

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, March 13, 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, Robert Freeman, and Richard Morgan.  
Absent was Ellen White, Town Administrator.

**Additional Attendee's:**

Present were Brad Harriman - Public Works Director, Bill Eldridge – Hwy Foreman, Wayne “Bo” Eldridge – Water & Sewer Dept. Supervisor, Chris W.- Hwy dept., Ed Comeau - Government Oversight, and Connie Billings - Planning Board.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from 03/06/2017 were reviewed for approval.

Water & Sewer Meeting Minutes from 03/06/2017; Riley made a motion to approve as printed. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectmen's Workshop Minutes from 03/06/2017; Riley made a motion to approve as printed. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Selectmen's Finance Meeting Minutes from 03/06/2017; Riley made a motion to approve as printed. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

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**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 03/11/2017 in the amount of \$44,646.91. The Accounts Payable batch total for the week ending 03/04/2017 was in the amount of \$202,256.62. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 03/04/2017 was in the amount of \$246,903.53. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

## **Review of Red Folder:**

### **Abatements:**

Paul Ralzikowski c/o Bear Camp Campground, 330 Newman Drew Rd. Tax Map: 016 Lot: 015 Sub: 032. Request for Abatement in the amount of \$60.00 for Tax year 2016, the property was billed to the correct owner, however it incorrectly had a "Care of" attached to it with an incorrect address, by approving this abatement a Supplemental Warrant will be able to be issued to the correct owner with their correct address. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Paul Ralzikowski c/o Bear Camp Campground, 330 Newman Drew Rd. Tax Map: 016 Lot: 015 Sub: 032 issue of Supplemental Warrant to collect supplemental property taxes in the amount of \$60.00. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Matthew & Laura Smith, 1 Terrace Pines Rd. Tax Map: 104 Lot: 014003 Sub: 044. Request for Abatement in the amount of \$66.88 because the model year listed is actually 1986. It had been assessed as a 1995 model year. Additionally, the owners have provided a value estimate from NADA that indicates a book value of \$2600. Tax Assessor recommends granting the abatement. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Helen Stump, 140 Newman Drew Rd. Tax Map: 017 Lot: 014 Sub: W03. Requesting Abatement in the amount of \$110.00, because the RV held a valid registration as of 02/18/2016 and in accordance with RSA 72:7-d the recreational vehicle is not subject to the real-estate property tax. Tax Assessor recommends granting the abatement. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Jane Wright, 1 Terrace Pines Rd. Tax Map: 104 Lot: 014. Request for Abatement of \$1,749.33. The owner believes the value is excessive. She feels she has been assessed for multiple cabins twice. The assessing office reviewed the information and as it turns out there roughly six cabins on the property which had been assessed twice. Tax Assessor recommends granting. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Carroll County Home c/o Commissioners Office, 96 Water Village Rd. Tax Map: 257 Lot: 013 is Requesting an Abatement in the amount of \$3,931.29. Because the water delivery system should only be 20% taxable and it's been assessed as 100% taxable. The Tax Assessor discussed this property with Commissioner Bevard. The file indicates this water delivery system should be 80% exempt and 20% taxable. Tax Assessor recommends granting. Riley made a motion to approve. Motion was withdrawn by Riley. Morgan questioned why only 20% is taxable. Morgan made a motion to return this abatement back to the Tax Assessor for an explanation of why is only 20% taxable. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Carroll County Home c/o Commissioners Office, 96 Water Village Rd. Tax Map: 258 Lot: 018 is Requesting an Abatement in the amount of \$801.51. Because the area is not in current use is part of the water drainage system for the county home which is exempt. The Tax Assessor discussed this property with Commissioner Bevard. Tax Assessor recommends granting. Riley made a motion to approve. Motion was withdrawn by Riley. Morgan made a motion to return this abatement back to the Tax Assessor for an explanation similar to the previous request. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tomas Heath, 1 Terrace Pines Rd. Tax Map: 104 Lot: 14001 Sub: 015. Requesting an abatement in the amount of \$181.83, because the RV unit was listed from the NADA book in the town clerk's office for \$9200. The owner provided a Kelly Blue Book work up which indicates a value of \$3300. The owner has a valid

registration for 2017. Abatement year 2016, the property was listed as a model year 2000; it is actually a model year 1983. Adjustments have been made but the yard items will remain on the assessment. Tax Assessor recommends granting the abatement. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Mason & Lauren Gomberg, 38 Elm Street Tax Map: 119 Lot: 021. Request for Abatement of \$0.00. The owner assert the real estate market has declined in the past (3) years. The owners have cited several sales but have not supplied an expert's opinion of value to date. The assessing office did a complete inspection of the property on August 11, 2016 and all necessary adjustments have been applied. Tax Assessor recommends denying. Riley made a motion to approve the denial for abatement request. Freeman seconded. Morgan noted the owner paid \$266,533.00 and the property has been assessed at \$262,400.00. A unanimous vote was taken.

