

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2017

These minutes were recorded by Laura Nash, Boards & Commission Secretary in the absence of 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. Absent Ellen White, Town Administrator.
Late: Selectmen Franklin Riley

Additional Attendee's:

Present were Bill Eldridge Highway Foreman and Wayne "Bo" Eldridge Superintendent of Water & Sewer Department, Ash Fischbein, Ed Comeau, Joe Pellegrino and Connie Billings.

Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from 01/09/2017 and 01/19/2017 were reviewed for approval.

Finance minutes from 01/09/2017; Morgan made a motion to approve as printed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectmen's Minutes from 01/09/2017; Morgan made a motion to approve as printed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectmen's Minutes from 01/19/2017; Morgan made a motion to approve as printed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 01/21/2017 in the amount of \$33,902.69. The Payroll Taxes was submitted for week ending 01/21/2017 in the amount of \$11,532.33. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 01/21/2017 was in the amount of \$45,435.02 and Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 01/21/2017 was in the amount of \$436,936.17 for a total disbursements for this week of \$482,371.19. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

Lake Winnepesaukee: Relay For Life Team Superheroes for a Cure; request the use of Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium for a Spaghetti Dinner on March 4, 2017 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with use of the gym, tables and chairs. Morgan made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Abatements:

Mike & Patti Pritzker, 140 Newman Drew Rd. Tax Map: 17 Lot: 014 Sub P18. Request for an Abatement of \$95.08. (Assessor Approval) The taxpayer's reason because their RV unit was registered as a recreational vehicle for 2016. The original assessment was \$4,900.00 and the new assessment is \$4,400.00. The taxpayers have produced a valid registration for the unit. Therefore, in accordance with RSA 72:7-d I (a) this property is exempt from real-estate taxes. However, there are some yard items which are not exempt that will remain on the property assessment.

Morgan made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Economic Development Council submitted meeting minutes for 11/21/2016 and 12/19/2016. Morgan noted one set of minutes indicated Council and the other indicated Committee. Morgan asked Ash Fischbein which name they will be going by and if there was any legal difference between the titles. Ash replied they will be going by Economic Development Council.

Girl Scout Troop 51740 – Sara Bean, Leader; request the use of Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium for a School Valentines dance for grades 4 - 6 on February 18, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with use of the gym. Morgan made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Newsletter submitted from the Executive Council addressing topic of discussions. Morgan noted the newsletter is here for anyone to read.

Receipt of a Thank You note for Officer Wayne Valley for helping a resident. To copy and forward to the Police Department.

Review of Water & Sewer Red Folder:

Warrant Water & Sewer for State of NH from Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector in the amount of \$1,575.00 with penalties after February 23, 2017. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Department invoices for approval w/e 01/20/2017:

Eastern Analytical. Inc. –	12.00
Eversource Energy -	1,953.89
Fairpoint Communication –	262.30
Hach Company (chemicals) -	69.98
New England Backflow, Inc. -	1,050.00
Salmon Press -	36.00
Town of Ossipee – Payroll –	3,450.23
USA Blue Book -	52.70
Total Disbursement:	<u>\$6,887.10</u>

Morgan made a motion to sign the individual invoices. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Status Quo

Hazardous & Dilapidated Buildings – no change waiting on a court date.

9 Dorr's Corner Road – no change waiting on a court date.

Recreation Committee - Status Quo.

Morgan conveyed the outcome of the Public Hearing held on 01/09/2017 by the Board of Selectmen's pertaining to an offer from Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust offer to have the build-out study done and give the report to the Town as a gift. Expenses for the build-out study would be obtained by donations made to DHPWST by Ossipee businesses and citizens. Morgan noted he's not against studies but does not approve how this study came back to light. Since the Town's people voted it down last year. Morgan made a motion to decline Dan Hole Pond Watershed Trust's offer of a \$5,000.00 gift of the build-out study. Freeman seconded the motion by stating he works for the people of the town and they did not want the study, so he's voting not to accept the offer. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

No New Business.

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

Public Input:

Ed Comeau asked since the Town voted not to accept the build-out study, does that block the information it may contain from going into the Master Plan. Morgan replied, he did not know. What bother him the most is that DHPWST is going ahead with the study even if the Town declines the acceptance of the gift? Morgan noted the Planning Board revises the Master Plan and could use the information from it since it would be public information. But disagrees with how the business was conducted. The appearance of improprieties is just as damaging as the improprieties itself.

Ed Comeau asked by presenting it as another warrant article again would clarify what the people want since there is no dollar attached to it. Morgan and Freeman agreed.

