

**Selectmen's Meeting & Public Hearing**  
**Monday, August 21, 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:**

None presented.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/14/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/19/2017 in the amount of \$38,410.13. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 8/12/2017 was in the amount of \$61,432.09. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 8/12/2017 was in the amount of \$4,289.63. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews each invoice prior to signing the manifest totals each week.

**Review of Red Folder:**

An Intent to Cut was received from Christopher Helme and Kathryn Hodgdon for the properties located on Map 42, Lots 2 & 3. The intent is to cut 10 acres of the 31 combined acres and the logger listed is Greenleaf Products, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on Map 42, Lot 3. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from Christopher Helme and Kathryn Hodgdon for the properties located on Map 216, Lots 11 & 14; Map 218, Lot 33; and Map 64, Lot 20. The intent is to cut 110 acres of the combined 241 acres and the logger listed is Greenleaf Products, 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.

A Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant meets all requirements of the Veteran's Credit and recommends approval. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Connie Billings requesting the use of 2 tables and 30 chairs on 8/22/2017. The schedule has been verified and applicable deposit has been waived. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) Information Guide was presented for review. White explained that although the Town is not required to participate, it will be helpful to provide accurate information on the households in Town. Morgan made a motion to sign the participation form.

Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan then made a motion to appoint Ellen White as liaison. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was received from Eversource for the installation of a pole on Broad Bay Road. Morgan made a motion to sign the license. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received correspondence from the State of NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources acknowledging the resignation of Ranger Stephen Kessler and it also provided the contact information for the Captain assigned to the area. Morgan requested this information be forwarded to Timber Monitor Bob Boyd.

The Board received correspondence from the auditors Plodzik & Sanderson, PA acknowledging the completion of the audit for the year ended 12/31/2016. Morgan noted that the inventorying of capital assets continues to be a deficiency but stated that the inventory is now complete and should be corrected this year.

Morgan reviewed the joint statement that was prepared between the Towns of Ossipee and Freedom and stated that although the statement was revised with the corrections requested, Freedom made additional changes and the joint statements signed are not the same.

The Board received responses from Public Works Director Brad Harriman and Transfer Station Supervisor Brewster Vittum related to a complaint received from a resident with concern about people bypassing the scale at the Transfer Station. Morgan summarized that procedures are now in place to prevent this from occurring.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for the Site Plan Review Amendment granted for Melvin Village Marina to remove a 20x40 garage and replace it with a 50x50 garage in the same location.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for a Boundary Line Adjustment granted to Matt & Cheryl Sawyer for the property located on Map 258, Lot 11.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board for the Site Plan Review granted for McDonalds Restaurant for proposed redevelopment and improvements to the facility.

The Board received a letter from a new resident who praised the Public Works Department, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Fire Department but further expressed concern about the recreational shooting that takes place at Archer's Pit including the explosions from shooting Tannerite, especially on Sundays. The letter requests consideration for a remedy such as through the noise ordinance. Discussion ensued. Harry Merrow stated that no ordinance can be made regarding firearms without legislation. State Representative Ed Comeau also reviewed RSA 159:26 which states "Except as otherwise specifically provided by statute, no ordinance or regulation of a political subdivision may regulate the sale, purchase, ownership, use, possession, transportation, licensing, permitting, taxation, or other matter pertaining to firearms, firearms components, ammunition, or firearms supplies in the state."

The Board received a copy of a check received from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$475.10 for scrap metal recycling.

The Board received a Public Notice from the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation with a schedule of Public Hearings scheduled for input on the update of the State's Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan (2019-2028).

The Board received a letter from Pamela Erickson reviewing a kayak accident that occurred on 7/22/2017 on Big Dan Hole Pond. Erickson acknowledged several people who came to assist during the accident. Morgan stated that the list of helpers may not be complete. Freeman stated that several others were involved.

A contract was received from All States Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$157,407.45 for the fiber mat chip seal to be installed on Elm Street and Dorrs Corner Road. Morgan suggested this matter be tabled until after the Public Hearing.