Stephen Buswell, Route 16. Tax Map: 127 Lot: 005. Request for Abatement of \$0.00. The owner is requesting an abatement because his assessment increased in 2015. He has compared his assessment to land locked parcels in Ossipee. The owners has not supplied an expert's opinion of value to date. The assessing office have reviewed the deed and have noted there is a ROW given through the Coleman Concrete property. Therefore, the property is not land locked for assessing purposes. All appropriate adjustments have already been applied. Tax Assessor recommends denying. Riley made a motion to approve the denial for abatement request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Casella Waste Systems, Inc. check for recycling in the amount of \$2,154.10. Harriman to review what this is for.

Highway Department Work Log for week 3/5/2017 to 3/11/2017 is available for those interested.

Letter to Ossipee residents informing, "Our records show that you submitted an Intent to Cut Timber for tax year April 2016 – March 31, 2017. We have not yet received a Report of Cut on your timber operation," followed by instruction on how to submit the information. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. No discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

Intent to Excavate: Town of Ossipee, 125 Duncan Lake Rd. Tax Map: 235 Lot: 4. Total acreage of Lot: 132. Total Permitted area is 5 acres. Excavation area is 5 acres. Reclaimed area is 10 acres. Remaining cubic yards of Earth to Excavate is 900,000 cu. yds. To be done by Green Oak Realty c/o Keith Babb.

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. A unanimous vote was taken.

Treasurer's Report of 2016 Reconciliation of Cash Book and Bank Balance for Selectmen's opinions.

Notice of Decision from the ZBA for a Variance **GRANTED** for Case#17-2-V for Stephen Ingham 58 Ridge Rd. Tax Map: 35 Lot: 8 from Article VI, Section 6.4.2. (a), of the Ossipee Zoning Ordinance to build a 26 X 44 square foot home with a 2 x 20 foot bump-out, 13 feet from the west boundary and 13.5 feet from the easterly boundary. **Condition of Approval** is to stake out all (4) corners to meet setbacks and pin ends to have Zoning Enforcement Officer do a follow up check. Owner must comply with all Federal, State, and Local Regulations. Riley noted this is just a notification to the Selectmen and if anyone has a problem with it there is 30 day appeal period.

Timber Tax Warrant submitted from Ossipee Tax Collector from the State of NH stating you are hereby directed to collect the yield taxes listed in the amount of \$1,926.62 and with 18% interest from April 20, 2017 thereafter on all sums not paid on or before that day. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley provided Eversource's Emergency telephone number of 1-800-662-7764, for the impending snow storm on March 14, 2017 in case anyone needed it and it's listed on their bills.

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

Warrant Water & Sewer for State of NH from Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector in the amount of \$114.51 with penalties after March 7, 2017. Riley made a motion to approve. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Department Expense for approval w/e 03/10/2017 for Payroll/includes retirement, Sewer – Fuel, Sewer – Health & Safety, Sewer – Health Insurance, Sewer – Life Insurance, Sewer – System Maintenance, Water – Chemicals, Water - Fuel, Water – Health Insurance, Water – Life Insurance and Water - System Maintenance for Total Expenses = \$4,260.51 Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. Riley stated with no discussion. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Old Business:**

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – no further updates

Intersection of Routes 16 & 25 & 28 – no further updates

Hazardous & Dilapidated Building – Riley spoke with Attorney Sager. Sager to review file and get back in touch with the Board of Selectmen.

9 Dorrs Corner Road – is in the process of being cleaned up

Recreation Committee - Selectmen met with Brady earlier and a plan is in process.

Highway Dept. - Training & Licensing – Harriman noted he signed up for Water Distribution training and sent in the paperwork for himself and Chris for the Solid Waste training. Riley highly encouraged to keep moving forward with getting everyone trained and/or licensed. Riley noted the more we have licensed the better off the Town will be.

