

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 13, 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 7/6/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/11/2015 in the amount of \$41,366.64. 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 7/4/2015 in the amount of \$1,589,221.88. Morgan stated the total includes accounts payable of \$118,165.88, payments to the fire precincts of \$110,550.00 and the school district payment of \$1,360,506.00. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Rodney A. White, Sr. V.F.W. Auxiliary #8270 requesting use of the gym on 10/16/2015 and 10/17/2015 for a penny sale. The schedule was verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the Contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, informing them of four athletes on the Ossipee Recreation Track Team who qualified for the Granite State Track & Field NH State Finals taking place on 7/17/2015 at the Pelham High School. The athletes are as follows:

Ella Meserve & Sarah Paraskos for the Hammer (Softball) Throw – 9-10 year olds
Rachel Paraskos for the Long Jump – 11-12 year olds
Cora Peterson – 400 meter – 13-14 year olds

The Board congratulated each of the athletes who were present and thanked them for representing the Town.

The Highway Department Work Log was submitted for the week ending 7/11/2015.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Ossipee Main Street Program requesting use of the Town Hall on 7/17/2015 and 7/18/2015 for a penny sale. The schedule was verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the Contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Martha Copithorne and Nancy Witherell for the property located on Map 230, Lot 4. The Intent is to cut 20 acres of the 128 acre parcel and the logger listed is William A. Day Jr. & Sons, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Form A-5: Land Use Change Tax was submitted for the property located on Map 230, Lot 4 for the partial release of 1 acre from Current Use Assessment. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant in the amount of \$2,000.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Form 941: Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, questioned the amount reported on the return. Morgan responded with \$121,405.39.

A memo received from Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reviewed the monitoring and reporting requirements from the current Groundwater Management Permit from the NH DES. Harriman stated that the current permit issued in 2012 is due to expire on 3/11/2017. Discussion took place on the length of time that has lapsed since the landfill was closed. Morgan questioned how much longer the Town is required to monitor the groundwater. Harriman responded that he anticipates the renewal process will begin in the fall of 2016 at which time he will inquire.

A Purchase Order payable to All Seasons Construction in the amount of \$10,800.00 for the repairs and re-shingling of the Library roof was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that the Board already awarded the contract to All Seasons Construction after the project was put out to bid; this Purchase Order is to approve the expenditure. Morgan then made a motion to approve the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to R & D Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$313,615.97 for the paving of Moultonville Road, Valley Road, Paddy Acre Road, Abbott & Staples Road, Jewell Hill Road, and end joint milling was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request made to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$10,712.25 from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of payments made to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was received from Eversource Energy and Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC for the installation of one pole along Duncan Lake Road. Morgan made a motion to sign the License. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of an Administrative Appeal filed by Roger F. Murray III, PLLC on behalf of Ash Fischbein for the appeal of the administrative decision made on the series of outdoor concerts to be held at the 3 Covered Bridge Road property. Morgan stated that the Appeal will be presented to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for action.

Morgan announced that a lawsuit has been filed against the Water and Sewer Commission by former employee Doug Sargent.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman reported that the meeting held last week went well and that they were able to resolve a lot of questions pertaining to change order #3. Harriman stated that the amount has been reduced to approximately \$80,000 with a 20% match being the Town's responsibility. Morgan questioned whether there are contingency funds available for this phase of the project. Harriman responded that there are not but he is in the process of determining what can be held for completion in the third phase. Morgan suggested Harriman get an updated fund balance from Trustee Billings. Billings stated that he needs to know how much will be coming back from the State for reimbursements.

Library Roof –Harriman reported that Jay Hounsell is finishing up and the re-shingling is in progress.

Town Hall Chimney Repair- Harriman stated that Hounsell is finishing up at the Library before he finishes the minor repairs in the basement.

New Business:

Timber Monitor - Morgan requested that White contact Bob Boyd to see if he still has interest in performing some timber operation monitoring in Town.

Bub Avery Memorial – Morgan announced that the Board has been presented with the idea of dedicating a ballfield to Bub Avery. Morgan stated this has been taken into consideration and there will be further discussion to bring it all together. Morgan stated that the people who marched in his honor at the parade spoke volumes for his involvement in the community and he believes a memorial would be well deserved.

Freeman stated that the Highway Department found some hypodermic needles and they questioned where they could be disposed of safely. Freeman stated that he reached out to the hospital to see about having a sharp station installed. Harriman stated that they were able to dispose of them at CarePlus Ambulance's station. Discussion took place on improper disposal and the danger of disease transmittal to anyone emptying garbage. Holyoake questioned where the needles were found. Harriman responded that they were found on the side of the road on Jewell Hill Road.

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

Public Input:

Holyoake questioned what is being done to assist with the heroin problem in the area. Morgan answered that the White Horse Addiction Center at the First Congregational Church of Ossipee has been opened to assist with addiction recovery. Discussion took place on the amount of deaths that have occurred this year in New Hampshire and coalition meetings that are taking place throughout the county to help educate and provide awareness to community officials. Morgan stated that more effort needs to be made to educate younger kids. Conduct Billings suggested a letter be sent from the Town suggesting the Lakeview Neuro Rehabilitation property in Effingham as a potential location for a treatment facility since it will be vacant after its closing on 8/1/2015. Morgan stated that funding issues often hold up providing treatment options. Morgan requested White draft a letter for next week.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, spoke on Governor Hassan's veto of the budget.

Comeau questioned who pays for the animals once they are seized for non-licensing. Morgan answered that the owner does and added that it is likely that no seizure will take place as most will come in and register their dogs following this final notice. Comeau verified that this process is for rabies control. Morgan confirmed.

Comeau stated that Janis Spinney is conducting the Relay for Awareness and is seeking people to walk the 5-mile stretch in September. Morgan expressed support for the relay and stated that education, prevention and treatment are key elements.

Holyoake reviewed a few items from a broadcast she viewed dispelling the myths of addiction. Discussion ensued on substance addiction.

Holyoake questioned what a timber monitor is. Morgan answered that it is someone employed by the Town to inspect timber cuts to ensure there are not timber trespass issues and that there is accurate reporting of timber cuts. Morgan stated that the Town has not had one in several years, but there were funds budgeted this year to bring someone back into the position.

Holyoake asked for clarification on the breakdown of the Accounts Payable Voucher. Morgan responded that the three Fire Precincts receive 1/12 of their annual allocation each month.

Comeau spoke on the revenue derived by the State from the sale of alcohol, cigarettes, lottery and gambling and also discussed the lack of programs in place to assist with the addictions. Morgan stated that the State should have privatized alcohol several years ago. Morgan state he is at a loss for what more the Selectmen can do.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and (e) at 5:01 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Freeman answered yes, Riley answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:47 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:48 PM.

White announced the Budget Committee will be meeting next Wednesday, 7/22/2015 at 7:00 PM and the Town Safety Committee will be meeting this Thursday, 7/16/2015 at 1:00 PM.

Morgan stated that the NH Route 16 Safety Team has provided a copy of the summary report they prepared which will now go onto NH DOT for consideration of their recommendations to improve safety along Route 16. The information is available in the Selectmen's Office for review.

Morgan stated that the Board will be meeting with all Department Heads next Monday at 2:00 PM. White requested that the Selectmen compile agenda items for the meeting.

Holyoake asked what will happen with the lawsuit brought forth against the Water and Sewer Commission. Morgan responded that it has been turned over to the Town's insurance company who will be assigning an attorney to handle the case.

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

Adjourned at 5:51 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 7/20/2015