates. Thayer advised that the Department of Transportation had made some changes that had been included in our policy. Thayer requested that the Selectmen approve the changes so that he may update and have the Public Works employees review and sign. The Selectmen agreed with the changes and signed the policy.

**5.1.2.** Reported that the Public Works Department shimmed Faxon Hill Road and portions of East Washington Road this week.

**5.1.3.** Dropped off a driveway application for Roger Chicoine. Dagesse forwarded to the Planning Board.

### **5.2 Michelle Dagesse:**

**5.2.1.** Reported that she had contacted Municipal Resources and spoke with Doug Smith who informed Dagesse on the process in having the Town become GASB compliant. Dagesse requested that Smith work on a quote; which was received Wednesday. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the contract. Dagesse will meet with Smith next Friday. The goal is to complete the process prior to the next fiscal year.

**5.2.2.** Provided the Selectmen with a copy of the MS-4 for their review.

### **5.3 Lynn Cook:**

**5.3.1.** Assisted the Selectmen with researching an assessed value (from 2006) on a Millen Pond Road property. (See 4.7)

### **5.4 Chief Marshall:**

**5.4.1.** Discussed with the Selectmen the coordination on filming of the movie.

**5.4.2.** Advised the Selectmen that he had requested a work crew from the county jail to do some moving of files on the second floor of the Police Department.

**5.4.3.** Will call dispatch regarding patching of blocked calls through dispatch. (Ref. 4.13)

**5.5 Ingrid Halverson:**

**5.5.1.** Wanted to know when she should remove the bunting from the bandstand. Dagesse to advise.

**5.5.2.** Advised the Selectmen that Phil Barker is willing to build a tabletop podium for \$15.00.

**6. Public Appointments:**

**6.1** Leigh Cheney, a coordinator for CAPHN (Capital Area Public Health Network), Washington is a participant of the group as well as 23 other surrounding Towns. Cheney advised the Selectmen that the Town of Washington is very well represented in CAPHN and should be very proud. The Town of Washington is very self-sufficient and it is amazing. During the recent flu clinic, the Town of Washington had staffed the clinic with many volunteers. Cheney asked that the Selectmen signed off agreeing to the emergency plan and advised that there will be some updating necessary. Cheney provided the Selectmen with a flash drive containing the copy for the Town to file. Cheney reviewed and explained the plan with the Selectmen. Mary Reed provided the Selectmen with a brochure regarding the medical reserve corps and how the program works.

**6.2** Bonnie Hannemann dropped off a building permit application and requested that she be included on the Selectmen's Minutes distribution list.

**7.0 COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED**

**7.1** Email from the APDVD advising that a normal drawdown of Ashuelot Pond will begin on or after October 12, 2010. –

**7.2** Email from Ken Eastman advising of a "Get Out and Play" weekend- October 2-3, 2010- Public reading file

**7.3** Email from Carolyn Russell advising that the New Hampshire Humanities Council awarded us the grant that the Town has applied for. – Filed

**7.4** Email from Carol Andrews regarding protocol for selling raffle tickets to benefit the Eccardt Farm project. – (See 9.2)

**7.5** Letter from Dave Dailey advising of the Richard Cook Memorial hike. – See Important Dates

**7.6** Invoice from the Town's attorney. – Forward to Dagesse

**7.7** Invoice from Thomson West for a copy of RSA. – Forward to Dagesse

- 7.8 A copy of The New Hampshire Civil Engineer. – Forward to Thayer
- 7.9 Water test results from NH DES for Millen Pond and Mill Pond. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.10 Invoice from SimplexGrinnell. –Dagesse to contact the company regarding the incorrect invoice
- 7.11 Letter from Granite State Communications advising of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Hometown Hero Award and an open house. – Public reading file
- 7.12 Letter from Richard Monahan Architects and his willingness to meet with the new Selectmen’s Advisory Committee to work forward as a consultant. – Filed for Advisory Committee Meeting
- 7.13 Notice from the Sullivan County Treasurer advising of the town’s portion of the county tax. – Forward to Dagesse
- 7.14 Note from Evie Boyce requesting information regarding cemetery supplies and flags. - Dagesse to respond
- 7.15 Email from the Town’s attorney regarding the filming of the movie in the Town of Washington. – (Ref 4.7 of last week’s minutes)
- 7.16 St. Jean Auctioneer sent a notice for an upcoming auction. – Forward to Thayer

## **8.0 Unfinished Business**

- 8.1 Tom Taylor brought the Selectmen’s attention to (last week’s minutes 5.1.2.) exempting a road bond for a logger. The Selectmen were in agreement last week to Thayer’s proposal and advised him of the fact.
- 8.2 Eastman and Fraser attended the cell phone tower meeting last night. The Town has a long way to go and Eastman will be meeting concerned committees in the near future. Eastman informed Eaton on the subject covered during the meeting.
- 8.3 Eastman researched the pilot light on the stove at Camp Morgan Lodge. American Ranges advised that it couldn’t be modified as an electronic ignition. The Selectmen to discuss other possibilities.

## **9.0 New Business**

- 9.1 The Selectmen would like to congratulate Lolly Gilbert for winning the EMS provider of the year for the State of New Hampshire. The ceremony will be held September 29, 2010 at the Center for Performing Arts in Concord at 7PM.
- 9.2 Eaton motioned to authorize the Conservation Commission to sell raffle tickets on behalf of the Eccardt fundraiser. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor. (See 7.4)
- 9.3 Polling results are available at the Town Hall and the website will be posting the results as well.

**10.0 DISBURSEMENTS APPROVED**

10.1 The Board approved cheques for payroll of \$7,137.14 and vendors \$14,601.81 the week of September 17, 2010.

**11.0 ADJOURNMENT**

11.1 Eaton motioned to adjourn. Eastman seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM.

Respectfully,

Michelle Dagesse  
Secretary for the Board of Selectmen