

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – June 1, 2015

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:06. Attending for the Board were J. Huebner, S. Lennon and M. Case.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, J. Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes from May 18, 2015. M. Case seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. J. Huebner requested a get well soon card for J. Nelson.
4. E. Bond reported on the maintenance performed for the Town informing the Board that the handicap hand railing has been re-painted, that the bathrooms in the park are cleaned and stocked, digital locks have been placed on the bathroom doors so they will not be opened all the time. If someone has a permit the bathrooms will be opened. E. Bond also reported that the cane display box will be re-hung with the cane inside.
5. E. Bond informed the Board that after he had seen D. Fish driving by in the large military dump truck with a pine tree in the back he received a call from T. Drugmand asking he had seen D. Fish diving by in the truck because he drove the truck into the Fish property on Washington Mountain Road then later started a fire in which the Fire Department was later called to investigate because of the no burn order. E. Bond added that D. Fish has been having fires there for many years that P. Borgnis used to complain because of the smoke entering his house. The Board discussed if there had been any other burning complaints against D. Fish in the past for that location. None of the Selectmen remembered any. E. Bond also mentioned that a large brush pile has been deposited on the property as well. There was discussion on the relevance of the regarding the brush with E. Bond stating that the by-law states material foreign to the property cannot be brought in to burn. The brush remains in a pile on the property, it is not being burned.
6. T. Drugmand addressed the Board with concerns regarding events that recently occurred stating that when her husband spotted smoke coming from the woods near the Fish property the fire chief was called to investigate and since that day piles of brush have been dumped on the Fish property near the road. M. Case entered into the record that T. Drugmand contacted him with this complaint and that he forwarded the complaint to J. Huebner. T. Drugmand added that her husband spoke to Building Inspector regarding the foreign brush and it is violation of by-law 4.2.7A. They were advised to speak to Board first before filing a formal complaint. T. Drugmand informed the Board that she has recorded dates and times when she sees things and has also taken pictures, which she then submitted to the Board then asked if they could be entered into the record. She would like to know why the brush was dumped there and what it is going to be done with it. T. Drugmand also reported that she has seen town trucks going back and forth on the property on the weekends. She is not sure what is in the

trucks because they are covered. She added that the town's pay loader was used this past winter to open up his driveway and that it was on the backside of his property for about an hour. J. Huebner informed T. Drugmand that he spoke to the Fire Chief, who confirmed that he received a report and discovered during his investigation that there were large logs burning in a pile. The Fire Chief asked D. Fish to cease and desist and D. Fish complied. J. Huebner submitted the photos of a truck dumping brush on the Fish property into the record. J. Huebner informed T. Drugmand that since D. Fish is not present the matter will be addressed during the review process that the Board will speak to D. Fish regard the brush pile and use of town property. M. Case he put a lot of money into his property, that he agrees to live and let live but he does not want to see junk all over properties within the town. S. Lennon asked T. Drugmand why she is not concerned with her other neighbor, the house further down the road with junk cars all over and burnout marks on the road? T. Drugmand stated that complaints were made against that location to the previous Selectmen years ago and that it was cleaned up. There was discussion on what violates by-law 4.2.7 with S. Lennon requesting that the property be re-inspected.

