

Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, October 14, 2015

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:25 AM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley, and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

An agreement between Dana Hill and the Town of Ossipee regarding the repurchase of the property located on Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 66A, also known as 2 Mayflower Lane, was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White informed the Board that she received a check in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the repurchase of the property. The Selectmen's Deed was then presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Selectmen's Deed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Form CD-57-S: Real Estate Transfer Tax Declaration of Consideration Real Estate Seller was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Treasurer Harry Merrow presented the Board members with the weekly report showing a balance of \$247,279.30. Brief discussion took place on whether the amount of the Tax Anticipation Note should be decreased.

White stated that the budget review begins on Monday. She then presented the budgets for the Conservation Agent, Board of Selectmen and Economic Development to review. White stated that Timber Monitor Bob Boyd has been consistently working 4 hours per week and questioned whether the Board wanted to increase the 2016 amount. Discussion ensued. The Board suggested increasing the budget to \$3,000.00. White stated that it will be increased additionally to account for the payroll taxes.

The Board agreed to proceed with a level-funded budget for their salaries.

Discussion took place on the Economic Development budget. White stated that the membership to the Mount Washington Valley Economic Committee is \$300 annually. Morgan stated that he would like to see the ad-hoc committee formalized. Discussion took place on what funds would be needed for educational training and other support. Further discussion ensued. The Board suggested increasing the budget to \$2,500.00.

Discussion took place on the Deputy Warden fees. The question of whether the amount could be split between the three precincts for them to distribute was brought up. Finance & Benefits Administrator Elaine Sherman entered for additional discussion. The Board requested that White setup a meeting with Forest Fire Warden Adam Riley.

Brief discussion took place on the fees collected at the Transfer Station and the cost to maintain the scales.

Merrow stated he is having difficulty providing the Board with a quarterly report with his new system because he does not have the starting balances entered. The Board questioned whether he is able to provide reports that will be sufficient to the auditors.

White stated that she will be adding to the Legal budget this year due to the upcoming Union Contract negotiation and being a year following the revaluation.

Morgan made a motion to sign the Payroll Voucher for the week ending 10/10/2015 in the amount of \$35,078.60. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to sign the Accounts Payable Voucher for the week ending 10/3/2015 in the amount of \$135,282.46. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request for snowmobile access was dropped off by the Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club. Morgan requested that White contact the Club and request a representative be present at Monday's meeting for questions.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from UNH for the property located on Map 17, Lot 12. The intent is to cut 8 acres of the 34 acre parcel. The property is tax exempt and the logger listed is Bruce Borrill. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from UNH for the property located on Map 41, Lot 130. The intent is to cut 20 acres of the 21 acre parcel. The taxes are paid and the logger listed is Perley Ryder. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was submitted by Eversource who will be installing a new pole on Hodsdon Shore Road. Morgan made a motion to sign the License. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White informed the Board that they should be present at the Department Head Meeting scheduled for Monday. White questioned whether they would like to continue the one-on-one Department Head meetings during the budget season. The Board agreed as there are many outstanding items they don't want to lose track of.

Discussion took place on creating a cash receipts policy.

White stated that West Ossipee Fire Precinct has uploaded the forms due but they still need to upload a signed copy of the MS-434. The Precinct payment will not be released until all forms are submitted as required.

Morgan stated that he attended the Chickville Church meeting last week and a vote of 13/2 was taken to have the Town take over the cemeteries. Discussion took place on its acceptance through Town Meeting vote. Additional discussion took place on the maintenance. The potential for expansion was also discussed.

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

Adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 10/26/2015