

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, December 14, 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 12/7/2015. 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 12/7/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/12/2015 in the amount of \$35,261.26. 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 11/30/2015 in the amount of \$1,195,557.24 including payments to the Fire Precincts in the amount of \$119,574.00, and Carroll County in the amount of \$913,231.00. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews each and every invoice prior to signing off on the batch totals. Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, questioned what the payment to the County was for. Morgan responded that the Town collects the County's portion of the tax rate and disburses it to them in one lump sum due in December.

The Outdoor Event Application received from Explore Winter Gardens LLC for a roadside attraction to be held 12/26/2015 – 3/15/2016 on the Jakes Seafood property was further reviewed. Morgan stated that they met earlier with David Senecal, Zoning Enforcement Officer, for further clarification on the event request. Morgan made a motion to approve the Outdoor Event Application for a 30-day period with automatic renewal pending there to be no problems that arise from the event. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Kingswood Regional High School Guidance Department requesting a review of the scholarship profile form for the Lyford Merrow Scholarship. Morgan requested that White forward the form to the Trustees of Trust Funds for their review.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 12/12/2015.

Form A-5 – Land Use Change Tax for the property located on Map 23, Lot 7 (Previously Map 5, Lot 28.3) was presented for signatures. White explained that 25 acres was released from Current Use Assessment in 1991 and the Land Use Change Tax was paid but the original form to release the acreage was never recorded at the Registry of Deeds and cannot be located. The form has been reproduced for recording. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Property Tax Warrant for the property located on Map 23, Lot 7, Sub Lot M12 in the amount of \$499.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that the tax bill was incorrectly invoiced to Troy Fisher and the correct owners to be invoiced are James and Lauri Mooradian. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Property Tax Warrant for the property located on Map 23, Lot 7, Sub Lot O02 in the amount of \$235.00 was presented for signatures. The warrant invoices the tax due to Troy Fisher for the unit owned by him. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 23, Lot 7, Sub Lot M12 in the amount of \$499.00. The request is to abate the incorrect amount that was invoiced to Troy Fisher for the wrong unit in 2015. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Application and Membership Agreement from HealthTrust was presented for review. Morgan read the Certificate of Authorizing Resolution authorizing White to execute and deliver the Application and Membership Agreement to HealthTrust. Morgan made a motion to sign the Resolution. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 23, Lot 7, Sub Lot M12 in the amount of \$350.96. The request is to abate the incorrect amount that was invoiced to Troy Fisher for the wrong unit in 2014. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Intent to Cut Timber was received from Gary Mooers for the property located on Map 248, Lot 37. Morgan made a motion to sign the Supplemental Intent to Cut. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$3,216.88 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.

The Board received notice from the Town of Middleton that the Site Plan Review and Hearing for the proposed cell tower in the Town of Middleton has been cancelled.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent by the Conway Fire Department to ambulance service provider Care Plus acknowledging that they will be invoicing Care Plus \$500.00 for each Paramedic intercept provided by the Conway Fire Department.

The Board received notice of prices change to be effective in February from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a copy of a Wetlands Permit by Notification from the Conservation Commission for the property owned by Steven and Jeanne-Marie Demetriou. This is informational only.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that pay request #12 has been reviewed and authorized by Hoyle, Tanner & Associates and is being processed for payment by the Town. Phase II of the project is 96-97% complete with only minor repairs remaining; floor joists and one roof rafter.

Highway Garage – Harriman stated that a meeting has been scheduled for next Tuesday at 9:30 AM where they will review the results from the soil samples collected by GeoTech.

Harriman reported that the Highway Department is prepared for the arrival of snow.

New Business:

Morgan opened the meeting to Forrest Bell of FB Environmental who presented on behalf of Green Mountain Conservation Group with information on a build out analysis proposed for Ossipee Lake. Bell reviewed the analysis provided for the Town of Freedom and the information that it contains and how it is useful to the future of the lake's water quality. Corey Lane and Blair Folts distributed reports and commented on water analysis studies that have been completed by local school students. An appropriation request followed in the amount of \$6,000.00 for the completion of the build out analysis. Morgan reviewed the

process for requests to be included on the warrant. Morgan and Riley commented that they were not in support of recommending the request. Discussion ensued.

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

Public Input:

Bob Pratt, Conservation Commission member, stated that the build out analysis may be helpful in determining open space that should be preserved, in addition to its importance for water quality. Folts commented that Green Mountain Conservation Group does not have to be involved with the appropriation request. Pratt stated he would discuss the request with the rest of the Conservation Commission.

Holyoake questioned the new location of the ambulance service provider. Morgan responded that the Board has heard second-hand but that the new location is somewhere on Route 41 in Madison. Morgan commented that Care Plus is bound by the ambulance contract to meet response times from the central location. White added that the contract requires that location changes to be approved by the Ossipee Board of Selectmen.

Holyoake questioned if there is a limit to how many trees can be cut from a property. Morgan responded that there is no limit but there are very few instances where a property is clear cut; most cuts are managed to allow regrowth and future harvest for times of good marketability.

Holyoake questioned if the scholarship profile has anything to do with an effort to better promote the scholarships available. Morgan answered that it reviews the eligibility requirements. Freeman stated that the Lyford Merrow Scholarship is a very well applied for scholarship with several scholarship awards given annually.

Holyoake questioned the completion percentage of the Whittier Covered Bridge. Harriman answered that the construction phase is considered to be 96-97% complete. The last phase is to put the bridge back over the river.

Morgan announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, 12/16/2015.

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

Adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 12/21/2015