

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – July 20, 2015

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Attending for the Board were J. Huebner, Shaun Lennon and M. Case.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, J. Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes from July 13, 2015 as written. S. Lennon seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. J. Hostetter informed the Board that she is working on the Annual Report submission request letters this week. J. Hostetter also informed the Board that she spoke to J. Nelson, who believes that DOT has Washington MA mixed up with Mount Washington. J. Nelson wrote a letter to the Tribal Historical Preservation Officer asking for confirmation that they had received the request for plan review from the DOT regarding the Summit Hill Road Bridge crossing over CSX tracks. After discussion J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to mail the letter.
4. J. Huebner reporting on the status of Summit Hill Bridge said that District 1 will submit 25%/75% plans by the end of July.
5. J. Huebner reported that the pre-construction conference for the Washington Mountain Road project is scheduled for July 30th at 10:00 am.
6. D. Fish reported that the pile of brush that was on his property is now a mulch pile at the Transfer Station. J. Huebner asked D. Fish to recap for the record how the mulch pile came about. D. Fish said that town brush comingled with brush from his property was brought to his property for the purpose of burning on his own time for recreation. The Board received a complaint about his fire and the brush pile, there were multiple conservations over a couple of weeks before the Board asked that the brush be mulched and piled up at the Transfer Station for residents to take. There was discussion on the pumpkin walk fire, camp fires and resident fires with D. Fish stating that he is in charge of building the fire at the Pumpkin Walk and there are never permits issued for that fire because by law you cannot permit the activity. Many in attendance admitted that they have recreation fires all the time. M. Case said that campfires at the campground are allowed. J. Huebner reminded D. Fish that he is the most public position within the town and there are many who watch what he does so it would be best to walk a straight line despite what others may be doing.
7. J. Huebner asked D. fish what the fact were regarding Lower Sargent Road as he has been told it has not been graded in three years. D. Fish stated that Lower Sargent Road was graded last year by A. Southard and T. Johnson and that it will be graded again this year. D. Fish also told the Board that it is a low volume road and there is nothing wrong with road and that apple trees along the road are damaging the grader. T. Johnson also reported that the road is in good condition, there are no wash outs, it's not overgrown and in his opinion it does not need to be graded. J. Huebner asked D. Fish to remember to keep things by the book.

8. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of the Eden Glen inspection report from Horizon consulting Services and asked J. Hostetter to make copies for the August 17th Capital Asset Meeting.
9. After discussion J. Huebner motioned to approve the letter written on behalf of the Board regarding Superintendent Putman's resignation. M. Case seconded the motion which was approved by unanimous vote.
10. Phil Clark reported that he is in the process of designing plans for Eden Glen and that he met with the Cadmans. They worked out some of the issues with driveway access that was changed in original design and walked the property lines. P. Clark informed the Board that in 1982 the Cadman's received, from the Town Counsel at the time, a cease and desist order for work along the banks. May take trees down, install headwalls.
11. J. Huebner reported that he sent a congratulatory email to the new Chairman of the Hinsdale Board of Selectmen and that he is holding off on sending an email regarding coordination of work. M. Case said that he was told that Kirchner Road will be worked on in August. D. Fish reported that he is waiting for final approval with Cathy Stevens before the Blotz Road goes out to bid. There was discussion on the coordinating the projects and the advantage of having both completed together. D. Fish said they are different projects with different types of groups interested in bidding and that if the projects are done separately Hinsdale section should be done first because we do not want the heavy traffic on our newly repaired road. There was additional discussion on the poor condition of the road. The Board suggested that D. Fish talk to C. Stevens to see if she can assist in coordination on the two projects.
12. D. Fish reported that the Town spent \$1,000.00 on repair the culvert pipe by old school house.
13. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to copy and to mail the Mass DOT Title Vi/Nondiscrimination Assurances documentation he signed.
14. The Board discussed the Car Show permit for Summit Hill Campground and a Temporary Food Vendor permit for J. Hopkins before signing both permits.
15. J. Huebner entered into the record that M. Case was appointed as the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission Alternate.
16. J. Huebner approved MMA Annual Dues for fiscal year 2016.
17. Kinder Morgan's Board approved a scaled back version of the pipeline. They are using the lowest of the range of pipes that they said that they would use which is a 30 inch pipeline.

18. J. Huebner informed the Board that the Legislature plans to extend public records request act. It will cost the Town more money slashing reimbursements, no reimbursement for any news organization, comply within fifteen days.
19. The Board discussed the comments made by P. Keiper about the vehicles parked on B. Cawley's property and permitting. J. Huebner will draft a letter.
20. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of fifty dollars for a temporary food vendor permit.
21. J. Huebner asked V. Cormier to report on the Borgnis Landfill. V. Cormier reported that either the DEP or EPA inspected the Borgnis property where the dump was located. Contamination was found and it needs to be cleaned up before the sale can go through. M. Case asked if she knew what kind of contamination was found and how much. V. Cormier did not know. V. Cormier also said that her trailer was moved across the road to its current location by the previous owner because contamination was found in the ground under the trailer and the well. There was discussion on where the contamination could have spread to as there is a stream running through the property with mention of the Neumath and Wells property. P. Clark said from his experience with work in Hinsdale that once contamination was found there was sampling all the way to the beach and the houses lining Plunket Road. There was discussion on the liability of the property owner, business that used the old dump with mention that the type of material that was allowed to be dumped is defined in the files.
22. J. Huebner read an email from Paul Blunk of Holden providing an update on the process stating that on July 17th they conducted a bat easement roosting study on site and throwing the process holdup to P. Clark and abutter contact. There was discussion on going forward without Holden, the amount of money paid as compared to contract schedule having missed deadlines, not having any approvals or bid document yet. J. Huebner said that the Board is taking P. Clark at his word that the bridge is not going to get done this year. J. Huebner motioned to cut Holden lose. S. Lennon seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to send a copy of the contract, progress reports and copies of the invoices to Town Counsel. J. Huebner asked P. Clark to send Town Counsel copies of everything submitted, project plans, draft of bid plans and any correspondence. P. Clark will also provide all the digital information on a disk.
23. J. Huebner motioned to adjourn at 7:48 PM. M. Case seconded and the vote to adjourn passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted, Jodi Hostetter