

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, August 17, 2015**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:18 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan and Franklin Riley, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Morgan announced that Selectman Robert Freeman will arrive late due to a fire call.

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/10/2015. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 8/10/2015. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/15/2015 in the amount of \$41,256.66. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/8/2015 in the amount of \$366,371.19. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the voucher total included the invoice for the road paving in the amount of \$312,000.

Selectman Freeman arrived at 4:22 PM.

The 2015 Form MS-535: Financial Report of the Town, City, or Village District Budget was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Goumas Realty Trust for the property located on Map 53, Lot 90. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$54,200 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 45. The Assessor made minor data corrections which increased the property value by \$2,500 which resulted in a recommendation to deny the Abatement Request. Morgan made a motion to deny the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Laconia Savings Bank for the property located on Map 73, Lot 106. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$157,900 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 Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$115.35 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 8/15/2015.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$216.57 for recycling.

A Purchase Order payable to Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$7,006.00 for the purchase of a Fixed Asset Module was presented for signatures. Morgan stated this to be the program needed to track capital assets, a requirement noted in the Town's audit. Morgan made a motion to sign the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Casella Waste Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$2,021.56 for corrugated cardboard recycling.

Old Business:

Sumner Brook - A Permit to Bait Wildlife submitted by R. Glen Horne, Jr. was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that he attended the Conservation Commission Meeting last week where discussion took place on the request to bait bear on the Sumner Brook property. Jesse Prunier, tenant and operator of the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery, spoke in opposition to the baiting, stating his concern with attracting bear to the area where fish and bees are kept. Morgan stated that he was unaware that the land was in use by Conservation Commission Chairman Ron Adams stated that the land has a conservation easement managed by the Society for Protection of NH Forest and was unable to provide their comments to the request. Additional discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to reconsider their vote to allow the baiting. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan then made a motion to deny the request having received opposition from the tenant/operator of the Sumner Brook property. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan suggested contacting Horne to see if an alternative location can be used.

Ron Adams and Ron Larrivee, Conservation Commission Members, were present to discuss the chimney repairs needed following the chimney fire at the Sumner Brook property. Discussion took place on the options presented in the quote received from Jay Hounsell and what the insurance will cover. Agreement was made by all that the repair needs to be completed, and very soon. Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, was requested to retrieve a quote to have a double flue chimney built. Additional building needs such as electrical upgrades were discussed. Adams stated that Dave Senecal, Code Enforcement Officer, has been asked to seek estimates on the electrical. Adams will schedule a meeting with the Conservation Commission to expend money necessary to complete the repairs.

Morgan announced that Ash Fischbein filed an appeal to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to appeal the Selectmen's decision on the concerts to be held at the 3 Covered Bridge Road property. Morgan stated that the ZBA decided not to decide on the appeal and has turned it back to the Board of Selectmen. Morgan stated that until a request to reconsider is presented to the Board, no further action will be taken. Morgan also stated that he is in receipt of a petition submitted by the property owners of Covered Bridge Road but did not have it in his possession at the time of the meeting. Morgan also reviewed an email received from Attorney Sager regarding the issue who recommends the applicant seek Site Plan Review from the Planning Board to have such events at the property.

New Business:

None presented.

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

Public Input:

Holyoake questioned the ZBA's ruling. Morgan answered that in a vote of 3-2, the ZBA ruled that a variance was not necessary. Holyoake stated that a similar case was heard in the Town of Brookfield where concerts were presented to be held at the Tumbledown Farm.

Conduct Billings stated that Sager's recommendation for Site Plan Review would mean business in a residential zone which would require a variance.

Morgan stated that the Pow-Wow held in West Ossipee is the only event to his knowledge that has been granted approval for multiple dates and its purpose is educational, for no charge, and has not received complaints or opposition from any of the abutting properties.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, reported on the six-hour Carroll County Delegation Meeting that took place today. Comeau stated that during the meeting, Chis Ahlgren was appointed to fill the vacant Commissioner seat and Chip Albee was appointed to Treasurer until the next election. Comeau also reviewed the NH Department of Revenue's report, potential delays in the setting of the tax rate, and the status of deficit in surplus. Comeau also reported on the motion made and passed on a vote of no confidence. Comeau reported that there is a freeze on the County's Tax Anticipation Note that they are trying to resolve but currently, they are looking at only having funds available to cover payroll for the next two weeks. Lengthy discussion ensued. Morgan expressed his dissatisfaction with the minimal progress made over the past year. Morgan thanked Comeau for the update.

Adams questioned who presented the motion of no confidence. Comeau answered that it was the Republican caucus and Representative Lino Avellani who presented the motion.

Holyoake questioned if an update of the Master Plan has been scheduled. White stated that it is the responsibility of the Planning Board. Morgan requested that White reach out to the Planning Board to let them know a request for an update has been received.

Morgan reviewed a list of outstanding items that has been compiled for their continuous review with Department Heads to make sure that items brought to their attention are being dealt with. A variety of items such as audit review and policy updates are included on the list.

Larrivee stated that a house at the end of Danville Road is falling into Ossipee Lake. White stated that Code Enforcement Officer Dave Senecal inspected the property with NH DES last year but no further action was taken. Morgan requested that Senecal re-inspect the property and report back to the Board on its status.

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

Adjourned at 5:24 PM.

---

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

---

Franklin R. Riley

---

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 8/24/2015