

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 6, 2017

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

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 and Sandra Martin. Selectman Robert Freeman was absent due to a rescue call he was attending.

Public Input:

None presented.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session held on 10/30/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/30/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Bond Hearing held on 11/2/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll & Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/4/2017 in the amount of \$97,727.08. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 10/28/2017 was in the amount of \$81,470.43. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 10/28/2017 was in the amount of \$3,062.00. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan commented that the Board reviews each invoice after it has been through the appropriate Department Heads and then the Finance Office, prior to approving the totals in the weekly manifest.

Review of Red Folder:

A Selectmen's Deed for a property that was taken by Tax Collector's Deed and has been repurchased by its prior owner was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 11/4/2017. Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that the storm last week resulted in minor shoulder damage on Bean Mountain Road and sections of Granite Road, and a lot of tree work. Morgan stated that the roof adjoining the utility shed and cook shack at Constitution Park blew off and an insurance claim has been filed. Harriman confirmed that he has not assessed the damage but will in the next few days.

A letter addressed to Rick St. Jean acknowledging his resignation from the position of Representative to the Lakes Region Planning Commission was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received for the Ossipee Historical Society requesting use of the Tax Office to conduct their monthly meetings throughout the winter. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Letter of Commitment for Ossipee's participation in the Household Hazardous Product Collection Program to be held on 8/4/2018 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received from the month of October. The total amount collected was \$4,623.40.

The Board received a copy of a check received from Planet Aid in the amount of \$174.15 for third quarter recycling.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$632.14 for scrap metal recycling.

The Board received reports from the Dog Officer for calls attended to during the month of October.

Morgan read an email received from Bruce Parsons speaking in support of the purchase of Camp Sokokis for a Town Beach and further suggesting the sale of Duncan Lake Beach and using the revenue from said sale to pay the bond down. Morgan stated that this could be presented to the voters at the March Town Meeting presuming the Special Town Meeting votes in favor to proceed with the Town Beach purchase. Morgan made a motion to have the property appraised. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. White asked if the Board would like an outside appraisal completed, or to have the Town Assessor appraise it. Morgan responded to start with the Town Assessor.

Morgan read a Letter to the Editor from the Ossipee Lake Alliance Board of Directors writing in support of the purchase of Camp Sokokis for a Town Beach. Morgan stated he was pleasantly surprised to be in receipt of such letter and appreciates the support.

The Town Warrant for the 2017 Special Town Meeting was presented for signatures. Morgan read the Warrant Article related to the purchase of a Town Beach. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the reimbursement of \$63,481.62 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund for expenses paid to Dawson's Excavation, TI-Sales, and EJ Prescott by the Water & Sewer Department was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses for the Water & Sewer Department in the amount of \$3,502.38 for the week ending 11/6/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$7,416.00 for November Disposal Fees was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman reported that he spoke with Sean James from Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, and they will be arranging a meeting with the abutters on Nudd Road to obtain necessary easements for banking work that is required. Harriman will be attending this meeting next week. He further stated the permitting process is underway and they anticipate the final phase being put out to bid late winter/early spring. Morgan asked Harriman to reiterate “I told you so” to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, as they were certain work would commence in 2017.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – NH DOT Improvements – Nothing new to report.

Town Beach – Morgan stated that all required Public Hearings have been held and the next meeting is the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, 11/28/2017 at 6:30 PM in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium.

Harriman reported that the storm cleanup consisted of a lot of tree damage that had to be put on hold until the utility companies were able to secure the downed wires but the Highway Department has been actively cleaning up behind them with a few downed trees remaining. Morgan stated that most people have been understanding of the situation but others gave grief to the workers for not cutting trees on the wires. Morgan stated that they will never endanger employees to better convenience someone else.

New Business:

Morgan announced the start of the budget review:

