

# *Town of Washington*

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## Minutes

### Town Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Present: Jim Egan~ Chairman, Keith Numrich ~Supervisor, Carole Linn~ Supervisor, Katie Hayes~ Treasurer, Michele Sanborn~ Clerk. There were also (13) other people in attendance.

1. Call to order : Meeting was called to order immediately following the annual town meeting 7:40pm
2. Approval of the agenda to be discussed in any order at the discretion of the Chairman: Motion Numrich to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
3. Approval of the previous minutes: Motion Numrich to approve minutes from March 6, 2017, seconded Linn, all voting aye, approved.
4. Eagle Waste and Recycling Question/Answer Session- Jim Whittinghill: Jim Whittinghill was present to discuss and answer questions. An Eagle Waste employee operates the daily functions at the transfer station. New compactors working well. Single stream recycling is beneficial to residents. Discussion was held on hours of operation.
5. Proposed Timber Sale on Town Land- Jill Nemec: : Northland Pines High School is preparing to log property on Chain O'Lakes Rd adjacent to property owned by the Town. Jill Nemec was present to ask the board if they were interested in logging the town property, 35 acres, just north of the school property. Numrich has walked the property and feels it would be beneficial to cut, board agreed. Jill also mentioned the Town may wish to develop a management plan in the future as the town owns approximately 1400 acres of land. Nemec also asked the board about the trees located in the right away on chain o lakes road. Trees have been marked for removal. Question arose on who actually owns the trees . Numrich to follow up with the County to see if the road is an easement road or a fee simple road. If its an easement road the timber would not belong to the town. Nemec presented 3 options If the wood legally belongs to the Town. Option 1= Nemec would create a physical line through the woods 33ft from center line so logger knows whose trees are whose. Option 2= Nemec would estimate the volume of wood she feels is in the right away. Option 3= donate all the wood in the right away to the school district. Keith feels option 2 would be appropriate for the town. Numrich thinks the town should harvest with Jill projections of trees in the right away. Board wishes to pursue cutting the timber and is willing to take the schools lead on the project.
6. Replacement of Sidewalk at Town Hall: Sidewalk needs to be replaced at the town hall . Numrich feels the town crew can do this themselves. Looking to create 10ft wide walkway right up to the building and across to the other side of the parking lot. Numrich recommended eliminating the walkway to the road. Numrich estimates the cost for the town to replace the sidewalk themselves would be approximately \$2,000. Numrich to finalize numbers and bring back to May meeting.
7. Town Hall Rental Agreement: Currently there is no rental agreement for tall hall rentals. Town hall rents free of charge to residents. Use agreement has been written and is in the hands of the town attorney for approval.

8. **Transfer Station Hut:** Currently there is no insulation in the ceiling of the hut located at the transfer station. The electric heater only get the building up to 40 degrees. Propane tank exists at the transfer station but Numrich has concerns on the old furnace and feels that the electric heat would be a better option. Hut needs to be cleaned up prior to insulating.
9. **Time and Date for Monthly Board Meetings:** Discussion was held. Board will meet first Monday of the month. Meeting time will be 5:15pm.
10. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Numrich to approve bills, seconded Egan, all voting aye, approved.
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned 8:36 pm

Michele Sanborn- Clerk

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