

Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2016

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Franklin Riley, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

White presented the Board with an offer to settle a legal matter in the amount of \$15,000. She explained that Property-Liability Trust will be issuing a check to the Town for the settlement amount less legal costs which will then be disbursed through the Town's payroll records. Morgan made a motion to settle the claim for the amount of \$15,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan reviewed a conversation he had with Cemetery Trustee Rick St. Jean. The cemetery equipment has been picked up and is now in the Cemetery Trustees possession. Also, the balance in the Cemetery Trustees checking account is to be fully expended and will be closed prior to the audit. Brief discussion took place on cemetery maintenance.

White presented draft warrant articles for the Selectmen's review as well as warrant article requests from Public Works Director Brad Harriman. Discussion ensued. White was asked to get clarification on Harriman's request to add \$10,000 to the Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund.

White was asked to seek guidance from Attorney Sager to assist her with drafting the Warrant Article for the donation of the Chickville Cemetery and Meeting House as well as an Article to abolish the Water & Sewer Commission through a phased process.

The cost of the highway garage addition was discussed. White stated that Bauen Corp. has been requested to have the final figure available by 1/18/2016. The Board requested the figure sooner if possible.

White stated that Harriman received a letter from Dubois & King regarding an appeal they will be filing for the denial of change order #4.

White reviewed a letter received from the NH DOT Safe Routes to School Coordinator John Corrigan acknowledging the sidewalk project closure, a result of the lack of significant progress being made on the project. White stated that the Town will be invoiced for \$20,311.98 for costs reimbursed by the grant.

Discussion took place on the Forest Fire Warden Capital Reserve Fund. Riley questioned whether the fund can be reestablished to include suppression and equipment rather than just equipment.

The Boat Agent Agreements between the Town of Ossipee and LuAnn Rollins, Barry Rollins and Abigail Nichols of Wards Boat Shop were presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreements. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request to rescind Abatement #2015-104 granted for the property owned by Lytron Incorporated in the amount of \$5,578.00 was received from Assessing Clerk Jessi O'Blenes. O'Blenes explained that the abatement request should have been processed for interest only. Morgan made a motion to rescind Abatement #2015-104. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property owned by Lytron Incorporated located on Map 250, Lot 6. The request is to abate interest that accrued from 7/1/2015-12/29/2015, per the agreement approved during 6/15/2015 Selectmen's Meeting. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Form PA-34 for the property donated by John Haley located at 2 Danville Road, was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White stated that Attorney Sager has received a copy of a response received from John Lee and has provided his comments.

White informed the Board that the next Department Head Meeting has been scheduled for 1/25/2016 and the Selectmen are to be present.

Morgan made a motion to approve a vacation request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion took place on wages. White confirmed that all increases went into effect for the first pay period of the year.

Morgan requested that a meeting be scheduled for next Wednesday, 1/13/2016 at 2:00 PM to finalize the warrant articles.

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

Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 1/11/2016