

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 14, 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 and Robert Freeman. Selectman Richard Morgan was absent-excused.

Meeting Minutes:

Riley stated that he was not present for the 11/7/2016 Selectmen's Finance Meeting & Department Head Meeting or the Selectmen's Meeting and with the absence of Selectman Morgan, they would have to be held until next meeting for approval. Draft minutes are available for inspection in the Selectmen's Office.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/12/2016 in the amount of \$39,195.38. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 11/5/2016 was in the amount of \$125,255.34 which included payments to the three Fire Precincts. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

A Petition and Pole License was received from Eversource for the installation of one pole on Leavitt Road. Riley made a motion to grant and sign the license. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check from North Country Recycling LLC in the amount of \$1005.81 for scrap metal recycling. Riley stated that the employees at the Transfer Station separate precious metals from the scrap metal pile and turn them in for additional revenue then what would be received from the bulk scrap metal collection. Riley asked Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, to pass on thanks to the employees for their extra efforts.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Ossipee DG, LLC c/o Lisciotti Development for the property located on Map 86, Lot 26. The intent is to cut 1.5 acres of the 1.607 acre parcel and the logger listed is Brandon Hiltz Construction, Inc. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley reviewed the 2016 tax rate breakdown stating the end result is up from last year but the Town portion is down. The breakdown is as follows:

Town	\$6.29 (down from \$6.33)
County	\$1.41 (down from \$1.44)
Local Education	\$9.22 (up from \$8.03)
State Education	\$2.38 (down from \$2.33)
Total	\$19.30

Center Ossipee Fire	\$1.60 (up from \$1.55)
Ossipee Corner Light	\$2.48 (down from \$2.50)
West Ossipee Fire	\$2.31 (down from \$2.63)

Riley stated that the Board will be trying to level-fund in an effort to not increase the Town portion.

Riley stated that the propane supply was put out to bid and awarded to Jesse E. Lyman for rack plus pricing which will be a significant savings to the Town but the underground tank at the Freight House is owned by Rymes. A proposal for the Town to purchase the 1,000 underground tank for \$2,950.00 was presented as an option since Rymes will not accept a new tank from Lyman's stock as an exchange. Riley made a motion to purchase the tank from Rymes for \$2,950.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley discussed the accident that took place on 11/6/2016 at the intersection of Routes 28 and 171 resulting in 2 fatalities. He stated that Senator Jeb Bradley has arranged a meeting on 12/6/2016 at 9:00 AM in the Senate Conference Room at the State House to discuss possible remedies. Riley confirmed that a representative from Ossipee will be in attendance. He also stated that a letter will be presented for signatures next week from the Board of Selectmen emphasizing the importance of improvements to the intersection to eliminate future accidents and deaths. He stated that the Board will continue to fight and urge support for improvements to be made.

The Board received a letter from the State Fire Marshal's Office regarding the updating of its list of municipalities in the State where the display or possession of permissible/consumer fireworks is restricted or prohibited.

The Board received notice of a seminar being held on the new law pertaining to Accessory Dwelling Units at Sunny Villa Restaurant on 11/29/2016 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

The Board received a copy of the Watershed News publication from the Green Mountain Conservation Group. Riley stated that there is an article on the impact of the drought conditions experienced earlier in the fall.

The Board received a memo from Harriman with a request to purchase \$6,017.40 in culvert pipe from Water Industries under the State bid pricing for drainage repairs to be made on Circuit Road and Pocket Mountain Road. Riley made a motion to approve the purchase. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Harriman reviewing the quotes received for excavation work to be completed on Paddy Acre Road. The quotes received are as follows:

Evans Brothers	CAT 40,000 lb. @ \$125/hr. plus \$200 to move in
Geoff Downing	Case 20,000 lb. @ \$100/hr.
Stanley Eldridge	Excavator & Truck @ \$250/hr.

