

## Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – July 27, 2015

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Attending for the Board was 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 of July 20, 2015. M. Case seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
3. J. Huebner addressing an email from D. Johns, Treasurer of the Cultural Council informing the Board of open seats as both P. Mikaniewicz and B. Keyes term is ending and neither one is allowed to serve another term. There was discussion on term limits, terms and meeting schedule with M. Case recommended Stephanie Case.
4. J. Huebner motioned to accept the August Selectmen letter submission to the Tracks. M. Case seconded the motion was passed unanimously. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to submit the letter to the Tracks as soon as possible.
5. M. Case reported on the TAC meeting that he attended last Tuesday morning informing the Board that re-construction of Washington Mountain Road is expected to begin two weeks after the pre-construction hearing, which is scheduled for this Thursday night. J. Huebner said that the Board has been invited and will attend along with Superintendent Fish.
6. M. Case also informed the Board that the Summit Hill Road bridge plans are expected to be completed. That there is 2.2 million dollars earmarked for the project but he is not optimistic that the construction will begin this year. M. Case added that this year the Town of Washington will receive eleven million dollars in highway funding from the state.
7. Tom and Eileen Hoffman and Robert G. Jarvie Sr. informed the Board that there was some trouble with Summit Hill Campground car show. About 100 cars were in attendance. Vehicles were leaving the camp burned out from the campground gate all the way around the corner and up the flat stretch adding that he had to move off the road three times while coming home because of how fast cars were driving. Mr. Jarvie

requested that before next year's permit is issued that the Board require on the permit they have to hire a minimum of two police officers to direct traffic at their own expense. J. Huebner asked about Police response with Mr. Jarvie replying that no one called the police. After discussion the Board agreed to send a letter now and set traffic control limits on the permit when issued. There was additional discussion on the condition of the road with Mr. Jarvie stating that the burn outs removed the gravel exposing the tar. There was also discussion on the speed limit before and after the bridge and patrolling. J. Huebner thanked the Hoffman's and Mr. Jarvie for bring this to the Board's attention. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to file the letter where it will serve as a reminder next permit season.

8. J. Huebner filled in FY2016 Annual Berkshire County Selectmen's Association Dues and updated contact information documentation.
9. Chief Breen informed the Board that he attended a meeting today at the State Police Barracks. When he was returning, driving Washington mountain road with the radar gun on and he passed a car doing 88 miles an hour. He put the lights on to slow the vehicle down but did not stop the vehicle. There was discussion on vehicle speeds traveling that road and the State Police presence. M. Case informed Chief Breen that Deputy Sherriff Garvie will be contacting him regarding the Washington Mountain Road project.
10. J. Huebner informed D. Fish that the Board received signed documentation from Acting Highway Director, Mark Moore approving Chapter 90 funding for the John Deer Tractor project in the amount of \$90,000.000. There was discussion with D. Fish reporting that he is still awaiting documentation on Frost Road funding.
11. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to print out an emergency trapping permit for Eric Shaffer of the USDA/ Wildlife Services Employees, who was hired by CSX to trap. There was discussion on beaver deceivers and flooding with D. Fish reporting that the Upper Valley culverts will be checked tomorrow to make sure the Town is not contribution to any water issues.
12. J. Huebner stated for the record that Eyal Shapira has volunteered to be on the Cultural Council.

13. J. Huebner asked the Board if they want to do something collectively regarding the speed on Frost Road. M. Case reported that E. Bond created a cross walk. S. Connor said that going down the hill is out of control, you go from level to a decline then to a 6% grade then a 9% grade. D. Spencer said you have to stand on the brakes to do the speed limit. After further discussion on what could be done M. Case suggested adding a step grade sign along with the curve sign. The Board agreed.
14. M. Case reported that Summit Hill is in the final designs stages and Mr. Frieri does not expect it to begin until next spring. There was discussion on the project with M. Case reporting that Mr. Frieri is checking the ownership of the bridge as he was under the impression that it is a municipal bridge and not a state owned bridge.
15. J. Huebner reported that Hinsdale has filled in the tank traps on Kirchner Road. He is building a good working relationship with the new Selectmen, John Genzabella.
16. J. Huebner reported that he filled out a the Food Establishment Report for the State Board of Health adding that the Town does not currently have any and that the report was returned completed by e-mail.
17. J. Huebner said that there was nothing new to report on Bucksteep Manor.
18. After reading a letter drafted by the Board to Mr. Cawley regarding vehicles parked in front of his property and permitting J. Huebner motioned to sign and send this letter. S. Lennon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. J. Huebner asked J. Hostetter to send a copy to P. Keiper.
19. J. Huebner motioned to appoint M. Case as interim Veterans Agent. S. Lennon seconded and the motion passed with M. Case abstaining from the vote. M. Case said that he accepts the position as he has a good rapport with Mr. Clark and Hinsdale's Veterans Agent P. Collins.
20. M. Case is working on the cemetery land project. There was discussion about the about 30 year process of approval then denial.
21. J. Heubner reported that Solar Income Partners has a new construction company so the Town will receive a new proposal.

22. J. Huebner announced that there will be a Board of Health next Monday, August 3rd at 6:30 PM.

23. There being no further business brought before the Board M. Case made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 PM. J. Huebner seconded and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jodi Hostetter