

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, December 12, 2016**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator.

**Call to Order:**

Selectman 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:**

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 12/5/2016 Selectmen's Workshop & Finance Meeting. Freeman seconded. Riley abstained. Majority vote carried.

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**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/10/2016 in the amount of \$44,861.24. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 12/3/2016 was in the amount of \$1,007,006.86 including a payment to Carroll County in the amount of \$898,756.00. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Review of Red Folder:**

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$2,055.40 from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of expenses paid to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$150.00 from the Bridge Replacement and/or Repair Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of expenses paid to White Mountain Survey was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Marco Laferriere for the property located on Map 73, Lot 109, Sub Lot 22. The request is to credit the pro-rated tax due in the amount of \$78.03 which is being billed to the new owner. Riley made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Property Tax Warrant in the amount of \$78.03 was submitted for the property located on Map 73, Lot 109, Sub Lot 22. The property was sold prior to the tax bills being issued and the warrant is to bill the tax due to the new owners. Riley made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Barry D. & LuAnn P. Rollins for the property located on Map 80, Lot 1. The intent is to cut 2 acres from the 24 acre parcel and the logger listed is Sean McDonald, Canterbury Timber Company LLC. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. Morgan abstained. Majority vote carried.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$51.75 was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Settlement Offer was presented by Assessor Todd Haywood for the property located on Map 127, Lot 1 related to an assessment appeal. Morgan made a motion to move for discussion. Freeman seconded. Morgan stated he is not in favor of the settlement offer stating the assessments should be fair based on the recent revaluation that just occurred. He added that the new values should be defensible and if not, to allow the BTLA to determine the outcome. Riley made a motion to deny the settlement offer. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a Petition Warrant Article received. The petition reads as follows: "Are you in favor of the adoption of RSA 6374:71, RSA 674:72 and RSA 674:73, the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). RSA 674 shall be effective June 1, 2017. The ADU's shall comply with all sections of the Ossipee Zoning Ordinance." White confirmed that she forwarded the petition to the Planning Board for the scheduling of the required public hearings. Morgan stated that he signed the petition and spoke on behalf of the legislative change. Riley commented that a motion was made by the Planning Board to accept the change in its entirety but it was turned down by those seeking this Petition Warrant Article.

The Board received a copy of a letter received from the Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust requesting Town bodies to affirm their interest in accepting a build-out study to be performed by FB Environmental of which the Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust will be raising funds for to contract the study. Morgan stated that because the build-out study would have a monetary value, it would have to be accepted through a public hearing process. Discussion took place on the study and its purpose as well as the fact it was turned down at Town Meeting. Morgan made a motion to schedule the required public hearings. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to RMON Networks in the amount of \$2,487.00 for the purchase of three new computers was presented for signatures. White stated that the money was budgeted in 2016 for the purchase of a few new computers, but given the late time of year, she was going to hold off until 2017. The recent loss of the Welfare computer made the immediate purchase inevitable. Riley made a motion to approve the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to Cintas Corporation in the amount of \$2,524.98 for the purchase of first aid kits for all Town vehicles, a first aid kit at the Freight House and a new eye wash station for the Highway Garage was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to approve the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 12/10/2016.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 12/7/2016.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

The Board received a copy of Ossipee Aggregate's 5-year Progress Plan related to their excavation permitting.

### **Old Business:**

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Freeman stated that he attended the meeting last week and although he was hopeful of new corrective improvements, it appears that nothing can be funded immediately. Ed Comeau, State Representative, commented that it was great to pull together the Department of Transportation and Department of Safety to discuss short-term and long-term solutions. He stated that the short-term fix will be reducing the speed limits entering the intersection which will have to be followed up through enforcement. Long-term solutions will be based on the cost of other devices. Comeau discussed the emotional state of travelers who may be visiting the nursing home, jail or courthouse as an impact on the already distracting intersection. Further discussion took place on the lack of appropriate signage leading up to the intersection when traveling from Courthouse Square. Morgan discussed the Town installing stop signs in the diamond island and recommended that Brad Harriman, Public Works Director,

visit the site to see what solutions the Town can put in place to forewarn motorists of the intersection since the State is not putting a sense of urgency on corrections. Comeau stated that the right-turn lane solution is a waste of \$300,000 since it will not fix the problem. Freeman commented that Lieutenant Joe Duchesne presented a thorough analysis of the intersection calls and accidents during the meeting.

Loss of Education Stabilization Grant Funds (tabled 10/31/2016) – The Board received email correspondence from Superintendent of Schools Kathleen Cuddy-Egbert reviewing the impact the lack of stabilization grant funds will have on the district. Cuddy-Egbert notes that Ossipee's tax rate would have been .06 lower if the state had not passed on their responsibility to the local level.

Hazardous & Dilapidated Buildings – In progress, awaiting court dates.

9 Dorrs Corner Road – In progress, awaiting court dates.

Recreation Committee – White stated that two people have joined and are awaiting a third member.

Budget Review: Water & Sewer Department – In progress.

Lakes Region Humane Society Animal Shelter Agreement – In progress.

**New Business:**

Nothing new presented.

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

**Public Input:**

Comeau discussed the public hearing requirements for the acceptance of the build-out study. He stated that the intent of the original Warrant Article that failed at Town Meeting needs to be reviewed. He also stated that organizations that are willing to donate a service are always in receipt of something in return and questioned the motive behind the study. Additional discussion took place on the grant funding that will be used to fund a portion of the study. Condict Billings stated that the cost of the study will be \$10,000 after the first of the year. Comeau questioned what the grant fund agreement requires, who is on the membership of the Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust, and what they expect to be a result of the study. Comeau commented on the use of the study for the Master Plan Update. He stated that the update should be public driven and any studies used should not be used against private property rights. Morgan commented that the motivation is clear based on the groups involved and supporting this effort. White questioned whether the Board should proceed with public hearings if time is of the essence for grant funding. Riley responded that the Board will follow the statutory requirements.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 5:03 PM.

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Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 12/19/2016