

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 10, 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 Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 8/3/2015. Riley seconded. Freeman abstained. Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/3/2015. Riley seconded. Freeman abstained. Majority vote carried.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/8/2015 in the amount of \$41,490.18. 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 8/1/2015 in the amount of \$129,666.60. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 8/8/2015.

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds requesting the withdrawal of \$88.06 from the 1 Moultonville Road Expendable Trust Fund to discontinue the fund per the vote of 2015 Town Meeting Warrant Article #15 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,635.65 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Transfer Station Supervisor Brewster Vittum thanking him for his assistance in running the Household Hazardous Waste Collection was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Jean C. Dietzel Revocable Trust of 2014 for the property located on Map 35, Lot 18. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$24,100 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Jean C. Dietzel Revocable Trust of 2014 for the property located on Map 47, Lot 46. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$55,600 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Jean C. Dietzel Revocable Trust of 2014 for the property located on Map 92, Lot 77. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$16,700 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Jean C. Dietzel Revocable Trust of 2014 for the property located on Map 92, Lot 78. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$17,900 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Jean C. Dietzel Revocable Trust of 2014 for the property located on Map 49, Lot 5. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$13,700 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated his concern with the potential of significant property value reduction during the 2015 Revaluation that will result in an increased tax rate.

Morgan announced that they have been reviewing several properties eligible for tax deeding, several of which are part of the agreement with Ossipee Mountain Estates Cooperative.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 141 Ossipee Mountain Road (Map 216, Lot 7). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 22 Circle Road (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 21C). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 7 Circle Road (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 1C). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 175A Route 16B (Map 80, Lot 5, Sub Lot MH00). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 30 Shady Lane (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 44). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 2 Mayflower Lane (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 66A). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 39 Shady Lane (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 37). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 26 Joshua Road (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 62). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 11 Shady Lane (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 26). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 2 James Terrace (Map 115, Lot 12). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 40 Shady Lane (Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 40). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 21 Circuit Road (Map 248, Lot 23). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to request that the Tax Collector start the deeding process on the property located at 175 Route 16B (Map 80, Lot 5). Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received correspondence from the NH Division of Public Health Services confirming acceptable water tests were completed at Duncan Lake and the Mill Pond.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the James & Ann Skehan Trust for the property located on Map 86, Lot 25. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$185,500 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from CNR Holdings CO, LLC for the property located on Map 102, Lot 9. The Assessor recommends denying the request following a review of sales in the neighborhood that support the current assessment value. Morgan made a motion to deny the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from CNR Holdings CO, LLC for the properties located on Map 248, Lots 4 and 5. The Assessor recommends denying the request because the opinion of value is based on an unqualified sale. Morgan made a motion to deny the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Ambrose Bros. Inc. for the property located on Map 231, Lot 1. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$65,342 to bring it into line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter written in support of Carroll County Sheriff's Office application for grant funds from the NH Homeland Security Grant was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan read the Public Notice for the Request for Fuel Bids. The bids are due on Friday, 9/11/2015 and they will be opened during the Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, 9/14/2015 at 4:30 PM.

The Board received programming updates from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a copy of the 2015 Summary of Electric Rates from Eversource.

The Board received a letter from DTC Lawyers introducing their firm which specializes in offering representation for cable franchise mergers. Morgan suggested contacting them for information on the upcoming merger of Time Warner Cable and Charter Communications and the impact it may have on the Town's current cable franchise agreement.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge - Harriman reported that minimal work is being completed on the Bridge as the contractors are awaiting the NH DOT's approval of Change Order #3. Harriman stated he anticipates response on the Change Order within 30-days.

Library Repair – Harriman reported that Jay Hounsell is in the process of completing the copper returns above the front doors and at the cornices. Discussion took place on a voucher request for repairs that was approved today. Harriman answered that it was a progress payment.

Tree Removal – Harriman stated that he is awaiting a call back from Dan Libby to schedule the tree removal.

Sidewalks – Harriman stated that White Mountain Survey is moving forward with the necessary paperwork for the right of way acquisition and design phase.

Beach Repair at Duncan Lake – Harriman reported that the repair has been completed.

New Business:

Sumner Brook Chimney Repair – Harriman presented the Board with a memo reviewing a few options to complete the repair of the chimney from a chimney fire that occurred earlier in the summer. Discussion ensued. Morgan stated he will attend this week's Conservation Commission Meeting to discuss the repair options. Additional building issues were also discussed.

