

# Town of Washington Selectmen Minutes

December 20, 2010

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:00 . J. Huebner, S. Lennon and R. Borgnis present.
2. J. Huebner motioned to accept the minutes of December 13, 2010. S. Lennon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. R. Spencer informed the Board that the Veterans Services is offering training at the Marlborough Holiday Inn. V. Breen will attend the course. An Article will be added to the Special Town Meeting Warrant requesting a transfer of funds in the amount less than \$400.00.
4. Action Items: The Town's Insurance Company will not cover the damage to the stone wall. J. Huebner followed up with B. Domina receiving the vulnerability assessment and P. Mikaniewicz performed the ADA assessment at the Highway garage finding a handicap accessibility infraction. J. Huebner provided K. Sharp with the name of an Electrician.
5. E. Bond submitted a very past due bill from LP Adams that has not yet be paid. The Board discussed the Special Town Meeting time and date with Town Moderator E. Bond
6. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of a returned Town of Washington check payable to MHQ in the amount of \$52.05. The Board will forward the duplicate payment check to D. Parnell.
7. The Board signed a get well card for a past member of the Board of Selectmen.
8. Jim Huebner read the Memorandum from the Berkshire Regional Transit Authority regarding the Conflict of Interest Law & Education. The correspondence requires and on-line training to be completed every two years and signing the Conflict of Interest Law every year. Both documents need to be completed ten days from receipt of the correspondence. The Board will complete the on-line training.
9. R. Borgnis and S. Lennon reviewed the bids for repair the stone wall while J. Huebner abstained from the conversation. R. Borgnis moved to postpone awarding the bid for repairing the stone wall until the end of March beginning of April. After discussion the topic was tabled until next meeting.
10. K. Sharp asked the Board what is the amount of money he can spend on maintenance without getting permission from the Board. The Board requested that they be informed of any proposed work and asked that K. Sharp obtain at least three quotes.
11. R. Borgnis informed the Board that the documentation provided for stumpage fees was actually the amount paid by the City of Pittsfield in substitution of real estate taxes.
12. Jim Huebner read the Town of Lee, Notice of a Public Hearing regarding construction of an elevator/stair tower at 57 Main Street.
13. The Board along with D. Fish and D. Spencer discussed electrical inspections, trench permits and the existing driveway of the new residence under construction on Washington Mountain Road.
14. J. Huebner read the correspondence from The Town of Dalton informing Central Berkshire Regional School District that the Town is not able to accept any increase in its assessment from the CBRSD for fiscal year 2012.
15. Jim Huebner read the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities Notice of Filing and Public Hearing regarding merger of Northeast Utilities and NSTAR.
16. The Board discussed what type and length of coverage will be needed when J. Hostetter takes a leave next May.
17. The Board discussed with J. Hostetter and D. Spencer how much of the Special Town Meeting Warrant will be ready for publishing in the January issue of the Tracks.
18. J. Huebner informed the Board that the remaining depositions will be Tuesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.
19. The Board discussed informing the Becket Postmaster that mail addressed to the Selectmen with the 8 Summit Hill Road address is delivered to the Town Hall and not individual Selectmen's house. R. Borgnis will draft a letter.
20. R. Borgnis informed the Board that she contacted New England Woodland Management regarding the public information request for the amount of timber sales from logging in the watershed area. They are working on the request and should have

a response in a few days. D. Fish asked for the contact information as he would like them to follow thru with the promise of removing the upper landing once it was no longer needed as people are using it to access the area for dumping.

21. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter if the DLTA grant request went out. It was mailed early Tuesday morning.
22. R. Borgnis informed the Board that she filled out Steven F. Patterson, Moderator of Richmond's request for salary information and also requested copies of the survey results.
23. R. Borgnis reported on her conversation with at the Lee Regional VNA regarding disease reporting. The cost would be \$2000.00 for a full year.
24. J. Huebner reported that he was asked to respond during the Berkshire County Board of Health call down drill.
25. J Huebner will draft a letter to USDA notifying them of the completion of the compliance conditions.
26. The Board discussed the certificates of Inspection for the manor house and carriage barn at Bucksteep Manor. There're a couple of infractions that the Board will check with Town Counsel regarding rescinding the liquor licenses if order of conditions are not addressed.
27. The Board requested that J. Hostetter complete for signature the 2011 permits & licenses for the Monday December 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and sending out correspondence to holders notifying them of their expiring permits and requesting payment of any back taxes.
28. J. Huebner asked if any of the Board members volunteer to be the delegates during January 4<sup>th</sup> Central Berkshire meeting electing the Collective Bargaining delegate.
29. J. Huebner informed the Board that he had researched the standard mileage rate and motioned to increase the reimbursement rate to the standard IRS rate of .50. S Lennon seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.
30. J. Heubner motioned to adjourn the meeting. S. Lennon seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

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