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

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$3,353.08 for the week ending 8/19/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

#### **Old Business:**

Morse Pit Reclamation – Planning Board Request of 8/7/17 - Tabled

FEMA Correspondence Received re: Winnepesaukee Watershed RMAP – White reported that she is awaiting a call back from the contacts listed in the letter sent.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 - NH DOT Improvements – Morgan reviewed the meeting from last week where two proposals were presented; a traffic light and roundabout. Morgan stated that the roundabout appears to be the option they will pursue in 2020. In the interim, signage improvements are in progress and rumble strips will be installed. Morgan requested a sign to cancel the turn signal turning onto Route 28 but this continues to not be an approved sign by NH DOT so he asked that if the Town installs one, the State not remove it. Morgan made a motion to purchase a 2'x4' sign to be installed in the Town's right-of-way. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested the Highway Foreman Bill Eldridge relay this to Public Works Director Brad Harriman so the sign can be installed ASAP. Morgan stated that he is disappointed with further delay on the intersection improvements that will expectedly be the location of additional accidents in the interim.

Water & Sewer Department Rules & Regulations – Morgan stated the document is in final draft stage.

Drug Prevention, Education, Treatment – Request for youth facility/activities – Morgan reviewed the request received by the Town Administrator from a resident looking for the Town to support teen programs and safe locations. Morgan referred this to the Recreation Director as he begins planning his budget for next year and further stated they will continue to look into this matter.

#### **New Business:**

Morgan announced there is now a purchase and sales agreement in place for the Town to purchase Camp Sokokis which would enable a 200' beach on Ossipee Lake. Morgan reviewed the steps taken leading up to this purchase agreement and also reviewed the further steps needed to ratify the purchase including a Special Town Meeting in the fall. Morgan offered his thanks to Bill and Dianne Sheehan for the opportunity. Morgan reviewed the current contents of the campground and the stipulations of the sale. Several details will need to be worked out including a site assessment of the property, but Morgan considers this one of the most significant acquisitions by the Town in several years. Merrow offered his assistance if necessary. Morgan stated that planning assistance is pending permission from Town Meeting.

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

#### **Public Input #2:**

None presented.

**Non-Public Session:**

None.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 28, 2017 at 4:15 PM.

Morgan made a motion to recess at 4:50 PM until 5:00 PM for the Public Hearing scheduled. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Public Hearing:**

Morgan reopened the meeting at 5:00 PM. He then read the Public Notice reviewing the requirements of holding the Public Hearing. Morgan then opened the hearing to public comment. None presented.

Morgan read a memo received from Public Works Director Brad Harriman reviewing the proposal received from All States Asphalt to install a fiber mat chip seal on Elm Street and Dorrs Corner Road. The cost to complete is \$157,047.45 with the residual balance of the project (\$3,966.45) to come from the Road Repair & Replacement Warrant Article.

Joy Gagnon discussed the need for sidewalks, especially through Town, and reviewed a few instances where there is no safe area for people including children to walk with the traffic flow through the center of town. Morgan reviewed the history on the Safe Routes to School grant that was in the works to provide sidewalks on the State highway of Main Street but due to changes in the grant funding requirements, the town lost its funding. Morgan also stated the same sidewalk cost the town \$30,000 to install in a different section where the section on the State highway was estimated to be \$150,000.

Gagnon continued to recommend areas where sidewalks could be installed on Town property. Morgan thanked Gagnon for her input and suggested this as an improvement to be funded in the upcoming budget.

Highway Foreman Bill Eldridge discussed the fiber mat chip seal that was used on a road in Bristol and the amazing condition that road is in two years later.

State Representative Ed Comeau relayed a suggestion received from Representative Lino Avellani to set funds aside for use in conjunction with the State's roundabout improvement for the intersection of Routes 28 & 171 to help expedite the project. Morgan responded that he was unsure as to whether Town funds could be used on State roadways.

Morrow discussed the "designated" parking area in front of the 86 Main Street property and how the parking there blocks visibility coming off of Folsom Road. Morgan stated that the stop bar and stop sign on Folsom Road are also located too far back but this is an issue for NH DOT.

Gagnon discussed a tractor trailer that was redirected over Spring Tavern Hill to Walker Hill Road and ended up tearing up the road in the process. Eldridge stated that there is a no-thru trucking sign located on the Walker Hill Road end but would look into installing one on the Spring Tavern Hill end.

Being no further public comment, Morgan made a motion to accept the additional funds received from the NH DOT Highway Block Grant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:16 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The contract received from All States Asphalt for the installation of a fiber mat chip seal on Elm Street in the amount of \$75,249.60 and Dorrs Corner Road in the amount of \$82,157.85, for a total of \$157,407.45 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 5:17 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 8/28/2017