

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen – April 4, 2016

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. 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 March 28, 2016. M. Case seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. The Board discussed sending a letter to the Governor of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and getting broadband to the Town. J. Huebner tabled that decision until next week per the recommended by our Wired West representative S. Nelson.
4. J. Huebner reported that there is nothing new to report on the Veterans memorial.
5. J. Huebner reminded the Board that there will be a budget review next week that the Board will not meet on April 18th in observance of Patriots Day so the Annual Town Meeting Warrant should be completed and approved during the April 25th meeting.
6. J. Huebner reported that CSX has a new road boss who seems to be happy to discuss issues with the Board. That it was asked that when clearing is necessary the cutting be kept to CSX's property and not within the wetlands. T. Johnson reported that the water level on Upper Valley Road is down.
7. J. Huebner reported on conversations with Baltazar regarding Washington Mountain Road informing the Board that the knocked down mail box was put back up and running the same day and that Baltazar was asked not to impede the mail carrier, that mail delivery should run smoothly. V. Cormier commented that the road narrow sign is not enough for the uneven road surface and could cause damage to vehicles.
8. J. Huebner reported that there was nothing new to report from MassDOT regarding the Summit Hill Road Bridge.

9. J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of MassDOT correspondence informing the Town it could receive \$171,159.00 in the Chapter 90 funds. Original was given to T. Johnson.
10. M. Case informed the Board that the Spring Dinner is being held on April 28th and that the new head of the DOT will be the speaker for the evening. M. Case reported that he will attend.
11. J. Huebner reported that on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 PM the Seven Town Meeting will be held at Nessacus Middle School.
12. T. Johnson submitted the findings of his research to the value of town's Ford 3600 two wheel drive tractor. After discussion it was decided that the town should keep the old tractor until it is no longer useful or becomes an expense then auction it off. The new tractor was purchased because it has an over the rail mower and four wheel drive.
13. T. Johnson also reported that the Highway Crew fixed the pothole and cleaned out the culvert near 389 Johnson Hill Road and that he will be meeting with the Finance Committee later.
14. J. Huebner reported that he contacted Baltazar regarding D. Grillon's flooding concerns and that he also spoke to B. Keyes.
15. P. Clark reported that the Cross Place Easement does not need to be notarized as it is not being attached to a deed adding the document was re-written removing the notary section and that it has been signed. There was discussion using Chapter 90 funds to cover part of the construction with P. Clark stating that the Town could apply but that should be done ahead of time. Phil Clark will ask the Finance Committee and Highway Superintendent together to work on the application.
16. J. Huebner motioned to hire Jeff's Tree Service to clear out the trees down around the temporary bridge on Cross Place Road for approximately \$6,000.00. There was discussion on who would get the chips with P. Clark reporting that the resident wanted them but had difficulty finding a non-wetland spot to put them. M. Case seconded the

motion which passed by unanimous vote. P. Clark added that the invoice will come to Town directly.

17.J. Huebner entered into the record receipt of a public hearing notice from the Town of Lee announcing a Public Hearing on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:15PM regarding nonconforming structures, uses and lots exemptions.

18.J. Huebner asked P. Clark to report on Middlefield Road's timeline for the engineering assessment of the abutments. P. Clark reported that he would like to complete it in about a month that he needs to get organized as they may have to bore or excavate adding that the drawing he has is good but it is not an engineering designed plan. P. Clark also reported that the Conservation Commission does need to get involved and he would like to make sure he knows exactly what MassDOT expects to receive for evaluation.

19.P. Clark reported on Cross Place Road Bridge progress informing the Board that the plan was submitted last week. The Mylar was taken to MassDOT for approval, which he expects it to get signed. When that certification comes back the Army Corps of Engineers needs issue the final permit, then we can start the bidding process.

20.J. Huebner reported that he went over the records starting back in 2014 with the Eden Glen Hydraulic Study Grant approval that it looks like the Board did not take any formal action on the engineering work. There was discussion on what was discussed and decided when the Town first received the grant approval. J. Huebner passed out to Selectmen M. Case and S. Lennon a spreadsheet put together by G. Grogan reporting all invoicing payments made to Horizon Consulting Services, LLC since the Eden Glen grant. J. Huebner motioned give formal authorization to Horizon Consulting Services, LLC to provide services to satisfy the design scope of the services outlined in the MEMA/FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program terms and conditions for Eden Glen and Frost Road within the guidelines provide the Horizon Consulting Services, LLC correspondence dated March 6, 2015. There was discussion on applying to MEMA/FEMA J. Huebner confirmed with P. Clark that the figure stated in the March 6, 2016 letter reported money of already spent, which is approximately two thirds of total amount. J. Huebner added that the expenditures are within the amount expected for Middlefield and Cross Place roads. T. Drugmand asked for the total amount spent to date with J. Huebner

entering into the record that \$116,251.53 had been spent. There was discussion on the \$10,890.00 amount invoiced for "other" between July 24, 2014 and March 2, 2015. P. Clark will provide the Board with supporting documents. J. Huebner confirmed that there will be no additional cost for the maintenance plan, which is complete or the map of culverts which will include the condition and size.

21. Chief Breen reported that he met with Lieutenant Dalton of the State Police regarding additional coverage to the Town of Washington that Lieutenant Dalton mentioned that an increase in the police will be noticed as five new State Police Troopers from the academy were added to the roster for the next six months. Chief Breen also reported that he met with the Engineer and Foreman of the Washington Mountain project regarding traffic safety adding that the meeting was successful in highlighting and addressing safety issues with employment of additional flagmen and increased police presence.

22. After discussion with P. Clark it was decided that the September 28, 2015 estimate of the total project cost in the amount of \$111,000.00 should be used on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant line item for the Eden Glen damn project.

23. J. Huebner commented that the Army Corps of Engineers is still involved with Holden and that Holden believes they need to be involved.

24. At 7:35PM J. Huebner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. S. Lennon seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Hostetter