

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, January 5, 2014**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman and Franklin Riley, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/29/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/29/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/31/2014 in the amount of \$124,524.74. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/3/2015 in the amount of \$51,797.32. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$80,814.82 from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Fund for reimbursement of payments disbursed to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates Inc., and 3-G Construction, was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Todd Haywood, Assessor, regarding a service connected disability credit that had been erroneously granted to the property located on Map 138, Lot 13. Morgan made a motion to deny the credit previously approved in error. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received from Mason B. and Lauren Gomberg for the property located on Map 119, Lot 21. Morgan made a motion to table the request for further recommendation from the Assessor. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of December. The total amount collected was \$1,473.40.

A Purchase Order payable to Care Plus Ambulance in the amount of \$140,705.49 for ambulance service for the months of January, February and March was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Bergeron Technical Services in response to an invoice received was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notice of an EcoForum hosted by MWVCEEC and Tin Mountain to be held in Albany on 1/8/2015 from 12:00-1:00 PM.

Morgan read a letter addressed to the Carroll County Board of Commissioners from Wakefield's Town Administrator Teresa Williams regarding the late filing of their paperwork which caused a delay in the setting of the tax rate. The letter read on to request more timely filing. Williams requested support from other towns who share this concern. Morgan made a motion to allow White to attend the Commissioner's Meeting in support of Wakefield's concern. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Lakes Region Humane Society Animal Shelter Contract was submitted for review. White stated that she made the necessary revisions to remove cats from the contract. She added there are two areas of concern noted which she requested clarification on. Morgan requested the Contract continue to be tabled for comparison to the 2014 Contract.

The Statistical Revaluation Contract was presented for review. Morgan announced that they have received a letter of approval from the NH Department of Revenue but are still awaiting response from the Town Attorney's review. Morgan requested the Contract continue to be tabled until response is received.

The Board received a copy of the 2015 Warrant Articles in draft form.

The Board received a letter from the NH DOT notifying them of an incoming payment of \$71,423.08 for reimbursement of 80% of construction-related services expended on the Whittier Covered Bridge.

#### Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that they are cleaning up from the storm and will be resuming work on Tuesday. Morgan questioned if the grant reimbursements are up to date. Harriman confirmed.

Snowmobile access at Polly's Crossing – Harriman stated that he visited the area and suggested installing warning signs but nothing more due to its Class VI status. Riley stated that they want to ensure safety. Harriman stated that Roy Barron can utilize the sign posts to put up temporary logging in progress signs.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan opened the meeting to public input.

#### Public Input:

Paulo Litwinczuk informed the Board of several complaints made to the Police Department that he has not received response on. Morgan requested Litwinczuk communicate his concerns to Chief Eldridge, and if not satisfied, come back in to speak with the Board of Selectmen.

Ron Adams, Conservation Commission Chairman, came in to follow up on the request for a lease extension of the Sumner Brook property. Discussion took place on the requirements of the government rebate for the solar project and timeframe of the installation. Riley suggested the tenants bring in the criteria to the Board then they can discuss options with the Town Attorney. Morgan stated they are willing to work with the tenants but did see the necessity of an extension in 2015 with 5-years remaining on the current lease. Morgan requested that Adams reaffirm the Board's support to the tenants.

Litwinczuk requested reports of drug testing of the Police Department. Morgan stated that drug testing is not required.

Litwinczuk asked what the requirements are for the Veteran's Credit. Morgan referred him to Selectmen's Office for the application and requirements.

Litwinczuk questioned an embezzlement that had taken place in Town. Morgan stated that they have no knowledge and further commented that the Town is audited annually. The question arose as to whether it was the County he was referring to.

Litwinczuk discussed Morgan's past position as Police Chief. Additional comments were made that were not related to town business.

Litwinczuk stated the taxes have quadrupled since he moved to Ossipee and questioned why. Morgan briefly discussed the budget process and appropriations set at Town Meeting. He further affirmed that money is not spent that is not appropriated for.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Morgan made the motion to enter a non-public session at 5:01 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Roll call vote was taken. Morgan answered yes, Freeman answered yes, and Riley answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:13 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan announced a Selectmen's Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1/7/2015 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room for budget review. He also announced the Budget Committee will be meeting at the Freight House on 1/7/2015 at 6:30 PM.

Morgan stated that the Board met in workshop earlier today with the finance team and discussed cash flow and the TAN note. As a result of the workshop, Morgan made a motion to repay the \$1.2 million borrowed on the TAN note. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made motion to pay the interest due on the TAN note using the 2014 budget. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan reported that they are in the process of reviewing and updating job descriptions.

Being no further input, Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 1/12/2015