

## **Selectmen's Meeting**

**02/25/13**

Chairman Kathleen M. Maloney called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were: Kathleen M. Maloney, Harry C. Merrow, Robert C. Freeman, and Martha B. Eldridge, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Maloney made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on February 11, 2013. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 2/19/13 was submitted in the amount of \$41,376.05. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 2/19/13 was submitted in the amount of \$168,464.98. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 2/26/13 was submitted in the amount of \$44,823.32. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 2/26/13 was submitted in the amount of \$935,560.57. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Maloney read a memo from Eldridge in reference to her receiving a phone call request from NH Electric Co-Op Foundation asking for permission to hold a food drive in Ossipee. The Co-op and the Food Bank Truck has asked permission to park at the town hall on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 2:00 PM to distribute food to the public. They normally supply approximately 200 hundred families with about three weeks of food. The Board unanimously agreed to this request.

An Intent to Cut was submitted by Kevin & Lucia Hurley to cut 8 acres of a 16 acre parcel of land located on Rainbow Drive. Map 112 Lot 5. The logger listed is Richard Gerard. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was submitted by Town of Ossipee & M. H. Humphrey & Sons, Inc. to cut 10 acres of a 19 acre parcel of land located on Route 16. Map 112 Lot 2. The logger listed is Richard Gerard. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Police Chief, Donald Grow, submitted his resignation effective 4-01-13.

The Board received a thank you note from Public Service for keeping a clear path to the meters that helps enable the reader's clear access to the meters.

The Board received a notice and invitation to an Open House at Lakes Region Planning Commission being held on March 7 2013 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Meredith office.

The Board received a notice from Eldridge referencing the need to hold a meeting of the Budget Committee to discuss the need to withdraw \$19,282.08 from the town's surplus account to pay the balance due on the bond that was refinanced last year. Funds were not available for this final payment. Eldridge explained that she should have budgeted the money for 2013 and forgot to include it. The Board approved the process and Eldridge will go ahead to schedule the meeting.

An abatement request was received for property located on Map 123 Lot 29. Merrow stated that this property has had the value reduced a few times and he made a motion to deny this request. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received packet of abatements from the Long Sands Rd. area the assessor had recommended dropping the assessed value of several properties in this area. Merrow did not feel that a flat mark down of these values was the correct way to go. The values were suggested to be in line with the Broad Bay area. Due to a time constraint a vote was necessary at this time. If the Board has reason to make a settlement at a later date, this can be done. Merrow was not convinced with the reasoning. Merrow has scheduled an appointment to meet with the Assessor to discuss the values. Freeman made a motion to deny these requests. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received and reviewed a request from Ellen White to attend classes to further her education in assessing. Maloney made a motion to approve this request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received copies of Ray Burton scheduled.

The Board received an update from the Time Warner Cable TV.

The Board received a memo from Town Clerk, Kellie Skehan that she will be testing the voting machine on 2-26-13 at 11:00 AM in the Clerk's office.

The Board received the Animal Shelter Service Agreement from the Lakes Region Humane Society for the year of 2013. Maloney made a motion to approve and sign this agreement. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Rademacher Realty Trust wanting to gift a parcel of land to the Town. (Map 6 Lot 16000). The Board agreed to accept the land.

Merrow stated that he is very unhappy with the status of the work at the freight house. He stated that some action needs to be taken to get the project moving again. Freeman agreed with Merrow. Melissa Seamans asked the Board to explain why they feel that way. Merrow stated that no work had been done for some time. The insulation that should be done is not. What has been put in is not sufficient. Ski Kwiatkowski stated that he remembers of an extension being granted. Merrow said it was but the work should be done by now. The Board will be looking into this problem further.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Maloney opened the meeting to Public Input.

Kwiatkowski stated that it appears the new assessor has a difference of opinion in the assessing. Merrow said yes, he does, but the Board is looking for more explanation for his recommendations.

Rick Morgan asked the Board what their intentions are when Don Grows resignation takes effect. He asked if they would be promoting from within the department. Freeman stated that they may appoint a committee as they did when he resigned. Morgan reminded the Board that at that time they would promote J. Eldridge to Chief when Grow decided to retire.

Peter Zarvas, Selectmen's Representative to the Planning Board, came in to report that his term is expiring soon. He stated that he would like to continue serving as the Selectmen's Rep. to the Planning Board. The Board agreed to re-appoint Zarvas and stated they would be making re-appointments after the upcoming election. Zarvas reported that he would like to start reporting to them through e-mails if they didn't have a problem with that. The Board agreed.

Seamans asked for an explanation of the bond payment request. The Board repeated the explanation to her.

Kwiatkowski stated that he has finished with the proofing of the Town Report.

Kevin Houle asked the Board if they have put in for a raise this year. They said no.

Houle asked the cost for the street lights mentioned in the warrant article above. He was told \$17,000.00.

Houle asked if the test pits at the Transfer Station are still being monitored. Harriman told him they are and results are fine.

Houle asked when the filing period is for the town elections. He was told from Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Feb. 1.

Being no more public input, Merrow made a motion to adjourn. Maloney seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:20PM

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Kathleen M. Maloney, Chairman

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Harry C. Merrow

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Robert C. Freeman  
To be approved 1/28/13