

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 7, 2016**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator.

Call to Order:

Selectman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance by Roll Call:

Present were Selectmen Robert Freeman and Richard Morgan. Selectman Riley was absent – excused.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/31/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Workshop held on 10/31/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Ellen White, Town Administrator, noting an error in the 10/24/2016 Selectmen's Minutes. The Planning Board budget approved was in the amount of \$22,659.00.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/5/2016 in the amount of \$37,884.41. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 10/29/2016 was in the amount of \$10,192.39. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

A letter addressed to Jakes Seafood Inc. referring them to the Planning Board for a review of their application for a Temporary Outdoor Event (Explore Winter Gardens LLC) was submitted for review.

The Board received a copy of the Road Safety Audit conducted by the NH DOT on 9/27/2016 on the intersection of Route 16 and Mount Shaw Road.

The invitation received from the City of Franklin on the elimination of education stabilization grants was in the folder for further discussion following the vote made to table at the last meeting. White explained that she forwarded the letter to the School Board requesting further information on what impact it will have on Ossipee, but has not received a response back yet. Morgan stated that the letter will remain tabled until further information is received.

The Board received a request for the appointment of the following Inspectors of the Election pursuant to RSA 658-:2: Cathy Clay, Jennifer Delaney, Natalie Hall, Stephanie Milligan, Sandra Robinson, Dorothy Sintiris, and Linda White. Morgan made a motion to appoint the named individuals. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the NH DOT requesting use of the Town Hall gym on 12/8/2016 from 3:00-9:00 PM for a Public Hearing on project X-A000(490), 14749. The schedule has been verified by White and the applicable deposit has been waived. Morgan questioned which project the hearing is for. White responded that she thinks it is the Route 16 improvements but will verify. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of October. The total amount collected was in the amount of \$5,917.55.

The memo received from Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, regarding the underground propane tank at the Freight House location was in the folder for further discussion following the vote made to table at the last meeting. White stated that Harriman is attending the Water & Sewer Commission meeting and has not provided an update. Morgan stated that the memo will remain tabled until further information is received.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 11/5/2016.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Ossipee Historical Society requesting use of the Tax Collector's Office on the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30-7:00 PM to hold their monthly meetings during the months of December-April. The applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Agreement and Release Regarding a Building Permit for a Private Road was received from Ryan Barry who has requested a building permit for 23 Benson Road, a private road. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$433.68 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received email correspondence from Mike Edgecomb of James W. Sewall Company offering his service as a consultant to negotiate the cable franchise renewal contract. White explained that Edgecomb was the former municipal liaison for Time Warner Cable. Morgan requested that White get additional information about the services he provides.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$1,776.08 for recycling.

Old Business:

Underground propane tank at Freight House (tabled 10/31/2016) – discussion postponed until 11/14/2016.

Loss of education stabilization grant funds (tabled 10/31/2016) – discussion postponed until 11/14/2016.

New Business:

Job Opening – Recreation Department Program Assistant - The draft job opening for the position of part-time Program Assistant was presented for review. Morgan made a motion to proceed with advertising the position. 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:

Ash Fischbein questioned the correct amount of the Planning Board budget request approved by the Selectmen. White responded that she verified from the audio recording that the Selectmen voted to approve the Department's request in the amount of \$22,659.00.

Marie McConarty questioned if the Board had locked in the health insurance rates. Morgan responded that a plan has been chosen for reduced rates and affected budgets already recommended will be amended as necessary.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, discussed the accident that occurred at the intersection of Routes 28 and 171 on Sunday which resulted in two fatalities. He stated that he contacted the area Representatives, Senator and NH DOT Commissioner. He informed the Board that the Commissioner stated that the accident had not been ruled as a result of a problem with the intersection. Discussion took place on the number of accidents and fatalities that have occurred at the intersection over the past 20+ years. Comeau questioned if signage can be placed by the Town on the private properties leading up to the intersection warning motorists of the dangerous intersection. Harriman stated that he will visit the intersection and see what options may be available. Fischbein compared it to the intersection of Routes 25 and 153 in Effingham where rumble strips have been installed and a more prominent traffic beacon blinks. He stated that the turn lane improvement will not minimize the amount of accidents. Morgan stated that pressure needs to be continually put on the NH DOT to advocate for more improvements and suggested involving the Attorney General's Office. Comeau stated that campaign signs were not removed from the islands of the intersections creating more visibility issues. Morgan stated that Chairman Riley will be drafting a letter to address the issue.

Marie McConarty suggested that the convex mirror that has been placed at the end of Ossipee Mountain Road along the Mill Pond Bridge be moved further to the right for better visibility. White will forward the request to Highway Foreman Bill Eldridge.

Mellisa Seamans spoke on the intersection of Routes 28 and 171 stating that it is important to advocate for safety from all surrounding communities. She stated that Route 28 is the route to travel for surrounding communities to get to the middle and high schools, area hospital, nursing home and county complex. White was asked to provide information on the next scheduled public hearing on the intersection in addition to contact information for the NH DOT for publication in newspapers. Comeau stated that NH DOT has a Facebook page. Morgan offered his condolences to the family and friends of the two people who were killed in Sunday's accident. He then urged the community to contact NH DOT about the intersection. Cole Perry suggested a Letter to the Editor of the Carroll County Independent.

Morgan announced that the Open House for the Highway Garage Addition is tonight until 6:30 PM. He also announced the Budget Committee will be meeting on Thursday at 6:30 PM at the Freight House.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:48 PM.

ABSENT

Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 11/14/2016