

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 17, 2017**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator.

Call to Order:

Chairman 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 Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Sandra Martin.

Public Input:

Joe Deighan, Conservation Commission Chairman, questioned the status of the brush removal that is needed at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains property. White responded that specifications were drafted by the prior Chairman and the project was going to be put out to bid. Deighan questioned whether the work could be completed by the Highway Department. Morgan responded that this type of work is not in the Highway Department's regular schedule and it would be advisable to put it out to bid. Bob Gillette stated that volunteers have completed a cleanup of the property in the past and also suggested recruiting assistance from the County jail.

Barry Knight questioned why the public is no longer able to use the bathroom at the Transfer Station. Morgan responded that the location of the restroom is not in a safe area when equipment is in operation and has been designated as not for public use. Discussion ensued.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/10/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session & Non-Public Session held on 7/10/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session held pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/15/2017 in the amount of \$42,536.18. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 7/8/2017 was in the amount of \$1,664,073.03 including accounts payable of \$67,293.20, payments made to the Fire Precincts of \$110,117.83, and payment made to the School District of \$1,486,662.00. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews each invoice prior to approving the batch totals in the weekly manifest.

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$3,482.02 for the week ending 7/15/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

A Request for an Abatement was received from Fred and Jeanne Higgins for the property located on Map 17, Lot 14, Sub Lot T02. The abatement/refund in the amount of \$126.84 is due because the camper was registered and should not have been taxed in 2016. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Fred and Jeanne Higgins for the property located on Map 17, Lot 14, Sub Lot T02. The abatement/refund in the amount of \$44.00 is due because the camper left the campground in November 2016 and did not return. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Diversified Resources Group for the property located on Map 8, Lot 1. The intent is to cut 6.5 acres of the 6.5 acre parcel and the logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Three Municipal Work Zone Agreements for the State of NH DOT projects along Route 16 were presented for signatures. Morgan questioned the Town's involvement in signing the agreements since the State has their own Traffic Safety Plan. Morgan requested that White reach out to NH DOT for further explanation on the agreements and why they are required to be signed by the Town.

The Board received a letter from the Zoning Board of Adjustment acknowledging the appointment of Bill Grover to fill the vacant position on the ZBA. White stated she will send a letter acknowledging Grover's appointment and to request he be sworn in by the Town Clerk.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 7/15/2017.

The Board received notification from Solitude Lake Management informing them of milfoil treatment to be performed in Ossipee Lake in late August or early September.

The Board received a copy of a letter of thanks for roadside assistance given by Sergeant Anthony Castaldo. Morgan requested a copy of the letter be forwarded to the Police Department.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Diversified Resources Group for the property located on Map 8, Lot 2. The intent is to cut 0.5 acres of the 0.5 acre parcel and the logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the denial of a variance applied for by Alexander Bakman (Map 35, Lot 15).

The Board received correspondence from the NH Department of Environmental Services with information on their online resource: Be Well Informed, Well Water Treatment Tool to assist residents with effective water treatment options to remove contaminants from their private wells. This information will be posted on the informational bulletin at Town Hall.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Request for an Abatement of water fees for the property located at 21 Dorrs Corner Road in the amount of \$225.56 was presented for review. The request is to abate water used to prevent the water line from freezing

on the property side. Morgan made a motion to deny the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$160.00 for July service charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Water & Sewer Department Rules & Regulations – Revisions are still being made to the document. Tabled.

Gymnasium Floor Replacement – In progress – awaiting scheduling from Heckman's Flooring.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – NH DOT will be presenting an update on the proposed intersection improvements on Monday, 8/14/2017 at 6:00 PM.

New Business:

None presented.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan re-opened the meeting to Public Input.

Public Input #2:

Barry Knight discussed an issue with a barking dog at a neighboring property. Knight was directed to address this concern with the Town's Dog Officer.

Joe Deighan questioned the status of the proposed parking area at the Annie Nichols Road property where the Eagle Scout project was just completed. Deighan was referred to check with White Mountain Survey on the design as this was not a project initiated by the Board of Selectmen.

Deighan questioned the status of the Whittier Covered Bridge. Morgan reviewed the current (final) phase which requires final approval by the State of NH DOT before the phase goes out to bid for the work on the bridge abutments and placing the bridge back over the river. Morgan noted the bridge is currently protected with a new metal roof. Ash Fischbein questioned whether further wetland mitigation is being required. Morgan responded that it is being reviewed as part of the final phase and if further mitigation is required, the Board has drafted a response. Fischbein questioned what the intention is for traffic flow. Morgan responded that the bridge will be open to thru traffic with a 6-ton limit. Parking configuration will be evaluated once the bridge has been placed back on its abutments.

Fischbein questioned when the water line replacement on Moultonville Road will take place which will result in the water level of the Mill Pond being lowered. Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, responded that a date has not been set yet but abutters will receive notification and the pond drawdown will not take place until fall.

Knight discussed other issues with a neighboring property including a manure pile close to the property's boundary, trailer not being hooked up to a septic or well, disposal of fecal matter, and roaming chickens. White was asked to have Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, provide an update on the property.

Morgan reported that the Board met with the Town of Freedom in a non-public session last week to discuss the lawsuit filed regarding the expansion of Westward Shores Camping Area and Resort, and he anticipates a letter of joint settlement to be forthcoming.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 24, 2017 at 4:15 PM.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 7/24/2017