

Meeting of the Washington Board of Selectmen at Washington Town Hall

July 17, 2017

1. J. Huebner Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Attending for the Board were J. Huebner, T. Drugmand and R. Grillon.
2. After leading the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance J Huebner made a motion to accept the minutes of 7/10/17. T. Drugmand seconded the motion. R. Grillon asked that the minutes be amended to include his statement that no work is to be done in or near his property by the Highway Department for his benefit. J. Huebner moved that the minutes of 7/10/17 be accepted as amended. T Drugmand seconded and the minutes were so accepted unanimously.
3. **Special Town Meeting:** J. Huebner made a motion that the warrant as prepared by the Finance Committee be signed as written. T. Drugmand seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The warrant was given to Chief Breen to post. He left the meeting to do so. Dick Spencer offered to serve as moderator if needed. The meeting will be held at Town Hall on Monday, July 31st at 7:30pm.
4. **Bucksteep Manor:** V. Cormier reported recent activity at Bucksteep. She heard cars entering and exiting the property during the evening and during the day. R. Grillon reported same.?? There was some discussion about what sort of activities might be going on at the property and if they conformed to the definition of the non-profit 501-C-3 tax status of the property. Assessor K. Avalue told the Board that she would need a letter from the Select Board if they wanted to question the owner about the use of Bucksteep. V. Cormier reminded the Board that in her role as Board of Health member she observed the failure of both the wells and septic systems at Bucksteep. Consequently the property was not to be occupied for any purpose.

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Vera observed septic inspection.

1. Wedding at Chapel Dick says. Vera says lots of cars. Dick says they can not bring up there using the facility for anything. Therapy, counseling and networking. Is their filing. In violation of permits. Or RE THEY NOT ACTING ACCORDING TO THEIR %)!c3. They were up in the property not just in Chapel.
2. Eyal – what are his activities. Board of health watching. Chief can't tell what is going on up at Eyal's. Not charging any one for anyone. Doesn't see any sign of a camp. Not serving the general public.
3. Chief comes. Jim asks what is going on at Bucksteep. Chief says he has not seen anyone. Goes up there every 10 days. Jim says more often especially on Weekends. Need to send them letter. Kent has summary of their tax status re 501. Jim says get Karen in the conversation.
4. Karen says he pays a million\$ in taxes. They can do anything if not open to public.
5. Chief telephone scams. The IRS wants you to call do not do so. Chief had a bill for our supplier. Grant will cover all but shipping. Chief will explain it away.
6. Karen Bucksteep. They have been doing certain things that are charitable work. They do not have water or septic. Can't be there. She needs a letter from the Board. Get Lovesy to take a stand. Not letter from Counsel. Please respond in x number of days. By the end of next week we will be done.
7. Tom Lovers Lane. Massworkd grant. Access code for state procurement. Will do mathworks grant for Lovers Lane.
8. Cross Place. They haven't been paid. Jim asked. Won't do anything without more money. Can't bring Phil back in. Middlefield Rd maybe one bidder. Summit Hill no new.
9. Eden Glen – culvert is in place now. Tom will inspect. Inflow not direct. Is it following the drawing. mKent says should we ask. Jim to contact Phil about this,
10. Jim has found cleaning money T USDA in pittsfield.

11. WMR has Baltazar corrected driveway and drainage problems. Will do nothing for Lillian.
12. Jim drafted letter for Coyle's. Dick reviews. Jim motion that Board all sign Coyle letter. Trish seconds motion. Unanimous
13. Eversource hearing 24th at 7:30. Allison has to sign this. Jodi gets Allison. Allison comes in. Jim makes motion. Trish seconds. Unanimous. Allison signs after hearing.
14. Jim says to Jodi no Michelle?
15. Sick S. posted agenda for first VA agenda meeting. BNRA very interested. They have acquired a
16. property in there. Problem with title.
17. Stickers – we are accounted for. Most unaccounted for are from transfer. Michelle does not show up. Trish says people should come to Town Hall. Limit to 2 per household. They issued 65 stickers. Becket is pissed. Jim to tell Becket about our policy. New sticker design next year. Numbered. We will print our own. All have to get new stickers. From Washington.
18. Old Dominion brush company?? Request for tax information???
19. Jim says comm solar event on Monday the 24th. Dave Drugmand to go.
20. Letter from BRPC. We need alternate delegate to BRPC. Need to appoint another. Mike Caes will continue. Dick will do it if Mike doesn't. Get Marilyn to fill out BRPC form for Mike.
21. Ed available to do moderation on the STM. Vera is our alternate to Berkshire Public Health. Dick will be on Regional Housing authority. Jane Vogel? 2005 WMR. Jim makes motion to approve the slate of appointees. Unanimous Trish seconds.
22. Steve delay fixed the back door. Will get another CO2 detector. Jodi Mark Roos. Trish says keep it open for a while.
23. No Delta Grant action, Nothing on Town Hall. Meet Tyer at 3:30. Dick will do history of trying to get action for Pittsfield. They will present our case for the cemetery land. This has to go through the legislature if they say yes.
24. Jim invoice for \$500 for MMA?
25. Broadband: Jim in receipt of EOHED terms and condition for the grant. State now specifies working with Westfield to move forward. They standardized on WG&E. Wrote into contract. We can correct their mistakes. Jeremia said we should not sign contract on over 3 years on length. Should not have to be up for renewal every 3 years. Cooperative needs to be stable. Jeremia not familiar with WW. Seve we have to sign contract with state. Bill Ennen will come get in and take it to Boston. One week or 10 days then we get the money after that. Kent the financial anchor of the project. Settles issues. Get the design money up front. Jim makes motion to approve minutes of 0710. Dick wants an amendment. Unanimous approved. Steve gives Operwork to Jim to sign.
26. Jim asks personnel policy for weapons? Trish has information for Jim. Definition of what a weapon is. Jim says we have to be careful of language. They are looking at copies of what? Our policy #5.8. We are restricting the right of our employees for good reason.
27. \$600 extra charge out of budget for police. Salary and telecom. He has a 2500 expense budget. Grant was supposed to cover all but it does not.
28. Adjourn at 8; 47pm.