7. S. Nelson stated that he is not there to complain, that he would like to ask the Board for help. He displayed three large rocks on the Selectmen's desk explaining that this is the size of the rocks used to fill in the mud on Cross Place Road. The traffic on the road has not pressed the rocks into the road so the remaining rocks are causing damage to the vehicles traveling that road. S. Nelson asked if anything could be done to fix the problem. The Board asked temporary Highway Superintendent T. Johnson, who replied that smaller stone could be added then press in by driving over it with the roller adding that is what is planned for the beginning of Watson. T. Johnson reported that there is material in the yard for that project but the Highway Crew are working areas of West Branch and County for the DCR project first then Cross Place and Watson can be addressed. The Board thanked T. Johnson for attending while covering for D. Fish's vacation.
8. P. Willis introduced a potential new resident named Charlie who is considering purchasing property on Cross Place Road. They were seeking contact information on witnessing a perc test and input on the possible curb cutout location. The Board asked P. Wills and Charlie to contact both the Health Agent S. Krzanik and Conservation Commission member K. Walls. J. Hostetter provided the curb cutout permit application for both Highway Department and Conservation Commission.
9. J. Huebner entered into the record that S. Lennon as Clerk of the Selectboard signed a \$597,000 Anticipation Serial Loan – Municipal Purpose Loan for the Town dated June 12, 2015 (the "Note") to Easthampton Savings Bank, at the price of \$597,000.00 is hereby approved and confirmed. The Note shall be payable on June 10, 2016, and shall bear interest at the rate of 0.53%. There was brief discussion on if the money disbursement timeline and amount, chapter 90 funds and the use the loan for something other than the current purpose.
10. J. Huebner provided an update on Washington Mountain Road project reporting that the bids were opened on the 27th, that the estimated cost was set at approximately 7.2 million dollars with four bids

received ranging from 7.1 to 8.8 million dollars. J. Huebner added that Peter Niles of the DOT explained that it will take 30 days to receive the award, a pre-construction conference will be scheduled in which the Town will be invited and that work begins approximately 30 days after award is received. Reconstruction of Washington Mountain Road will begin this summer.

11. J. Huebner report that the Summit Hill Road bridge will be a 2016 project with request for bids going out in October 2015 with construction to begin around spring of 2016 so we have to live with the restriction for a while longer. S. Nelson asked how long it will take to complete the WMR project. J. Huebner replied that the schedule will be determined during the pre-construction conference but that date has not been set yet. There was discussion on the re-surfacing of route 8. J. Huebner will try to get a schedule for re-surfacing of route 8.
12. The Board reviewed design plans from Holden for replacement of the Cross Place culvert. There was discussion on the communication between Holden and P. Clark regarding permitting and Chapter 90 application timelines, bid timelines in consideration of the current construction season.
13. There was nothing new to report on Eden Glenn in P. Clark's absence. There was a brief discussion on the sign placed by the dam.
14. J. Huebner acknowledged that the town's Annual Reports have been brought up to date. He thanked J. Hostetter for completing that task and asked that future reports be completed timely.
15. J. Huebner announced that a County Health initiative is scheduled for next Tuesday morning, that he will be attending that meeting.
16. J. Huebner announced that he forwarded to the Emergency Managers notification of the BCBOH sponsored training on Physiological First Aid.
17. J. Huebner asked if anyone was interested in attending a Workshop on Abandoned and Derelict properties. There was a brief discussion on the relevance to the town. There was no interest.
18. J. Huebner reported that at the latest MPO meeting it was announced that the Project Selection Advisory Committee, created during the Patrick administration, will meet to look at the way transportation construction projects are prioritized. J. Huebner reported that he has reviewed the documentation and asked M. Case and S. Lennon to also review the documentation as for comments. M. Case informed the Board the he was asked to comment on the MBTA.
19. J. Huebner reported on a conversation he had with Steve Connor who runs the Veterans Services for North Hampton. Amherst, Hadley, Goshen, Cummington, Worthington, Chesterfield, Williamsburg and Middlefield with a total budget of a quarter of a million dollars. S. Connor proposed to act as the Town's Veterans Agent for a fee of \$2,068.22 for fiscal year 2016. Service would include Town Hall

hours of a half a day a month and providing a twenty four hour 1-800 hotline. The next steps would be for each town would need to sign the Municipal Agreement. M. Case reported that he spoke to both the Mayor and VSO in Pittsfield. They said that they willing to provide the service but would not be able to send someone to the Town but residents could go the Pittsfield City Hall and arrange transportation through Soldier On if necessary. There was discussion on the needs of the Town, reimbursement of payments, Chapter 115, qualifications and budgeted funds. V. Cormier reported that she asked P. Collins, who is going to become the Hinsdale VA, to take on Washington as well. The Board wants to make a decision within the next couple of weeks. M. Case will investigate the Pittsfield option.

