

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 7, 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:

Barry Knight expressed his concern with the safety having the basketball hoop located in the Town Hall parking lot.

Knight discussed the daily attendance at the Transfer Station and whether a restroom or porta-potty should be made available to accommodate the public. He also questioned how often the YMCA ballfield is used as it has a porta-potty.

Knight questioned the salary received by the Board of Selectmen. Morgan responded that they receive \$5,000 annually.

Knight questioned the cost to maintain the skateboard park and questioned the amount of use it receives. Morgan responded that it is used quite often and also that the rink doubles as an ice skating rink in the winter.

Knight questioned if any employees receive special use of equipment or facilities. Morgan responded no.

Knight discussed the car shows that were formerly held at the Yankee Smokehouse and stated that he was told the Selectmen were the reason they're no longer held there. Morgan responded that the car shows have been relocated to Boyle's Market. Conduct Billings, Planning Board Chairman, stated the Selectmen do not have jurisdiction to control the events held by a business. Morgan responded that a change to the Outdoor Event process now requires businesses to request a Site Plan Review from the Planning Board to hold events outside of their normal course of business rather than apply through the Outdoor Event process.

Eric Moran from Whitehorse Recovery Services proposed volunteers to clean up and beautify the Duncan Lake Beach. The Board was in favor of this idea and suggested he coordinate through Recreation Director Craig Brady.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan stated that a non-public session was held earlier pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. Morgan divulged that these meetings are held to make payment arrangements with people who are behind on their property taxes, and they are sealed because the information discussed may be detrimental to a person's reputation. Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes from the Non-Public Session held. Freeman 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 7/31/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/31/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/5/2017 in the amount of \$83,223.54. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 7/29/2017 was in the amount of \$1,222,061.47 including accounts payable of \$63,039.64, payment to the Fire Precincts of \$110,117.83, and payment to the School District of \$1,048,904.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 7/29/2017 was in the amount of \$6,414.13. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 7/29/2017 & 8/5/2017.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Main Street Program requesting use of the gym on 8/26/2017 for a penny sale with setup taking place on 8/25/2017. The schedule has been verified and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Lauren Strohman requesting the use of 40 chairs for a birthday celebration. The schedule has been verified and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was received from Eversource for a new utility pole to be installed on Cassie Cove Road. Morgan made a motion to approve the license. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The potential savings calculations for the Lakes Region Planning Commission's Electricity Aggregation Initiative were presented. Morgan stated that the Town is subject to a net savings of \$9,762.30 per year after an energy consultant fee of \$883.60 is withheld. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and Lakes Region Planning Commission was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to appoint Ellen White as authorized representative to sign the document. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The GIS Services Maintenance Agreement for tax map software support through CAI Technologies, Inc. was presented for signatures. Morgan noted the annual cost to be \$600.00 an increase of \$100.00 from years past. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Joint Statement between the Freedom and Ossipee Boards of Selectmen in reference to the lawsuit filed on the expansion of Westward Shores Camping Area and Resort was presented for signatures. Morgan read the statement and then made a motion to sign it in anticipation of Freedom's Board of Selectmen also signing it tonight. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Planet Aid in the amount of \$113.15 for recycling.

The Board received a letter from the Planning Board requesting they seek bids for landscaping and removal of a travel trailer located in the old Morse Pit on Route 25 as part of the reclamation. Billings stated that there are funds in an escrow held by Attorney Sager to be used toward this reclamation. He further stated that a site visit will be completed next week to better determine the amount of work needed. Morgan suggested tabling for further information.

The Board received a Notice of Hearing to be held on 8/15/2015 at 7:00 PM pursuant to RSA 674:4 regarding the proposed renovations and upgrades of the McDonalds Restaurant.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of July. The total amount collected was \$9,224.35.

The Board received a copy of a check received in the amount of \$54,821.69 from the State of NH DOT for Highway Block Grant funds.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 8/23/2017.

Morgan read the Public Notice for the Public Hearing scheduled on 8/21/2017 at 5:00 PM for the acceptance of additional Highway Block Grant funds received under SB-38.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$3,353.08 for the week ending 8/5/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Michael S. Houle for the property located at 21 Dorrs Corner Road. The abatement/refund in the amount of \$225.56 is due because the water usage was from a water system bleed to prevent the line from freezing. Wayne “Bo” Eldridge, Water & Sewer Superintendent, confirmed that the bleed is required in order to keep the line from freezing down through. He further stated that a line replacement in the future will correct this process. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Ossipee DG LLC for the property located at 18 Route 25 East. The abatement/refund in the amount of \$35.34 is due because the second meter only tracks the amount of water flow to the irrigation system. Eldridge confirmed that the meter only tracks water flow to the irrigation system and is not for additional water usage. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

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

New Business:

Morgan announced that Highway Foreman Bill Eldridge was acknowledged as the Employee of the Year at an employee luncheon held last Thursday. Morgan commented that Eldridge is well deserving of the award; he has risen to leadership, is respected by his crew, and a great help to Public Works Director Brad Harriman. Morgan congratulated Eldridge on his accomplishments.

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

Public Input #2:

Knight questioned if Transfer Station employees are dumping trash at the Transfer Station without a facility sticker. Morgan responded that he is not aware of any.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, congratulated Eldridge on receiving Employee of the Year.

Comeau announced the School Board will meet at 7:00 PM tonight in Brookfield and asked if there were any specific questions for the School Board. Morgan questioned if the District is doing enough on the prevention side of the drug issue. Discussion ensued. Morgan also questioned the amount of participation in school programs by the outlying towns, noting that Ossipee has never had a large participation level in especially sports teams and questioned if transportation is the primary reason or if there are other areas of concern that need to be addressed.

Comeau reported that the School Board meetings still have no attendance even though the meetings are held at 7:00 PM. Further discussion took place on the School District's budget. Morgan added that Ossipee has 4,400 residents and only a handful (other than employees) are in attendance at Selectmen's Meetings regardless of the meeting time. Comeau requested that any questions for the School Board be brought to his attention at the end of the meeting.

Harriman reported that 214 cars came through the Household Hazardous Waste Collection, the best attendance he has seen. He stated the day was busy with no downtime. He noted there to be a new vendor doing the collection this year, Clean Ventures.

Wayne "Bo" Eldridge stated that the video inspection of the sewer lines is scheduled for 9/9-11/2017. Morgan questioned when the leak detection will take place. Eldridge responded that he will follow up and report back.

Freeman questioned if there is any update on the Whittier Covered Bridge. Harriman responded that he will check on the status for an update at next meeting.

Morgan reminded all of the NH DOT presentation scheduled for 8/14/2017 at 6:00 PM on the proposed intersection improvement of Routes 28 & 171.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 14, 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 4:52 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 8/14/2017