Harriman's recommendation is to contract with Evans Brothers based on their ability to complete the work this week for no more than 2 days at \$2,000. Riley made a motion to approve Evans Brothers for up to \$2,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that he has not received any further information since the report received two weeks ago. He will be requesting a monthly update from Hoyle, Tanner & Associates. Riley stated that the Bridge will be open to a 6-ton limit but the question still remains as to when it will be ready due to the Federal and State guidelines and funding.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – previously discussed.

Underground propane tank at Freight House (tabled 10/31/2016) – previously discussed

Loss of education stabilization grant funds (tabled 10/31/2016) – White reported that she has not received a response to her request made to the School Board.

New Business:

Budget Review – Outside Agencies- Riley stated that the Selectmen support all organizations and the services they provide. He then stated that their intent is to not increase the budget and with one Selectman absent, they will be

making motions to ensure the organizations get moved forward to the Budget Committee where a more thorough presentation of funding requests, especially increases, will need to be made.

Schools Out! – Jen Berkowitz presented the request in the amount of \$25,000, an increase of \$5,000 due to increased enrollment of 20-30 students per day. She then reviewed the program offerings, cost associated with running the program, fee structure and scholarship awards. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$25,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White Mountain Community Health - Patricia McMurray presented the request in the amount of \$3,779, a reduction of \$254.00 based on a formula used to calculate each town's request. McMurray stated that they service 14 towns of which 6% of their services are used by Ossipee residents. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$3,779. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Main Street – Pat Jones presented the request in the amount of \$9,000, an increase of \$4,000 more than approved in 2016. Discussion took place on the expenses and revenues. Jones stated that current Director Gail Montgomery will no longer qualify for the Able Network funding of her salary at the end of December which will require hiring part-time staff to run the program until a new Director, meeting the requirements of the Able funding, is able to be appointed. Freeman made a motion to level-fund in the amount of \$5,000. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley requested Jones to be prepared to discuss the need for the additional increase to the Budget Committee.

Caregivers of Southern Carroll County – Phil Wasmuth presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$2,500 noting a total of 74 trips for Ossipee residents totaling 7,491 miles at the expense of \$3,376.51 year-to-date. Wasmuth stated that any shortfall in funding is made up by through additional funding. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$2,500. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Central NH VNA & Hospice – David Embrily presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$14,000 noting 1,883 visits made to Ossipee residents last year. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$14,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

End 68 Hours of Hunger – Sally Humer presented the request in the amount of \$10,000, an increase of \$5,000 more than approved in 2016. Humer stated that out of 102 students served from preschool to 6th grade, 72 were from Ossipee totaling \$27,360. This year, 49 Ossipee students are being served so far. Riley questioned if the figure included food items that are donated. Humer responded that the cost is what was purchased to fulfill the need and added that 5-10% comes in as donation. Freeman made a motion to level-fund in the amount of \$5,000. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Mellisa Seamans asked for clarification on the amount of the request. Humer responded that \$5,000 was approved in 2016 but \$10,000 is being requested for 2017. Seamans also asked for clarification on the number of children served. Humer responded that there are 72 including the Ossipee Headstart out of a total of 102 at \$10/bag.

Medication Bridge – Jack Drinkwater presented the request in the amount of \$450.00, an increase of \$97.00 more than approved in 2016 stating the program is all volunteer and relies solely on town funding. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$450.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

L.I.F.E. Ministries, Inc. – Kent Cromwell presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$6,000. Cromwell stated that they provide 142,000 meals per year and 20% is received by Ossipee residents. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$6,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freedom Food Pantry – Doris Sirois presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$8,000 stating that 47-60% of their clients on a monthly basis come from the Town of Ossipee. Sirois discussed several challenges they face including lack of jobs in the area, impact of the 5-year drought on crops in the Midwest, and minimal cost of living

increase all attributing to local need. Riley made a motion to approve the level-funded request in the amount of \$8,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tri-County Community Action Program – Lisa Hinckley presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$12,000 stating that 611 individuals and 278 households from Ossipee were served. Ossipee is the second largest recipient to Conway. Hinckley announced that the fuel assistance program was opened today. Riley made a motion to approve the level-funded request in the amount of \$12,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tri-County CAP – Blue Loon Bus Service – Lisa Hinckley presented the request in the amount of \$3,500, an increase of \$500 more than approved in 2016. Hinckley stated that 999 rides were given to Ossipee residents. Riley stated that he believes the service is necessary but questioned the times the buses are sitting somewhere not running. Hinckley stated that they provide door-to-door service and flex route service once per week. Riley made a motion to level fund in the amount of \$3,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Kingswood Youth Center – Pamela Sweeney presented the request in the amount of \$5,000, an increase of \$1,000 more than approved in 2016. Sweeney reviewed the afterschool program and the addition of programs during school holidays and summer vacations. She noted that 37% of their participation comes from Ossipee. Freeman made a motion to level fund in the amount of \$4,000. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Children's Fund – Jane Podson and Saylee Merrow presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$20,000 noting this to be their 26th year providing scholarship assistance. Riley made a motion to approve the level-funded request in the amount of \$20,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Seamans questioned the amount of Ossipee children who are in receipt of scholarships. Podson answered that 84% of scholarships awarded go to Ossipee children. Other towns serviced include Madison, Effingham and Freedom. Funding is also received through grant writing and business donations.

Northern Human Services – Eve Clotts presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$4,425 stating that 135 Ossipee residents received 676 hours of service, or 12% of the total unfunded clients. Seamans questioned the possibility of an office location in Ossipee. Clotts responded that it would be ideal to find a primary care facility as it would be best to be working closely with a physician in a medical facility. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$4,425. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Concerned Citizens – Donna Sargent presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$20,000. Riley stated that he respects the services offered by OCC. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$20,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

OCC Daycare – Sargent stated that they are now accepting infants. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$7,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tyler Blain House – Riley stated that this is a new request from a shelter located in Littleton, NH often used by the Welfare Department for the homeless. Due to staffing restrictions, no one was able to attend to present the request. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$400.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Starting Point – No one was present to present the request in the amount of \$2,596, an increase of \$342.00 more than approved in 2016. Riley made a motion to level fund in the amount of \$2,254. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Appalachian Mountain Teen Project – No one was present to present the level-funded request in the amount of \$1,200. Riley made a motion to level fund in the amount of \$1,200. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Historical Society – Kellie Skehan presented the level-funded request in the amount of \$4,000. Riley spoke in support of the Historical Society stating their importance in preserving the Town's history. Skehan stated it costs

a lot to run and the recent auction generated more involvement but it does require more to keep it going. Freeman questioned if the heat is shut down in the courthouse for the winter. Skehan responded that it is maintained at a temperature of 55 degrees due to the fire system. Riley made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$4,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Public Input:

Seamans questioned the Director's salary for the Ossipee Main Street Program. Riley responded that the Director's salary is paid through the National Able Network, not Town funding, but is no longer eligible at the end of the year. Further discussion took place on the fact that the specifics on where funds go have been unclear. Riley stated that the Budget Committee can amend the approved amount if they deem necessary.

Seamans stated that as she was listening to the requests she questioned the duplication of services being offered. Freeman agreed. Riley disagreed stating that each has their own function and criteria for eligibility. Dallas Emery stated that there are few programs that sound the same but are different. The End 68 Hours of Hunger program was used as an example for discussion based on criteria required to be eligible.

Seamans clarified that she is not questioning the worthiness of the support given but rather the amount of Ossipee people being served by surrounding community agencies. Riley stated that it is often a matter of pride where people prefer to get assistance where they are unknown. Seamans questioned whether the local pantry, Agape Ministries, requested funding. Riley responded that they did not.

Non-Public Session:

None requested.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

ABSENT

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 11/21/2016