Water/Sewer Dept. – Training & Licensing – Bo Eldridge has registered for the Confined Safety and Updates Course and Jim Champagne has registered for the Sustainable Management of Small Rural Water & Wastewater Systems course through Granite State Rural Water Association.

Morgan inquired about the Covered Bridge project. Harriman received a message that Cultural Resources has signed off on the project. It now going through the process with preliminary design and permitting. Harriman notified Sean of other tier 3 projects that did not require mitigation. Not sure if mitigation is still required but the project is moving forward. Morgan strongly encourages Harriman to reach out to whomever at NHDES and find out if it's their intention to move forward with mitigation. Because Morgan will be constructing a letter, stating, Ossipee should not pay one single penny towards any mitigation for the same bridge, going across the same river, in the same spot, it should not require the Town to go through these additional steps. Some far it has cost \$1,500,000.00 and (10) years to get this far with the bridge project.

### **New Business:**

Morgan thanked Frank Riley for all he has done as Selectmen and for the Town of Ossipee for over (30) years Morgan has known Frank Riley. With Riley's help, the Selectmen have made a lot of changes and improvements with the finances, budget, policies and procedures. Morgan expressed it has been truly a pleasure working with Riley.

Freeman commented that when Riley first became Selectmen the two of them butted heads a little bit but over the last (3) years Freeman expressed it has truly been an honor working with Riley. He is a very intelligent man with Town business and is the best Selectmen this Town has ever had.

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

### **Public Input:**

Otterbach also thanked Riley for all his efforts and wished him well in the future.

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

Riley polled the Board to enter a non-public session at 4:41 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a - e) for personnel and tax matters. Roll call vote was taken: Morgan answered yes. Freeman answered yes. Riley answered yes.

Riley made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:05 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to return to the public session at 5:011 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley noted the Non-Public Session was on personnel and tax matters and the minutes are sealed.

### **Public Input:**

Riley called for any more public input.

Ed Comeau asked about the polls being open tomorrow with the snow storm coming. Morgan stated the polls open at 10:00 am until 7:00 pm with anticipation the heaviest flow of voters will be roughly 11:00 – 1:00 pm. Riley commented the Town Meeting will be **Wed., 3/15/2017 6:30 PM** at the Bud Avery Memorial Gymnasium. The Selectmen encouraged everyone to come and vote but to be careful driving in the snow.

Otterbach also commended the Highway department on keeping the road clear and safe this winter. Otterbach questioned why the Town puts up "load limit signs." Riley replied it's to protect the roads. This time of year the road are very soft and with the frost heaves and any heavy load could damage the roadways.

Ed Comeau announced the State Budget is looking very good but will not know until next week if there will be a tax increase. The Delegation did authorize \$75,000 today to White Horse Addiction Center. BOS were very pleased with this notice. Comeau noted White Horse Addiction Center has benchmarks to achieve and quarterly reports to provide to the State.

Connie Billings inquired if the Delegation was going to fund the Carroll County Farm. Comeau stated they reduced the DPW (Farm) Budget. The Delegation did decide last session to take out \$10,000 to pay off the wood processor and then sell the wood processor and then reduce the DPW budget line item. Comeau noted

the hay fields will remain. The wood processing is going to stop. Morgan questioned if the wood processing is stopping because of competition. Comeau stated there were many factors but mostly because it's not making any money and it's costing more to run it. The Farm itself was a net loss. Comeau informed the BOS the Carroll County Farm is going to have a phase II Committee to look at how to manage the assets, land management, forest management, and buildings which need to be maintained. The Commissioners need to look at several areas going forward with this property.

Morgan strongly stated he is opposed to the shutting down of the farm. Because they have now left nothing for the inmates to do and he has seen others towns spend hundreds of thousand dollars bringing it all kinds of vocational training. Morgan hopes the delegation seriously reconsiders what to do with the land and hopefully does not sell it off. Comeau stated that idea was never brought to the table. It was one individual, who came to one meeting, with one comment, who wrote a letter to the newspapers and the discussion spread like wild fire. Comeau stated there are no plans to sell off the land.

Riley strongly told to Ed Comeau, "It's important to note and I will state it, this delegation and not a single member on it, including you hold any credibility with me." Riley notes he believes the delegation has done a lousy job keeping the farm up and truly showing the numbers for operating the farm.

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

None

**Other Meetings:**

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

**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 20, 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 5:24 PM

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Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan