

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen at Washington Town Hall

April 10, 2017

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending for the Board were J. Huebner, M. Case and T. Drugmand.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance J. Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes from April 3, 2017. M. Case seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Board of Health:** V. Cormier told the Board that Town Hall will have its water tested by DEP once annually. All Town businesses with a public water supply have to have it done once per month.
4. **Highway Department:** Mike Case reported that Ayal Shapira has closed off Upper Beach Road with a fence at the Washington Mountain Road end. T. Drugmand mentioned that you have to walk in a bit on the road to reach the barrier. He has also posted no trespassing signs there. Discussion followed about the status of that road. J. Huebner said that Mr. Shapira had the Town's permission to maintain and use that portion of the road, not to close it off. We have not abandoned that road. The Chair asked Chief Breen to go over and inspect the road. D. Grillon said that the vote on Upper Beach Road at Town Meeting was not properly recorded with the Attorney's General's Office. We have to contact that office and correct the error. The consensus was that Washington never abandons a road.

Chief Breen said that he had talked with Mr. Shapira about this issue. He claims that the Town gave him permission to close the road. M. Burke added that the state thinks that the road was discontinued. J. Huebner asked Tom Johnson to check with Cathy Stevens about what records DOT has on Upper Beach. Tom will report his findings to Chief Breen. Chief Breen was asked by J. Huebner to wait until we have all the information in hand before speaking to Mr. Shapira.

J. Huebner reported that there is flooding on Upper Valley Road again. He contacted CSX and the USDA but neither responded. He will follow up with them again. They usually respond on the second try.

5. **Town Hall Surplus Equipment:** Dick Spencer made an offer of \$25.00 for the round table from the old building inspector's office. J. Huebner made a motion to accept the offer. M. Case seconded and the vote to accept was unanimous.
6. **Summit Hill Postal Service:** K. Lew told the Board that the postman who delivers his mail spoke to him about postal service to Summit Hill Road during the bridge reconstruction. The Town has to contact the Post Office to plan a way for Summit Hill residents to get their mail during the bridge work. He mentioned that the Post Office could set up temporary mail boxes or we could perhaps have some kind of containers at Town Hall for their mail. J. Huebner said that he would contact the Post Office to work out a solution.
7. **Electrical Inspector:** Tricia Drugmand spoke to Jim LaPier, Washington Electrical Inspector, about the Town's requirements and expectations of him. He understood that he had to submit more timely filings of work performed and checks received. Once a year is no longer acceptable. He agreed to file his records quarterly. He understands that if he does not do so he will not be paid. J. Hostetter has set up a file drawer for him at Town Hall. Ed Bond vouched for the soundness of the quarterly filing approach. K. Lew said that he had written a quarterly plan for our revolving accounts and that he will give J. LaPier a copy.
8. **Department of Transitional Assistance:** J. Huebner said that the state is trying to reach out to people living in rural communities who may be in need of various kinds of assistance. He has spoken to Steve DeLoye, COA Director, about this program. Tricia Drugmand offered to help with this

effort. Sean Conners suggested we put a notice in Tracks asking people to come forward if they are interested.

9. **Ambulance Service:** Sean Conners told the Board that County Ambulance Service would like to come to a Select Board meeting to talk to us about their capabilities. They are located ten miles away in Coltsville and have an ambulance idling 24/7. Crew is standing by around the clock. M. Case said he will talk to Hinsdale again and that it is important for us to understand our options. Hinsdale ambulance is staffed by volunteers. S. Conners said that if it is a serious call like a heart attack, County is the one that will be dispatched anyway. They can put us on their first call list if we request it.

10. **Bylaws:** The Planning Board will have the “Right to Farm” bylaw finished soon. They have done no work on the marijuana cultivation business. T. Drugmand said that they should be looking at that now as other area towns have been approached by companies looking to develop growing facilities.

11. **Adjournment:** At 7:30 J. Huebner made a motion to adjourn the regular Select Board Meeting in order to call the Capital Assets Meeting to order. M. Case seconded the motion and the Select Board Meeting was duly adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jan Nelson