

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen at Washington Town Hall

May 8, 2017

1. J. Huebner called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending for the Board were J. Huebner, T. Drugmand and M. Case.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance, J. Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes of May 1, 2017. M. Case seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
3. T. Drugmand stated for the record that she was tape recording the meeting.
4. **County Ambulance:** Brian Andrews of County Ambulance provided information on their ambulance service. Hinsdale is basic EMT level service, Becket is an advance level service and County Ambulance is a Paramedic Service. There are two locations with the primary location and dispatch located at 175 Wahconah Street and a secondary location at 323 Dalton Avenue. They've been in business since 1982 and operate 10 ambulances with the greatest percentage of their service covered by patient insurance. Distance from Becket to the Town Hall is 10.4 miles vs 9.8 miles from the Dalton Avenue location so response would be about the same. County Ambulance would also help draft an approved Emergency Service Zone Plan. After further discussion the Board requested a sample of a no subsidy agreement.
5. **Open Forum for Residents:** Residents directly affected by the pending reconstruction of Summit Hill Bridge asked for an update on the bridge. J. Huebner reported that he reached out to the legislative delegation. Representative Pignatelli stated that the project time delay it is a state wide problem. He also reached out the CSX Public Relation contract without reply. There was discussion on the value of publicizing the problem and the condition of the alternate route. T. Johnson will continue to work with the Hinsdale Highway Superintendent.

Chief Breen informed the Board that a letter was sent to residents providing his number for them to use if they had questions. He requested being informed of the

progress in order to accurately answer those questions. J. Huebner and T. Johnson will forward new information to Chief Breen.

Mary Jarvie asked the Board to contact the contractor to ask that they submit a request to the post office about moving the temporary mailbox unit from the current location, at the construction site, to another more convenient location. J. Huebner will contact the contractor.

6. **Police:** Chief Breen reported that CSX is installing a telephone for 911 uses so the location required a house number. It was assigned 342 Upper Valley Road. He will register the number with the Clerk.
7. **Washington Mountain Road:** Joe Dorval of 453 Washington Mountain Road asked the Board to request that Baltazar raise the patch to his driveway, remove the silt fence along his property so grass can grow and replace the ground up blacktop material used to line the road shoulder with gravel. T. Drugmand informed Mr. Dorval that Baltazar has stated that residents, if they choose, can remove the silt fencing before the job is complete. She also suggested providing T. Johnson with pictures of what the area looked like prior to work. T. Johnson will add the items to the WMR project record book for point of reference.

T. Drugmand asked that the driveway blind spot caused by the guard rail at 2005 WMR be addressed as soon as possible as it is a real safety issue. J. Huebner has tried to contact Lieutenant Dalton multiple times. T. Johnson will discuss it at his meeting with Baltazar on Tuesday.

8. **Park Commission:** Ed Bond reported that residents Dick Grillion, Dick and Michael Spencer met at the park on Saturday for the annual park cleanup day.
9. **Highway:** The Board discussed with T. Johnson the packages available from Street Scan. He would prefer the Pro System package costing \$14,794.00. Chapter 90 funds can be used to pay for this program. T. Johnson will email J. Huebner the new contract. J. Huebner will ask Town Counsel review it.

10. **Middlefield Road:** J. Huebner reported that there are 15 interested parties who requested RFQ with only one meeting confirmation. J. Huebner requested J. Hostetter email all with a reminder that meeting attendance confirmation should be received by Friday.
11. **Frost Road:** J. Huebner announced that there will be a preconstruction meeting at Eden Glen at 11.00 AM on Tuesday, May 11th. T. Johnson reported that he spoke to Maxymillian confirming the road closure date of Monday, May 15th after receiving a call from Dawn at DuFour Bus Company regarding the detour signs.

Frost Road Culvert is holding and should last until after the Frost Road bridge replacement.

12. **Action Items:** T. Drugmand reported that she filled out the Department of Transitional Assistance Outreach Program application. She started a file and gave it to J. Hostetter for the town's record.

J. Huebner reported that he spoke to Mayor of Pittsfield last Tuesday, who agreed to meet to discuss land for cemetery use. He confirmed that M. Case, T. Drugmand and D. Grillion will attend the meeting that he schedules. J. Huebner confirmed D. Grillion's email address RJGrillion@hotmail.com.

J. Hostetter received the Annual Report submission for the Electrical Inspector and presented the Board with a draft of the FY2016 Annual Report of Town Officers for review.

J. Huebner entered into the record that the Board signed a sympathy card for Karen Avelle. He also read the CBRSD Audit report and the State Aid Program from the MA DOT, which contains very useful "How to" in navigating the bureaucracy.

K. Lew to give J. LaPier a copy of the Town's plan for quarterly reports was removed from the Action Items list.

J. Hostetter will post the Fisheries and Wildlife map from last week's meeting.

13. **Tax Collector** - Charlie Brown has finished the audit. There are a couple of things that still need to be done. K. Lew and J. Huebner discussed potential candidates. J. Huebner will ask both Peggy DeSantis and Gena Campbell to attend next Monday's meeting. M. Martinetto reported that she is finishing up current deposits. K. Lew is working on cleaning up deposits left by S. Cameron. He is ready to start inputting payments into the system which will allow reports to be generated and fund transfers to the Treasurer. K. Lew also reported that there is a glitch in the cloud source database as data from a group of excise tax bills have disappeared. He is still working on the extent of the problem. Stonewall Solutions is looking into the backups. M. Case thanked both G. Grogan and K. Lew for their work. J. Huebner stated for the record that there is compensation available for their time from the Assistant Tax Collector account.

14. **Wired West/Broadband** – K. Lew will update construction cost projections before moving forward with the grant application.

M. Case reported that the Governor's office is pleased that many towns are moving forward with Westfield Gas & Electric.

The Board reviewed the Broadband Update document drafted by Steve Nelson and Kent Lew for distribution at the Annual Town Meeting.

15. **Veteran's Memorial:** The Committee will have an official meeting on June 15th to discuss locations for the memorial.

16. **Annual Town Meeting** – J. Huebner announced the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday starting at 7:00 PM. Kent Lew informed the Board that there will be amendments from the floor.

17. **FEMA** – J. Huebner announced upcoming Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning Discovery Meeting for the Housatonic Watershed. There will be three meetings with closest meeting held on Wednesday May 24th at 10:00AM at the Stockbridge Town Hall. Download the Map from http://newengland.water.usgs.gov/ffema_housatonic Stockbridge.

18. **Other:** J. Hostetter will post free legal services flyer, DOT Capital Investment Plan to be presented in public meeting held Tuesday, May 23rd in Lenox

19. **Adjournment:** J. Huebner made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. M. Case seconded and the vote to adjourn was unanimous.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jodi Hostetter