

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 20, 2016**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator.

Call to Order:

Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Riley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance by Roll Call:

Present were Selectmen Franklin Riley, Robert Freeman and Richard Morgan.

Meeting Minutes:

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Workshop held on 6/13/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/13/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/18/2016 in the amount of \$39,325.61. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 6/11/2016 was in the amount of \$1,166,133.02, including a payment to the School District in the amount of \$875,327.00. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley commented that the Board reviews each invoice prior to approving the manifest total.

Review of Red Folder:

A Request for an Abatement was received from Walter William Lovell for the property located on Map 129, Lot 32. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$15,200 resulting in a refund/abatement of \$316.62 to correct the neighborhood code of the property. Riley made a motion to approve the abatement request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Soaring Heights Inc. for the property located on Map 2, Lot 2. The Assessor verified the measurements and corrected the hangar to a garage, but no changes to the value were warranted and therefore recommends denying the request. Riley made a motion to deny the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Soaring Heights Inc. for the properties located on Map 2, Lots 1, 8, 12, 18, 19, 20, and 29, Map 3, Lot 2, and Map 5, Lots 22 and 23. The Assessor recommends denying the request as the taxpayer did not supply an opinion of value or appraisal to support a change in assessment. Riley made a motion to deny the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to a taxpayer who questioned the assessment of interest and penalties for a shortage in their tax payment was presented for signatures. Riley stated that he reviewed the information with the Tax Collector and found that the assessment was justified. Riley made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from the William R. Crowder Rev. Trust for the properties located on Map 109, Lots 6 and 7, and Map 226, Lot 3. The intent is to cut 3 acres of the 166.80 total acres and the logger listed is Tim Nolin. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on Map 109, Lots 6 and 7. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Casella Waste Systems in the amount of \$2,072.12 for cardboard recycling.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 6/18/2016.

The Board received a memo from Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reviewing the cost of repair related to the breakdown of the horizontal baler at the Transfer Station. An attached quote received from Atlantic Recycling is in the amount not to exceed \$9,405.00 to complete the repair. The cost to replace the baler was noted to be in the amount of \$70,000.00. Riley made a motion to approve the repair through Atlantic Recycling. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request to the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$3,321.25 from the Bridge Replacement and/or Repair Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of expenses paid to White Mountain Survey Co. Inc. for the Valley Road Bridge Project was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Elderly Exemption was submitted for review. The Assessor has reviewed the information and determined that the applicant's income exceeds the allowable limit and therefore recommends denial. Riley made a motion to deny the exemption. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Raffle Permit Application was received from the White Horse Addiction Center for a raffle to be held at the Indian Mount Golf Course on 9/22/2016 at 2:00 PM. Riley made a motion to grant the permit. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An annual request to determine whether the Town will be utilizing the form PA-28, Taxpayer Inventory Blank in accordance with RSA 74:4 for 2016 was received from the State of NH Department of Revenue. Riley stated that the Town will not be using the form and made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Ossipee Old Home Week Committee requesting use of the gym on 6/30/2016 and 7/1/2016 for display of photos for the Photo Contest. The schedule has been verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Riley made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the NH DOT notifying them of guardrails that are scheduled to be replaced on Route 28 in September 2016 with an anticipated completion date of June 2017.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications, previously Time Warner Cable.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 6/15/2016.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – The agreement with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates to begin the Study Phase of Phase III for the Whittier Covered Bridge Project in the amount of \$30,390.00 was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. Morgan expressed his frustration with the delays in the project due to federal requirements and funding delays. He stated that the timeline for the final phase does not have the project going out to bid until July 2017 at which point there will not be enough time to put the Bridge back over the river in 2017. Further discussion ensued on ways to expedite the final phase. The motion carried unanimously.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Ed Comeau, State Representative, reported that he has the letter that was signed by other Representatives at the Legislative Session last week. Riley commented that four accidents have taken place since NH DOT's presentation.

Chickville Meeting House – Morgan stated that he attended the first meeting of the Committee held last Wednesday and there will be quarterly meetings moving forward with the next scheduled in August. Morgan noted a few items to be addressed including servicing the furnace and increasing the size of the propane tank that fuels the furnace. Freeman thanked Riley for rebuilding the shutters in need of repair.

Economic Development Committee – Ash Fischbein reported that the Committee met last week and the next meeting will be the third Wednesday in July. He stated that they have invited Benoit Lamontagne, from the NH Economic Development Committee, to attend so he can review the resources available. Fischbein presented a community pamphlet the City of Dover uses to encourage entrepreneurs into the City. He stated he is working on one for Ossipee and would like a welcoming letter from the Board of Selectmen to incorporate into it. Riley requested Fischbein meet with White for the format of the letter.

New Business:

None presented.

Public Input:

None presented.

Non-Public Session:

Riley polled the Board to enter a non-public session at 4:47 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. Roll call vote was taken: Riley answered yes, Freeman answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:16 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to return to the public session at 5:16 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley stated that the minutes from the non-public session were sealed.

Dallas Emery announced that he was appointed to serve as Water & Sewer Commissioner, replacing departing Commissioner Will Dewitte. The Board thanked him for stepping in and stated the importance in the role to assist with the upcoming transition.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 6/27/2016