

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, November 23, 2015**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Franklin Riley, 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 11/16/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 11/16/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/21/2015 in the amount of \$38,934.42. 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 11/14/2015 in the amount of \$358,362.69. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan commented that the batch total included payments made to the School District and Water & Sewer Department.

Morgan stated that the Board signed the Property Tax Warrant in the amount of \$5,939,094.00 last Friday. He then reviewed the final tax rate of \$18.33 as follows:

Town	\$6.33 (down from \$6.63)
County	\$1.44 (up from \$1.09)
Local Education	\$8.03 (up from \$7.88)
State Education	\$2.53 (up from \$2.42)

Morgan commented that the Town did a very good job at reducing the rate even with a reduction in overall value being the result of the Town-wide revaluation.

The New Hampshire Highway Safety Agency Grant Agreement for DWI patrols was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that the Grant Agreement is to provide State funding to conduct DWI patrols, not sobriety checkpoints or roadblocks. Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, questioned the period of time the grant covers. Morgan was unable to find the time frame noted on the agreement. Morgan made a motion to sign the Agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to Adam Riley in the amount of \$1,586.52 for compensation as the Forest Fire Warden was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan clarified that the \$5.00 permit fee discussed last week is a reimbursement paid to the Deputy Wardens for issuing the fire permits; the Town does not charge a fee to issue a permit. This was misstated in last week's Carroll County Independent.

A Purchase Order payable to the Ossipee Forest Fire Department in the amount of \$3,215.00 for the 2015 fire permit stipend 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 Lakes Region Paving LLC in the amount of \$1,985.00 for washout repairs and apron repairs was presented for signatures. Harriman explained that there was damage from the heavy rainstorms earlier in the fall causing several shoulders to washout and there are also apron repairs that needed

to be made on various roads. Morgan made a motion to approve the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Margaret Jenness requesting use of the Town Hall on 11/28/2015 from 1:00-6:00 PM for a celebration of life. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The programming updates were received from Time Warner Cable.

The State of NH reimbursement application for the 2015 fire permit stipend was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an email from the Lakes Region Planning Commission with the schedule of upcoming meetings and events.

The Board received a copy of an email response received from Michael Dugas, Chief of Preliminary Design, NH DOT Bureau of Highway Design, regarding the safety improvements to the intersections of Route 28 and 171. The improvements are on schedule for 2017. Harriman stated that they were originally scheduled for 2015 but the funding was depleted this year. Morgan requested that continual pressure be put on the agency to complete the work sooner than later. Morgan requested that White review the minutes for the timeline that was originally presented to the Town. Harriman stated that he will obtain an updated accident report from the Police Department.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the Governor and Executive Council meeting held on Wednesday, 11/18/2015.

#### Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that he attended the construction meeting last week. The roof, siding and structural repairs are all complete. Harriman reviewed the last change order request that is under review by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates but includes work that has already been completed without prior authorization. Morgan questioned the status of Phase III. Harriman responded that the scope of work has been prioritized and he is hopeful to have everything prepared to put it out to bid in the spring.

Highway Garage – Harriman informed the Board that a meeting with the management team took place last week where they reviewed the scheduling, proposed changes and reviewed comments.

Harriman stated that they will be taking soil samples tomorrow. Morgan questioned if the working number is still at \$485,000.00. Harriman affirmed and added that the total includes the engineering.

Holyoake questioned whether the garage addition is a part of a Capital Improvement Plan. Morgan responded that the Town has a Master Plan that needs to be updated, but the garage addition has been in the works for several years and a capital reserve was established in preparation for it.

#### New Business:

Riley stated that the Board needs to act on the revised budget request for End 68-Hours of Hunger. Morgan made a motion to approve the budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Budget Committee tabled the request until the Selectmen could revise their recommendation.

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

Public Input:

Ed Comeau, State Representative, spoke on an upcoming State House Special Session Wednesday, 12/2/2015 at which time they will be reviewing the heroin and opiate crisis and proposed legislation. Discussion ensued.

White informed the Board that Green Mountain Conservation Group will be giving a presentation at 4:30 PM on 11/30/2015 and they may present a request for funding at that time.

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

Adjourned at 4:55 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Franklin R. Riley

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Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 11/30/2015