

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 3, 2014**

Chairman Harry Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Harry Merrow, Richard Morgan and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/24/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department work log was received for week ending 3/1/2014.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of February. The total collected was \$916.45. Morgan questioned how much it cost to collect that amount.

The payroll voucher for week ending 3/1/2014 was received in the amount of \$105,148.91. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for week ending 3/1/2014 was received in the amount of \$40,432.69. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow announced that the Accu Vote Machine would be tested in the Town Clerk's Office on 3/4/2014 at 11:00 AM for the upcoming elections.

The Board received an email from Attorney Sager regarding the easement conveyance for private utilities that run beneath Emerson Road. Merrow requested that White send the proposed conveyance to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for comment as a start to the conveyance process under RSA 41:14-a.

Merrow made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/24/2014 Selectmen's workshop. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received correspondence from Rice Law Office regarding an easement request for a property being pursued by Chris and Cindy Stone. Merrow made a motion to send the request to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for comment. Morgan stated that he thought they already had a right-of-way access. Merrow confirmed. Morgan further stated that the agreement the Board made previously was for the purchaser to have a survey/title search performed. Morgan made a motion to respond to the Attorney in writing stating that the Board of Selectmen would not authorize spending of town funds to assist with the easement sale or to pay for the Town Attorney to research further. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to appoint Dana Cullen Jr., Emergency Management Director, as the second liaison for the Emergency Notification System. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Kingswood Varsity Cheerleading Team to use the gym 5/31/2014 from 6-9PM for a dance fundraiser. Merrow made a motion to approve the request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an update from UNH on the Lord Scholarship. Merrow announced that there are no recipients from Ossipee.

An Application for Current Use was received from Ambrose Brothers, Inc. for the property located on map 231, lot 1. The application is to put the remaining 30.56 acres of the 66.56 acre parcel into current use. With recommendation from the Assessor, Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the application. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Warrant for Excavation Tax in the amount of \$202.52, previously approved at the 2/24/2014 Selectmen's Meeting, was resubmitted for signature as the original copy had been misplaced. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 29 Bluffs Boulevard owned by North Star Realty Trust. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended reduction in assessment in the amount of \$177,200 for the 2013 tax year due to narrow water frontage, steep topography and view. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located on Archers Pond Road owned by Ambrose Brothers Inc. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended reduction in assessment in the amount of \$171,900 for the 2013 tax year due to its location on a class VI road and containing only 3-acres of depleted gravel pit not 4.5 acres. Merrow made a motion approve the abatement. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Downey Shea for the property located on map 243, lot 2. The intent is to excavate 10,000 cubic yards of gravel and sand. All requirements being met, Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The E9-1-1 Authorized User Form for the State of NH Division of Emergency Services was submitted for signature authorizing David Senecal and Corey Ryder as liaisons to make changes to the addressing and mapping data used in the E9-1-1 system. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Banshee Firearms c/o MCP Realty, LLC welcoming their new business to Town was submitted for signature. Merrow made a motion to sign the letter. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Two cemetery deeds approved during the 2/24/2014 Selectmen's Meeting were resubmitted for signature due to an error in the plan book reference. Merrow made a motion to sign the deeds. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an invitation to attend the First Annual President's Gala Masquerade Ball 3/29/2014 at 5:00 PM at the Huggins Hospital Medical Arts Center. The ticket price is \$100 per person.

Morgan made a statement in response to a recent article in the Carroll County Independent regarding the pursuit of ambulance service. He stated that the Board had to terminate the previous Contractor for not fulfilling their agreement. He also stated that the Board has done their due diligence in putting the contract out to bid, rejecting the bids, and then putting it out to bid again. The Board of Selectmen has met several times and spent ample effort in getting the best solution available. In comparison to the Town of Wakefield providing their own ambulance service, it would not be a fast solution for Ossipee. Wakefield has been experiencing problems with staffing their ambulance and relies heavily on mutual aid. He further stated that the offer to the Town of Effingham was not a means of taking advantage. They were left without service in the fall by their provider and Ossipee stepped in to ensure coverage. He summarized by stating that the article did not do the subject justice or accurately depict the issue at hand.

Discussion took place about the awarding of the Boston Post Cane and eligible recipients. Merrow stated that it is currently being stored at the Historical Society. Merrow made a motion to request it back from the Historical Society. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski commended White on the Town Report. He also commented on the layout and readability of reports that had been difficult to read in the past.

Merrow announced Candidate's Night to take place tonight at 6:30 PM.

Merrow made a motion to unseal non-public minutes for review under RSA 91-A. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Merrow requested White to schedule a non-public meeting on 3/10/2014 to review the minutes.

Merrow made a motion to accept the audit for year ending December 31, 2012. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, provided the Board with a report of winter maintenance expenses year-to-date. He stated the overtime line at 58%, sand at 57%, salt at 54% and repairs at 31% of budgeted amounts. In comparison to other towns, he felt confident with these percentages. Morgan asked if he thought an adjustment would be needed at Town Meeting. Harriman answered "no".

Condict Billings stated that the update received on the Lord Scholarship reported that another \$5,520.62 was spent in survey expenses above the \$7,000 that had previously been spent. Morgan questioned why UNH was not utilizing their student data to notify eligible students of scholarship eligibility since they manage the scholarship. Morgan added that preference is to be given to Ossipee and Tamworth students and questioned why funds would be distributed to 18 students from other towns. Billings added that funds are to be awarded based on financial need. Discussion also took place on the Lyford Merrow Scholarship.

Merrow motioned to poll the Board for non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) at 5:02 PM. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:25 PM. Being no further input, Merrow made a motion to adjourn. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:27 PM.

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Harry C. Merrow

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 3/10/2014