Life Ministries Food Pantry – Kent Cromwell presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$6,000.00 noting 450 individuals served from Ossipee accounting for 20% of the total served. Morgan thanked the agency for serving Ossipee residents. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$6,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White Mountain Community Health Center – Ken Porter presented the budget request in the amount of \$4,360.00, an increase of \$581.00, based on service provided to 152 Ossipee residents. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$4,360.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Tri-County CAP – Heidi Walls from Grafton County presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$12,000.00 noting 317 Ossipee residents assisted for fuel assistance totaling \$242,180.00, 6 assisted for weatherization totaling \$41,188.00, 259 receiving electrical assistance totaling \$147,865.00, food and other commodity assistance totaling \$18,320.97. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$12,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Children’s Fund – Jane Podson presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$20,000.00 and thanked the Board for their past support. Podson reported 275 of the 319 students served were Ossipee residents. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$20,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Revitalization (Main Street Program) – Pat Jones presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00. She reviewed the Program’s accomplishments in its 11 years of existence. The request this year is to be used toward installing solar lamp lights along the walkway of the Main Street Park leading to the Gazebo. Jones also reviewed the continued goal to encourage economic growth in the community. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Central NH VNA & Hospice – Morgan thanked the agency for all they do for the community. Morgan made a motion to put forth the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$14,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Caregivers of Southern Carroll County – Phil Wasmuth presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$2,500.00 noting 114 trips provided year-to-date to Ossipee residents resulting in \$5,092.42 in mileage reimbursed. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$2,500.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Carroll County Transit (Blue Loon) – Brenda Gagne presented the budget request in the amount of \$3,500.00, an increase of \$500.00, and noted changes to the service provided in the area where the Flex Route will become a door-to-door service due to a steady decline in riders on the flex route. Morgan questioned the increase. Gagne responded that she thought it was level-funded from last year which was the intent. Following discussion, Morgan made a motion to put forth the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$3,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Schools Out! Program – Jen Berkowitz presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$25,000.00 and discussed the agency's risk of losing Federal funding which attributes to \$86,125.00 annually. Discussion took place on plans for a District budget. Berkowitz acknowledged Ossipee as being the only school in the District offering an afterschool enrichment program. Further discussion ensued. Berkowitz noted 75% of the school body is served at 50-70 average daily enrollment. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$25,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freedom Food Pantry – Dolores Connelly presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$8,000.00 noting that 52% of qualifying families served are from Ossipee. Morgan thanked the agency for their continued support of Ossipee residents. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$8,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Northern Human Services – Eve Clotts presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$4,425.00 noting 153 Ossipee residents were served. Clotts also discussed the grant awarded to have a clinician in the jail to assist with substance abuse and prevention. Martin questioned where residents go for service. Clotts responded that they have offices in Conway, Moultonborough, and Wolfeboro. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$4,425.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Starting Point – A representative presented the budget request in the amount of \$3,706.00, an increase of \$1,110.00 noting 649 services provided to 49 Ossipee residents. Two clients alone accounted for \$3,000.00 in expenditures in the month of September. The program and its funding were discussed. Morgan spoke in support of the agency as the only source for this type of service. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$3,706.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Kingswood Youth Center – Zachary Porter presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00 noting that 91 students from Ossipee attributed to 31% of total participation. This school year, 63 are enrolled, or 41%. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that the Board received the agency packets well in advance and has had a chance to review for any questions.

Ossipee Concerned Citizens – Donna Sargent presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$20,000.00. Off topic discussion took place on building improvements needed and the additional money

raised in the Government Building Improvements Warrant Article to investigate air conditioning upgrades at the Ossipee Concerned Citizens building. Morgan requested a list be compiled of building needs to plan for repairs over a period of time. Sargent reported that funds have been received from Bald Peak to paint the outside of the building. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$20,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Crossings Daycare – Sargent presented the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$7,000.00 noting that enrollment is up and the dedicated staff consists of two teachers and one staff member in training. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$7,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ossipee Historical Society - Morgan made a motion to put forth the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$4,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

End 68-Hours of Hunger – No one was present to present the level-funded budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to put forth the budget request in the amount of \$5,000.00. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Public Input #2:

Jim Rines questioned the Boards position on the transitional housing to be proposed to the Planning Board under Site Plan Review for the Vic House (56 Main Street) where the use of the facility will change from head trauma to a treatment facility. Morgan stated that it is still premature and questioned if its location next to a school is a good idea. Discussion ensued. Martin stated that no position is to be taken until all the facts are heard. Morgan stated that the presumption is that a variance is needed first as it is not defined as a permitted use. He then discussed the need for more treatment facilities due to the opioid epidemic. Rines requested the presence of the Select Board to hear the questions and answers. Morgan requested White post a notice that the Board of Selectmen will attend the Planning Board Meeting on Tuesday, 11/7/2017.

Harriman reported that another leak was detected in the water lines at Arrowhead Drive and has since been addressed. He also stated that the new meter replacement is underway.

Wayne “Bo” Eldridge reported that hydrants will be flushed the week of 11/13-11/18/2017. Rust in the water is expected during this process.

Katy Meserve, Moderator, and Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, discussed the plan for the Special Town Meeting with the Board. A timeline and meeting layout was presented for review. Voting will begin at 7:30 PM or sooner if discussion ends on its own.

John Franco questioned if it is a normal Town Meeting vote. Skehan responded that it will be a ballot vote like a Town election due to the bond issue.

Meserve stated the time for the Special Town Meeting on the sign outside is incorrect and needs to be changed.

Martin requested permission to post the timeline to the website. Meserve agreed with the caveat that the times are not set in stone.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 13, 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 5:41PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

ABSENT
Robert C. Freeman

Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 11/13/2017