

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2016

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley, and Robert Freeman, 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 2/29/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 3/5/2016 in the amount of \$139,824.42. 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 2/27/2016 in the amount of \$57,448.33. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan commented that the Board reviews each and every invoice prior to approving the manifest totals.

Three letters addressed to the Fire Precincts were presented for signatures. Morgan read aloud the letter content which requests the consideration of the purchase of a rescue unit suitable for transporting patients when the time comes for their current rescue unit to be replaced. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to the Ivhan Realty Trust welcoming the new business to the 2420 Route 16 location was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was submitted for the week ending 3/5/2016.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property owned by Martha W. Copithorne and Nancy A. Witherall located on Map 230, Lot 4. The abatement is to negate a duplicate warrant processed for a Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$2,000.00. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of February. The total amount collected was in the amount of \$1,038.80.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Ossipee Concerned Citizens requesting use of the Freight House on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:00-4:00 for their Board/Finance Meeting. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract pending the schedule approval of Peter Waugh, Recreation Director. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Kasey Noble requesting use of the gym on 3/13/2016 for a birthday party. The schedule has been verified by Waugh and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Current Use was received from the Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust. The application is to add 2.2 acres of Map 223, Lot 35 into Current Use Assessment. Previously approved by the Assessor, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of the Lord Scholarship Fund reports for the period ending 12/31/2015 from the University of New Hampshire. Morgan requested that White forward the information to the Trustee of Trust Funds Chairman Condict Billings.

The Board received a copy of an email received from Mike Izard of the Lakes Region Planning Commission reviewing the status of the Road Safety Audits applications filed for the intersections of Route 16 and Pine River Road, Route 16 and Mount Shaw Road, and Route 16 and Granite Road. The email goes on to say that the funding delay has been resolved and the approved safety projects should move forward.

The Board received a copy of an email received from CarePlus Ambulance Service acknowledging that they have relocated to the new Central Station at 570 Plains Road, Tamworth. CarePlus will be staging ambulances during inclement weather and during high traffic volume in the area. In addition, a new ambulance will be put into service within the next few weeks.

The Board received a copy of the 2015 Final Ratio Study Report from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. Morgan noted the median ratio to be 101.4%.

The Board received a copy of the Long-Term Variable Milfoil Treatment Plan from the NH Department of Environmental Services. Morgan requested that a copy be distributed to Jim Fitzpatrick.

The programming updates were received from Time Warner Cable.

New Business:

Morgan announced that they would open the sealed bids received for the surplus vehicles. The bids received are as follows:

1.) Douglas VanDyke	2003 Dodge Durango	\$1,515.00
2.) Yousef Dabbagh	2010 Chevrolet Impala	\$1,368.00
3.) Kent Mountain Auto	2010 Chevrolet Impala	\$1,800.00
4.) Chicago Motors Inc.	2010 Chevrolet Impala	\$2,707.00

Morgan made a motion to proceed with awarding the 2003 Dodge Durango to Douglas VanDyke for \$1,515.00 and the 2010 Chevrolet Impala to Chicago Motors Inc. for \$2,707.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Public Input:

Ron Adams, Conservation Commission Chairman, approached the Board to discuss the Conservation Easement formerly held by the Patten Corporation which has since dissolved. Adams explained that he has been in contact with Terry Knowles from the Attorney General's Office and as long as the Board of Selectmen is in favor, the Conservation Easement will be transferred to the custody of the Conservation Commission. Morgan requested that White contact Attorney Sager to make sure there is nothing further required from the Town.

Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, informed the Board that he has been in contact with Bauen Corporation and they are ready to move forward pending the approval of the Highway Garage Addition at Town Meeting.

Dallas Emery stated that he is present in an effort to get more involved in what is going on in Town.

Morgan stated that the Town Election is tomorrow and Town Meeting is Wednesday night at 6:30 PM. He encouraged all to attend and be a part of the process.

White reviewed RSA 80:52-c which the Board will need to adopt the provisions of, in order to accept credit cards as a method of payment for taxes and services. Morgan requested this be tabled until next week.

Morgan stated that he was disappointed with the Letter to the Editor written by Water & Sewer Commissioner Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski stating that it was not accurate or factual. Morgan stated that the Board of Selectmen have voted unanimously to proceed with dissolving the Commission, not Morgan individually. Morgan also stated that all conversations have been properly documented and taped and the Commissioners have been given the opportunity to discuss the matter on several occasions. Riley commented that he stands behind the decision made by the Board for many reasons. Emery commented that he is looking for transparency from the Water & Sewer Department and it does not seem to be there.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, informed the Board that the meeting coverage published on governmentoversite.com is being viewed regularly including by a college class in Iceland.

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

Adjourned at 4:48 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 3/14/2016