Lynn Clarke came before the Board to find out the requirements needed for the Town to take over the plowing of the road in her subdivision. Morgan answered that it would have to come in as a Petition Warrant Article. Morgan stated that they are currently working on establishing criteria for private roads to be considered for the Town to take over. Riley discussed the need for all property owners within the subdivision to be in favor. Further discussion ensued.

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

Public Input:

Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, asked if there was any further development on Ash Fischbein's appeal to the ZBA. Morgan answered that it is scheduled to be heard at tomorrow's ZBA meeting.

Holyoake questioned if there was development on the lawsuit filed by Doug Sargent. Morgan answered that there is no update as it is being handled by legal counsel.

Holyoake questioned who is responsible for updating the Water & Sewer Commission minutes on the Town's website. Morgan answered that it is incumbent upon the Commissioners to make sure they are updated. Discussion took place on whether it is a requirement to have the minutes available on the Town website.

Holyoake questioned if the Board is satisfied with the hiring requirements for the new Water & Sewer Superintendent. Morgan stated that he is not prepared to comment because the Board has not been made aware of the new hire by the Commissioners.

Holyoake questioned who is responsible for the Water and Sewer Department's budget. Morgan answered that it is the responsibility of the rate payers. Further discussion took place on the water and sewer system.

Holyoake questioned the status of the dedication of an athletic field in the memory of Bub Avery. Morgan answered that it is in the works.

Holyoake questioned the status of the beach repairs at Duncan Lake. Morgan answered that the repairs have been completed.

Holyoake asked if the Board has received any follow up from Dorothy Solomon on the proposed veteran's shelter. Morgan answered that there has not been any follow up.

Holyoake questioned if the final bills have been submitted related to the Bayle Mountain fire. Morgan answered that \$83,332.99 has been expended to date and some reimbursements have come in from the State including a reimbursement for the helicopter in the amount of \$40,000. Holyoake questioned if there is a fund available to assist with emergency disasters. Morgan answered that the surplus is required for that reason. Trustee of Trust Funds Condict Billings stated that there is an emergency fund with a balance of approximately \$10,000.

Holyoake questioned Morgan's statement on the impact of the tax rate. Morgan clarified that the rate will only be impacted if the value reduces. Holyoake stated there should be additional concern with the County's budget impact. Representatives Ed Comeau and Glenn Cordelli stated that a meeting is scheduled for 8/17/2015.

Morgan announced the opening of the second Public Hearing pursuant to RSA 41:14-a: Acquisition or Sale of Land, Buildings, or Both at 5:07 PM.

Morgan identified the property to be donated as being located on Map 23, Lot 4 with an address of 2 Danville Road. Morgan stated the 0.22 acre parcel abuts Ossipee Lake, is predominately wet and unbuildable with an assessed value of \$12,000. Morgan also stated the Conservation Commission and Planning Board have both voted in favor of the Town accepting the donation.

Being no public comment, Morgan made a motion to accept the donation of land located at 2 Danville Road. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Selectmen's Meeting at 5:10 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Cordelli reported that he met with the NH DOT last week regarding State roads. He reported that Route 171 will have spot pavement shim completed this year at its worst spots from Upper Beacham Road to the Moultonborough town line. Next year, the road will be re-paved. Morgan expressed concern with re-paving the road without the proper rebuilding needed. Cordelli stated the road is not in the 10-year plan. Cordelli reported that Harriman mentioned Route 16B, Main Street and Folsom Road as additional roads of concern. Cordelli stated that they are already on the State's list and will be addressed as funding allows.

Discussion took place on possibility of the Town taking over the maintenance of some of the State roads. Riley stated he would not be in favor unless the State completes necessary repairs and brings them up to standards. The Board thanked Cordelli for addressing the concerns.

Comeau stated that Cordelli has been appointed to the Transportation Advisory Committee by the County and stated that each Town has that option. Harriman responded that he is the Town's representative.

Clarke asked if there is a plan for updating the Town's Master Plan. Morgan answered that he is unsure. Billings stated it is a responsibility of the Planning Board.

Holyoake questioned the State Representatives present if a replacement has been made for Denny Miller's seat on the County Commission. Cordelli answered that they are currently soliciting resumes for the position and they may have an appointment at their next meeting on 8/17/2015.

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

Adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 8/17/2015