Ed Comeau questioned if this would require another public hearing. Morgan stated no because the warrant articles were being reviewed tonight and will then go to the budget committee. The Budget's Public Hearing is scheduled for February 8, 2017.

- Joe Pellegrino submitted a request for men's basketball. Tried to explain a couple incidents where the door was left unlocked and items were stolen. Pellegrino stated he was not here to make excuses; he has completed the paperwork to be on the schedule and can be more diligent about who he let's use the key. Pellegrino requested to extend the basketball time to two hours instead of 1.5 hours because of the number of kids coming in to play.

Morgan explained the situation with the key. Telling Pellegrino, he was not supposed to have a key. The key situation escalated to a point where ultimately all the locks had to be changed to none duplicating type keys. Morgan explained items were stolen from the back closet, ceiling tiles were damaged and the basketball nets, that are brand new, were shredded. Sandy Freeman had stepped forward to cover Thursday nights. But at this time the Board of Selectmen are not incline to expand the basketball hours.

- Riley, Jacob, and Anthony Chick as part of their Civics Class, they are to addresses a safety issue within their Town. The Chick boys chose to address with the Selectmen of not having sidewalks through the village area before and after the school zone. The Chick Boy's noted seeing kids walking in the street to school,

mom's pushing carriages on the road and no safe sidewalk to get from school to the new ball field down the street. Morgan, Freeman and attending public applauded the boy's presentation. Morgan told the boy's they have achieved the first part of their Civics lesson by speaking up. Morgan agreed there should be sidewalks but explained that the road which extends from Old 16B, up Granite Hill and down Folsom Road is considered a State Road and the State owns so much land on either side of the road and the State is responsible for maintaining the road. The Town has tried for 3 years working with the State to get sidewalks but there is too much bureaucracy in the way and there should not be. Morgan thanked the boy's for coming and presenting their idea to the Selectmen.

Ash Fischbein posed options of obtaining State property. One option is to buy back the property. Morgan is not against the idea but he would prefer the State fix the roads and then turn ownership over to the Town.

Ash asked why the State would be willing to fix the road and then give it to the Town. Morgan replied because the State would be out of the obligation of maintaining the road.

Brad Harriman and Bill Eldridge are to do a cost analysis of how much to repair the road and put in sidewalks.

Board of Selectmen are open to discussion to see if the State would negotiate for the road.

Non-Public Session:

Morgan polled the Board to enter a non-public session at 4:51 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) for a tax matter. Roll call vote was taken: Morgan answered yes. Freeman answered yes.

Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:11 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to return to the public session at 5:13 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Other Meetings:

Tues., 01/31/2017 7:00 PM – Planning Board Public Hearing #2, Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes, Freight House, Center Ossipee

Wed., 2/8/2017 6:30 PM – 2017 Municipal Budget Public Hearing, Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium

Wed., 2/15/2017 6:30 PM – Public Hearing #2, if necessary or if postponed due to inclement weather

Presentation:

Morgan introduced Garret Graaskamp from NH Fish & Game, who gave a presentation on the Ossipee Lake Boat Launch at Pine River. Graaskamp handed out a copy of his slide show presentation to the Board members. New construction will entail a double dock and a seasonal dock. Reconstruct the access gravel road by bringing in fill to raise it up for better drainage. Parking for 30 trailered car tandems, 5 car top sites, and a large kiosk with 6 footings to provide all the information supplied in part by the local Conservation Groups. Garrett presented photos from other sites to show what the gravel top plastic grids will look like. Garrett indicated the docks will be open by Memorial Day weekend.

Morgan stated this presentation should have taken place over a year ago. To be informed that the boat access would be closed in the middle of the summer sparked a flurry of letters back and forth. Morgan stated he

approves the design. But emphatically disapproves of how the notification process was handled. The potential loss of financial revenue to our local campgrounds, restaurants, and other businesses would have been huge. The Board was very disappointed in the process and would suggest holding public hearings the next time they have a project like this.

Ash Fischbein asked how Ossipee Lake is unique specifically. Graaskamp referred to Ossipee Lake natural area and its size make it unique. Riley reiterated Morgan's point of view and stated communication is important going forward.

Connie Billings questioned if this project is fully funded now. Graaskamp noted it was a cash flow issue waiting for the new fiscal year to start. Some funding is through "Sport Fish" to allocate the money.

The next meeting will be scheduled on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 4:15 PM

Adjournment:

Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:43 PM

Morgan mentioned in the interest of full disclosure the Selectmen will get-together after this meeting to have a general conversation about union matters.

Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 1/30/2017