

Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, January 13, 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 provided an updated budget status spreadsheet and Warrant Article figures. White informed the Board that the Police Department is requesting a Warrant Article for new IMC software in the amount of \$10,400.00 in addition to the cruiser for \$34,700.00. White also provided the Board with the new breakdown for the Highway Garage addition.

Discussion took place on the Forest Fire Warden Department's Capital Reserve Fund and whether it can be reestablished to include fire suppression. White reviewed the various purposes for a Capital Reserve Fund in comparison to an Expendable Trust Fund. The Board was in agreement that any changes could wait until next year.

Discussion took place on the proper order in which the Warrant Articles related to the Chickville Cemetery and Meeting House donation should be on the Town Warrant.

Morgan made a motion to increase the Cemetery budget by \$4,000 for a total of \$34,204 to cover additional cemetery maintenance of the Chickville Cemetery. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the Warrant Articles as follows:

To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation from the Chickville Cemetery Association, Incorporated consisting of three parcels of real estate, the first being Tax Map 231, Lot 12 consisting of land and a building known commonly as the Chickville Church or Chickville Meeting House, and the second and third being Tax Map 108, Lot 18 and Tax Map 231, Lot 2 consisting of land known commonly as the Chickville Cemetery. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Chickville Meeting House Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, for the purpose of providing maintenance and repairs to the Chickville Meeting House, and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$21,) to be added to this fund, and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White informed the Board that DRA made corrections to the above Warrant Article and there may be an additional Warrant Article forthcoming to handle the donation of perpetual funds from the Chickville Church Association. White will be forwarding the information to Attorney Sager for his assistance.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred ninety-four thousand dollars (\$494,000) for the purpose of constructing an addition to the existing Highway Garage, and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred seventy-nine thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars (\$179,492) from the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of three hundred fourteen thousand five hundred eight dollars (\$314,508) is to come from general taxation. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the purpose of repair and improvements of Town roads. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Solid Waste Facility Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purpose of Town building improvements (Town Hall, Freight House, Highway Garage, Library & Police Station). Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-eight thousand eight hundred thirty dollars (\$58,830) for the purpose of paying the Ossipee Water System's bond payment for one (1) year. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be added to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Computer Equipment Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Account previously established for the purpose of a complete revaluation of the Town in the year 2020. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be added to the Invasive Species Control Fund previously established for the purpose of preventing and treating milfoil in Ossipee Lake. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Benefit Pay Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-four thousand seven hundred dollars (\$34,700) for the purpose of purchasing one new police cruiser and equipment. This amount to come from the Town's Unreserved Fund Balance (surplus). Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Ossipee, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$50,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$75,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$100,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$28,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$39,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to abolish effective January 1, 2017 the Ossipee Water and Sewer Department (originally established pursuant to Article 15 of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting), and to transfer control of all of the Ossipee Water and Sewer Commissioners' duties and responsibilities to the Ossipee Board of

Selectmen effective January 1, 2017. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400) for the purpose of purchasing new computer software, training and computer backup for the Police Department. Morgan made a motion to recommend this article. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the estimated revenues calculated at \$2,530,591.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The 2015 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate from the NH Department of Revenue was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White informed the Board that she has secured Attorney Barbara Loughman to provide legal representation at Town Meeting since Attorney Rick Sager will be attending Tamworth's Town Meeting this year.

White reviewed the computer system analysis and proposal received from RMON Networks. White will be checking the references provided.

Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, entered at 2:50 PM to review the finalized figures on the Highway Garage addition. Further discussion took place on the proposed portable lift. Harriman informed the Board that the company he has researched and based the pricing on has a lift they can bring on-site for demonstration. Riley reiterated that safety is of the utmost importance. Harriman was dismissed at 3:00 PM.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 3:00 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Freeman answered yes, Riley answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 3:18 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Being no further input, Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Adjourned at 3:19 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 1/25/2016