

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2015

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

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/8/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Workshop held on 6/8/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/13/2015 in the amount of \$42,099.19. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/6/2015 in the amount of \$920,275.34. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from the Ossipee Old Home Week Committee for a variety of events to be held the week of 6/27/2015-7/4/2015. Previously approved by all departments, Morgan made a motion to approve the Application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from the Ossipee Old Home Week Committee for a concert to be held at Constitution Park on 6/27/2015 from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Morgan stated that he requested a separate application from the Committee for this particular event to ensure that the Police and Fire Department have enough coverage. Previously approved by all departments, Morgan made a motion to approve the Application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,058.95 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant in the amount of \$70.84 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Governor Wentworth Regional School District along with a copy of the preliminary Town payment schedule for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. Morgan announced the scheduled monthly payments with amounts varying from \$68,618 up to \$1,360,506 for a total due of \$7,145,625.

The Board received a copy of an email sent to Ellen White from the NH Department of Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management confirming the approval for additional funding in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the Local Emergency Operations Plan Update Project.

A Raffle Permit Application was received from the Schools Out! Program for a calendar raffle with daily drawings to take place from 9/1/2015-9/30/2015. Morgan made a motion to grant the Permit. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to All States Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$35,000.00 for liquid calcium chloride used for dust control was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to the Michie Corporation in the amount of \$67,029.00 for the precast rigid frame for the Valley Road Bridge project was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a thank you letter sent from Cher Riley to the Police Department thanking the Department, Sergeant King and Corporal Swift for their support and participation in the recent Relay for Life Touch-A-Truck event. Morgan requested a letter be sent from the Board to the Police Department thanking them for their participation.

The Board reviewed a request received from Barbara Buesser of Sias Farm to dispose of 10 mattresses, 3 TVs, 1 air conditioner, and 10 bags of assorted garbage left behind by an evicted tenant, at no charge. Following brief discussion, the Board agreed that the Town is now hosting two events throughout the year where residents can dispose of items at no charge but cannot allow any further exceptions. Riley made a motion to deny the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested that White follow up with a written response of their decision to Ms. Buesser.

An annual request to determine whether the Town will be utilizing the form PA-28, Taxpayer Inventory Blank in accordance with RSA 74:4 for 2016 was received from the State of NH Department of Revenue. Morgan stated that the Town will not be using the form and made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement for the property owned by Lytron Incorporated located on Map 250, Lot 6 was reviewed. Morgan stated that the property was granted an abatement in 2014 reducing the value from \$2,056,000 to \$1,500,000 but the tax bill issued was based on the \$2,056,000 value, not the abated value. The Assessor has recommended that Lytron pay the amount due on the correct value of \$1,500,000, then any interest that accrues on the residual balance between the tax bills will be abated. Morgan made a motion to approve the Assessor's recommendation. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of the Development Activity in the Lakes Region, 2015 Annual Report prepared by the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

A Request for an Abatement for the property owned by Richard and Tina Lavoie located on Map 29, Lot 1, Sub Lot A15 was received. The reason for the request is because the property was sold to new owners on 4/3/2015 but the Town was not notified of the sale until after the tax bills were issued. The abatement amount of \$215.00 will be billed to the new owners in a Supplemental Tax Warrant. Morgan made a motion to grant the Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$215.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Letter of Understanding from the Town Auditors, Plodzik & Sanderson, was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that this letter is normally signed at the time the audit begins but it was overlooked. Morgan then made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Outdoor Event Application – Morgan reiterated that he had no prior knowledge of the events that were to take place at the 3 Covered Bridge Road property until he was contacted by Police Chief Eldridge questioning the events. Mr. Fischbein was then requested to fill out an Outdoor Event Application. Morgan stated that the Board's decision to deny the Application still stands and added that the applicant would need to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and to have such events occur at the 3 Covered Bridge Road property.

Little Free Libraries – White stated that she was contacted by Charlotte Fitzpatrick from the Rotary Club of Ossipee, who is still seeking additional locations for the placement of the little libraries, in addition to the Transfer Station. Morgan suggested that Fitzpatrick contact the West Ossipee Fire Department. Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, suggested reaching out to local businesses or the Chamber of Commerce.

Morgan announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting on Thursday, 6/18/2015 at 7:00 PM at the Freight House.

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

Public Input:

Holyoake asked for clarification on the appeal process for the Outdoor Event Application that was denied. Morgan reviewed the appeal process to the ZBA. He then added that the Outdoor Event Ordinance is completely separate from the Zoning Ordinance and was not designed to handle long-term events such as the thirty concerts requested. Holyoake stated that the Town of Wolfeboro only issues temporary event permits to non-profits on Town property.

Holyoake requested a picture of the Board of Selectmen in front of the Town Hall which has been decorated with purple flowers and ribbons in support of the Relay for Life. The Board agreed.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, led a discussion on the concern in the amount of the payments due to the School District. He stated he has heard similar concern from other Towns. Discussion ensued on the School District's budget process. Holyoake stated that a public meeting is held beforehand and the attendance is minimal. Comeau stated that Brookfield may have to borrow to make the school payment. Morgan responded that Ossipee has not had to borrow against its TAN note yet, but will have to.

Francis Lord questioned whether the Town has ever been presented with a request to change to SB2 ballot vote stating that it would be beneficial to those who do not want to attend Town Meeting to vote. Morgan discussed his concern with SB2 ballot in relation to the current budget process.

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

Adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 6/22/2015