

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Franklin Riley, and Elaine Sherman, Finance & Benefits Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the approval of minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 2/8/2016. Freeman was absent from the meeting. Riley made a motion to approve the minutes. Morgan seconded. Two votes were cast to approve the minutes.

Morgan stated as he was not in attendance for the Public Hearing he would abstain from the vote. Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Public Hearing on the use of library funds held 2/16/2016. Freeman seconded. Two votes were cast to approve.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 2/20/2016 in the amount of \$48,994.74 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 2/13/2016 in the amount of \$4,110.26. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Current Use Land Use Change Tax, Tax Collector's Warrant was submitted for property located on Map 230, Lot 4 and owned by Martha Copithorne & Nancy Witherell. The warrant is for \$2,000.00. 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 owned by the Town of Ossipee for the property located on Map 23, Lot 4. The land was given to the Town and is tax exempt. Taxes of \$83.00 accrued during the time the transaction paperwork was being processed. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Cornerstone Christian Academy. The request is for the use of the Town Hall kitchen, tables and chairs on April 1, 2016. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Sign Permit was received. The sign is a replacement sign for Hannaford's. The sign meets the Town's ordinance. Morgan made a motion to approve the permit. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Sign Permit was received from Hitenora Patel. The sign is a replacement sign at 2420 Route 16, West Ossipee, former Kokopelli's building. The sign meets the Town's ordinance. Morgan made a motion to approve the Permit. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, asked what type of business was opening at the location. Morgan stated that it would be a store selling groceries, beer and wine. He asked Sherman to make sure a "Welcome" letter is sent to the new business.

A Request for an Abatement was received from owner Alexander Bakman for the property located on Map 35, Lot 15. The abatement is a compromise between property owner and the Town as recommended by the BTLA for the 2014 tax year. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from owner Philip W. Holland for the property located on Map 14, Lot 4. The Assessor recommends the abatement based on the amount of usable land and the absence of an access road to the property. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 57, Lot 23. Owner Unknown. The property needs to be exempt due to the fact the owner is unknown. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from owner David Krauss for the property located on Map 136, Lot 8. The Assessor determined that there is a reduction in value of \$12,000., therefore an abatement should be granted. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from owner Michael T Burke for the property located on Map 43, Lot 7. The taxpayer did not supply any properties to compare to. Morgan made a motion to deny the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A memo from the Selectmen to the Trustee of Trust Funds requesting the reimbursement to the town of funds from the Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve funds in the amount of \$353.60 was presented. This was for an invoice from White Mountain Survey for work on the Valley Road Bridge. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 2/12/2016 and 2/20/2016.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$701.83 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A memo from the Selectmen to the Trustee of Trust Funds requesting the reimbursement to the town of funds from the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve funds in the amount of \$31,600.00 was presented. This was for an invoice from Todd Haywood, Granite Hill Municipal Services, for the 2015 town wide revaluation. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation containing copies of the interim bridge inspection reports for two Red Listed town owned bridges. Morgan stated that the money to repair the bridges is already in capital reserve and the work is currently underway. He noted that these are the last of the Town owned Red Listed bridges.

A Notice of Decision was received from the Zoning Board of Adjustment that the request for a Variance to construct a garage by Michael Piche for property located at 9 McConkey Way was granted.

A copy of a check from the State of New Hampshire in the amount of \$112, 096.44 for reimbursement of Whittier Covered Bridge funds was acknowledged.

A Consent Calendar Agenda of the State of New Hampshire Executive Council has been received and is available for anyone who would like to view it.

A letter from Time Warner Cable regarding programming changes was also received and is available for review.

Morgan announced there will be an Informal Hearing held Monday, February 29, 2016 at 5:30 PM for the purpose of answering any questions regarding the 2016 Warrant Articles and Budget.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge –Brad Harriman stated he is currently working on scheduling a meeting with Hoyle & Tanner to discuss the 3-G change order.

Highway Garage – Harriman noted that the plans for the Highway Garage will be available for the Public Hearing on February 29<sup>th</sup> so people can see them.

Road Safety Audit – Harriman said he hasn't heard any news on that. Morgan asked State Representative Ed Comeau if he has heard anything regarding the letter that he sent to the NH DOT on the town's behalf. Comeau stated that he has not.

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

Public Input:

R. Christopher Templeton spoke on his concerns regarding the Town accepting the gift of the Chickville Church. He said he understands the Town's need for the cemetery, but would like to know why the Town wants the Church. He asked the selectmen if they would reconsider and ask the town's people on the floor of Town Meeting to vote the warrant article relating to the Chickville Church and Cemetery down. This would give the association another year to organize and come up with an alternative plan to maintain the church.

Morgan said the gift was not presented as cemetery, church or both, it was offered as a whole. He said the Town is ready, willing and able to care for the church and feels they have a history of preserving historic properties using the Whittier Covered Bridge as an example.

Discussion ensued and Morgan wrapped it up by stating that Templeton has the right to organize his group and come to Town Meeting and speak as well as vote on the topic.

Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, asked if there were any new developments on the Westward Shores Development. Morgan stated that there is nothing new at the Board of Selectmen level, but the Zoning Board has had a preliminary meeting with the owners.

Holyoake asked if she should mention in her column that dog licenses are due. Morgan agreed a reminder would be helpful. He stated that people should be responsible pet owners and keep licenses current.

Morgan listed the following upcoming events scheduled at Town Hall:

Monday, 2/29/2016    3:00 PM – The dedication of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium Ceremony  
                                 4:15 PM – Weekly Selectmen's Meeting  
                                 5:30 PM – Informal Hearing on the 2016 Budget and Warrant Articles  
                                 6:30 PM – Meet the Candidates Night

Tuesday, 3/8/2016    10:00 AM – 7:00 PM – Town Elections

Wednesday, 3/9/2016 6:30 PM – Town Meeting.

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 2/29/2016