

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, August 1, 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 7/25/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/25/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/30/2016 in the amount of \$138,659.53. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 7/23/2016 was in the amount of \$39,900.49. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley stated that the Board reviews each invoice prior to approving the manifest totals.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 7/23/2016.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Nicholas and Nicole Warren for the property located on Map 76, Lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. The intent is to cut a total of 25 acres from the combined 58 acres and the logger listed is Richard Buswell. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter written in support of Carroll County Sheriff's Office application for grant funds from the NH Homeland Security Grant was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the William A. Lund Revocable Trust of 2011 for the property located on Map 122, Lot 12. The Assessor recommends denying the request as the taxpayer has not supplied any evidence to support his opinion of value. Riley made a motion to deny the abatement request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley announced that Recreation Director Peter Waugh will be retiring from his position with the Town effective August 26, 2016. The Board wished Waugh the best and congratulated him for an outstanding job in his position over the past 21 years.

Form PA-16: Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in which Federal and State Forest Land is Situated was presented for signatures. Riley stated that the Town submits this application annually in order to receive a small reimbursement for the tax-exempt state and/or federal forest land located in Town. Morgan stated that approximately 2,100 acres of land are tax exempt that fall under this criteria. Riley made a motion to sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Old Business:**

Whittier Covered Bridge – Riley stated that the Board met with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates earlier to discuss ways to advance the next project phase in hope to get the bridge back over the river in 2017. He stated that a funding allocation delays in the spring have resulted in the final phase being pushed back.

Highway Garage Addition – Riley stated that the project is continuing to move along and the addition will be complete by the end of the month.

Riley commented that Public Works Director Brad Harriman is attending the Water & Sewer Commission meetings to gather as much information to assist with the transition that will take place in 2017.

**New Business:**

George Bolton – Discussion on Tax Matter – Riley stated that Mr. Bolton is not in attendance. Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, stated that she received a phone call from Mr. Bolton who was stuck in Tamworth and unable to attend. Morgan commented that this is the second time Mr. Bolton has been on the agenda but has not shown up. Ed Comeau called point of order questioning the purpose of the discussion. Riley stated that Mr. Bolton did not pay the correct amount of tax and was assessed interest and a penalty totaling \$23.00 which he paid and is requesting a refund for. Riley stated that he reviewed the information and the amounts charged are justified.

Riley announced that the Employee of the Year was awarded to Elaine Sherman, Finance and Benefits Administrator, during a luncheon held today. Riley commented that Sherman is well deserving as she is responsible for the smooth and positive results found in the annual audit in addition to the assistance she has provided in managing the Town's cash flow.

**Public Input:**

Comeau stated that he needs additional time to gather signatures for the letter addressed to NH Fish and Game regarding the closure of the Pine River Boat Launch to Ossipee Lake. He stated that Senator Jeb Bradley and Executive Councilor Joe Kenney are both on the issue but it appears that there will be no further delay in the construction as the project has been contracted and is set to begin. Discussion took place on the primary issue being lack of communication between Fish and Game and the community. Comeau stated that the process needs to be reviewed and repaired. Ash Fischbein questioned if the boat launch is owned by NH DRED. White responded that the land is but the boat ramp is managed by NH Fish and Game. Other boat ramps that underwent construction were discussed as having the same communication issues. Cole Perry suggested involving the Governor for action. Comeau explained that it has to go up through the process and suggested the Board invite NH Fish and Game to a meeting where they can explain what can be done to improve the process.

Riley commented on how well the presentation went that was held at the Town Hall two weeks ago by the NH DOT on the upcoming road and bridge improvement projects.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:42 PM.

---

Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

---

Robert C. Freeman

---

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 8/8/2016