20. J. Huebner asked T. Johnson about a few open action items. T. Johnson reported that the “No Dumping” sign has been installed and that he could not report on if D. Fish contacted either CSX regarding their property flooding or P. Greene regarding non-permitted curb cuts.
21. E. Bond thanked T. Johnson for weed whacking the park adding that the Park looks beautiful.
22. J. Huebner entered into the record that the Board of Health sent a letter to the Hostetter family on Frost Road regarding their complaint. There was no indication of a health violation. S. Lennon posed the question that why are there complaints about brush piles when people have loads of logs to cut up for firewood dumped on their property but nothing is being done about junk cars, cans and bottles and junk all over. T. Drugmand added that is what the by-laws state that dictates what action if any should be taken. S. Lennon requested J. Huebner’s copy of the by-law for review.
23. V. Breen reported the on a conversation he had with Mr. Williams of WMR regarding semi-trucks driving down Washington Mountain Road. Chief reported that the truckers are independent, that all vehicles are weighed before they leave the property that they all meet the MGL regulations adding that any truck over the limit is permitted. He is not sure why trucks are going down Washington Mountain Road but M. Williams stated the he will talk to each driver about minding the speed limits set for that road.
24. M. Case reported that E. Bond will fix the flag pole in front of the Town Hall.
25. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to compile this year’s list of Appointments, send out performance review forms and begin setting up review times with some next week if possible and with D. Fish to be reviewed on June 22nd. M. Case requested re-scheduling D. Fish’s review. There was a discussion on an alternate date.
26. Chief Breen informed the Board of rules regulations and policies changes to Criminal Justice Information Service (CJIS). He went through the second audit and there are a few things that have to be changed. No one is allowed in the room housing the system alone. If IT or maintenance has to go into the room alone, they have to have fingerprints on file. He can no longer run CORI checks on new

hires, that a privately owned company located in Pittsfield now runs CORI checks for a fee. M. Case added that the school committee requires the CORI check at the employee's expense. Chief informed the Board that there are about five hundred pages of changes.

27. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of CBRSD general purpose financial statement for the year ended June 20, 2014 and independent auditors' reports. M. Case stated for the record that the Auditors found Melissa Filkowski extremely capable with almost no problems what so ever. J. Huebner agreed.
28. J. Huebner announced that there is a Small Town Advisory Meeting scheduled for the 11th to discuss Small Town Administrators. There was no interest in attending.
29. K. Lew summarized the report he was asked to review from Adam Chait of Fiber Connect, LLC out of Monterey. The company is setup to help build networks, that Wired West is not the only game in town that any money that was approved by the Town can be used and he would like an opportunity to talk to the Board about this option. There was discussion on the number of offers appearing after funding approval, prior to funding opportunities, municipality based business rather than a private and the positive vote because it is a municipality based organization.
30. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of a Certificate of Training awarded to V. Cormier and B. Keyes for the successful completion of Temporary Food Events Training. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to give the certificates to G. Grogan for the employee files.
31. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of Wild & Scenic Westfield River Committee meeting minutes for the files and meeting notice, which had already taken place on May 28th.
32. J. Huebner announced that all the Selectmen received a letter from the Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance.
33. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of Elder service request for a donation.
34. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of BCHS Policy: Registered Sex Offenders. J. Hostetter to file the documents.
35. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to post Local Cultural Council Grant Program request for community Partner.
36. M. Case reminded everyone that this Sunday, June 7th is the first Sunday evening in the Park sponsored by Mike Morrow.
37. M. Case provided the BRTA Advisory Board his contact information as the Town of Washington's designee.

- 38. J. Huebner announced that P. Clark is looking into the next round of MEMA funding
- 39. Since the only new business in the Board of Health folder is the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Industrial Fatality report no meeting was scheduled. J. Huebner provided V. Cormier with the report to review and/or file.
- 40. J. Huebner announced that there will be a Capital Meeting on Monday, June 15th .a Special Town Meeting in four weeks and there will not be a Selectmen meeting the first Monday in July.
- 41. J. Huebner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 pm. M. Case seconded and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved: _____ Date: _____

Approved: _____

Approved: _____

Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Hostetter