

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, February 27, 2017**

These minutes were recorded by Laura Nash, Boards & Commission Secretary in the absence of 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, Richard Morgan and Robert Freeman.  
Absent was Ellen White, Town Administrator.

**Additional Attendee's:**

Present were Brad Harriman - Public Works Director, Bo Eldridge – Water & Sewer Superintendent, Bill Eldridge, Sam Martin, Ed Comeau, Connie Billings, Marie McConarty, Ash Fischbein and Greg Howard.

**Public Input:**

None

**Meeting Minutes:**

The Selectmen minutes from 02/13/2017 were reviewed for approval.

Riley made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes from 02/13/2017 as printed. Freeman seconded.

A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan abstained, as he was not present for the meeting.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 02/18/2017 in the amount of \$44,211.91. The Payroll Batch Total was submitted for week ending 02/11/2017 in the amount of \$57,342.21 plus a School payment in the amount of \$948,075.00 for a total of \$1,005,417.21. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 02/18/2017 was in the amount of \$1,049,629.12. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 02/25/2017 in the amount of \$43,622.43. The Payroll Batch Total was submitted for week ending 02/18/2017 in the amount of \$26,427.85. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 02/25/2017 was in the amount of \$70,050.28. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

## **Review of Red Folder:**

Riley commented that Rick Sager was asked by the Selectmen to arrange the NH Tax Deed Auction for the Town. Auction is tentatively scheduled for May. Property Auction is for those properties where taxes have not been paid for (3) years. The property is deeded back to the Town for selling. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. Discussion: Morgan noted owners do have the option to buy back the property and the Town does work with every owner to try and keep the property in their possession. Secondly, by using Rick Sager there is no cost to the tax payers because Sager's fees comes from a percentage of the sale. Currently there are (17) properties on the list. With no further discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Insurance check received for the Well pump repair at the Landfill, which cost \$5,974.70 minus the \$1,000.00 deductible for receipt of check in the amount of \$4,974.70.

Highway Department Work Log for week 02/12/2017 to 02/18/2017 is available for those interested.

Highway Department Work Log for week 02/19/2017 to 02/25/2017 is available for those interested.

## **Abatements:**

David Cross & Donna Treat, 33 Huckins St. Tax Map: 092 Lot: 108. Request for Abatement of \$125.40. The reason requesting the abatement is because they purchased the property in December 2015 for \$100,000.00. The taxpayers have not supplied an appraisal thus far. Tax Assessor recommends granting do to unique situation that would require an additional functional obsolescence adjustment. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mark & Holly Larsen, 2 Brookwood Dr. Tax Map: 134 Lot: 027. Request for Abatement of \$490.05. The reason requesting the abatement is because they assert some of the assessing data is incorrect. The taxpayers have not supplied an appraisal thus far. Tax Assessor did a complete inspection recommends granting because once the finish construction is complete the adjustment should be made for functional obsolescence. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Dean & Nancy Robinson, 7 Gile Rd. Tax Map: 122 Lot: 010 Sub: 010. Request for Abatement of \$185.13. The reason requesting the abatement is because they believe the assessed value exceeds market value. The taxpayers have not supplied an appraisal thus far. Tax Assessor has inspected and recommends granting because the property was assessed as a cottage but is actually a camper which has been built around and enclosed. Recommends adjusting the depreciation value as an RV. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken. Provide the Zoning Enforcement Officer with a copy to investigate if the RV is in violation of Zoning Ordinance 4.9.

Wayne S., Richard A., Gary E., & Jeffrey R. Lloyd, 10 & 12 Depot Square St. Tax Map: 007 Lot: 19 & 20. Request for a combined Abatement of \$337.12. The reason requesting the abatement is because they obtained a comparative market analysis. The building on 10 Depot Sq. Rd. was listed as a shop with no septic and 12 Depot Sq. Rd. had some modifications. Combined the value dropped by \$15,600.00. Tax Assessor recommends granting. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Richard & Cathie Cox, 140 Newman Drew Rd. Tax Map: 017 Lot: 014 Sub: P07. Request for Abatement of \$95.09. The reason requesting the abatement is because the RV held a valid registration as of 3/01/2016. Due to this, the RV is not subject to the real-estate property tax in accordance with RSA 72:7 – d. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Main Street for a Business Fair. Contact person is Pat Jones. Requesting to use Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium on April 14 & 15, 2017 along with tables and chairs. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Main Street for a Penny Sale. Contact person is Pat Jones. Requesting to use Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium on May 5 & 6, 2017 along with tables and chairs. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Main Street for a Penny Sale. Contact person is Pat Jones. Requesting to use Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium on August 25 & 26, 2017 along with tables and chairs. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Application for Renewal of Groundwater Management Permit by Pease International Tradeport for 2400 Route 16, formerly Johnson Gas property. The application along with supporting documentation will be submitted to the NHDES as required.

Permanent Application request for property tax credit/exemptions for a Veteran Exemptions. Reviewed and approved by Tax Assessor. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Payroll Reimbursement Request for Water & Sewer Commission for week ending 02/04/2017. Original went missing and requesting this duplicate be signed for the record. The amount for w/e 2/04/2017 was in the amount of \$3,395.47. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Marusak Family Trust vs. Ossipee Docket No. 28235 15PT. Request to sign the settlement agreement so it can be forwarded to the Tax and Land Appeals. The agreement was previously approved by the Select Board but was omitted from the abatement packet submitted for action at previous meeting. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Intent to Excavate: Town of Ossipee, Polly Crossing Rd. Tax Map: 244 Lot: 002. By John Jeddrey. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Permanent Application request for property tax credit/exemptions for an Elderly Exemptions. Reviewed and approved by Tax Assessor. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Warrant Excavation Tax for State of NH from Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector in the amount of \$421.92 and with 18% interest from April 4, 2017, thereafter on all sums not paid. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No Discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Listens for Candidates Night/ Ossipee listens org. meeting. Contact person is Molly Messenger. Requesting to use Freight House on February 22, 2017. Riley noted

because there was no meeting last week, this request not officially approved. So the Selectmen are just doing housekeeping on the paperwork. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Review of Water & Sewer Red Folder:**

Warrant Water & Sewer for State of NH from Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector in the amount of \$169.90 with penalties after March 31, 2017. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Warrant Water & Sewer for State of NH from Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector is hereby directed to collect Septic Disposal Fees in the list herewith committed to you in the amount of \$600.00 with penalties after March 31, 2017. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Department Expense for approval w/e 2/24/2017 for Payroll/includes retirement, Eastern Analytical, Inc. for sampling tests, Water & Sewer Telephone, Sewer - Health Insurance, Water – Health Insurance, Water Chemicals, Water Professional Fees and Water System Maintenance for Total Expense = \$4,742.03. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Old Business:**

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – status quo.

Intersection of Routes 16 & 25 & 28 – Public Hearing on February 22, 2017. Harriman reported it was well attended by about 30 – 40 residents and provided an update.

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

9 Dorr's Corner Road – Awaiting call from Attorney.

Recreation Committee - Status quo

Highway Dept. - Training & Licensing – Brad & Bo discussed finding support and getting other employees licensed. One candidate was not going to work out because he has no driver license. Two of the highway guys are being trained to go in on Saturday's to do reading. Brad has submitted his application for Waste Water licensing training will be in March and test will be April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Water/Sewer Dept. – Training & Licensing – Bo Eldridge gave an update Jimmy's returning to work on 2/28/2017 from worker's comp. Riley offered words of encouragement to continue to find backup support for Eldridge at the Water & Sewer department.

### **New Business:**

Harriman requested permission to Load Post the roads on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> for the (6) tons load limits. Surrounding Towns are also posting March 6<sup>th</sup> if they have not done so already. Public Notices have been submitted to the newspapers for this week.

### **Public Input:**

Sam Martin asked for clarification pertaining to an abatement with and without a license plate. Morgan explained if it is a registered RV, it is not taxable. If it's not registered and the camp ground must notify the Town of campers that are permanently parked on the grounds and not registered.

Greg Howard notified the Selectmen of outstanding email requests to the Town Administrator. Mr. Howard was informed the Town Administrator is on maternity leave. Mr. Howard was reporting an outstanding zoning violation to the designated website venue with no response and questioned how many other email requests are going unanswered. Riley will contact White for a response. Morgan noted if this is a Zoning issue, it should be directed to the Zoning Officer. Howard stated he has and McConarty agrees there are several properties in violation. Howard requested at what point do the Selectmen take action and start penalizing the violators. Morgan responded aside from sending certified letters, the Town will issue First Class Mail if there is no response to certified mail.. So, once the Zoning Enforcement Officer reports to the Selectmen that he has exhausted every avenue to resolve the issue. The Selectmen will turn it over to the Town Attorney and take the person to court in order to comply with the Zoning Ordinance. Morgan requested the name on the property so he may address it with McConarty. Howard stated Longo property. Morgan agreed, he will not accept a certified letter but there are other means of getting in contact with the property owner. Riley and Morgan thanked Mr. Howard for bringing this to their attention and they will look into the situation.

### **Non-Public Session:**

None

### **Any Other Business Which May Come Before This Meeting:**

None

### **Other Meetings:**

**Tues., 3/14/2017 - Town Elections (Voting Day) Polls open: 10:00am - 7:00pm**

**Wed., 3/15/2017 6:30 PM – Ossipee Annual Town Meeting at the Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium**

The next meeting will be scheduled on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 4:15 PM

Riley called for any further discussion. With no discussion.

### **Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:52 PM

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Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan