

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, November 27, 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, Robert Freeman, and Sandra Martin.

**Public Input:**

Jim Fitzpatrick read a clarification letter from the Editor of the Carroll County Independent that will be published in Thursday's edition apologizing for misstatements made that Fitzpatrick acted on his own by writing a letter in support of the Town Beach on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Broad and Leavitt Bay Association (BLBA). Fitzpatrick stated that two persons contacted the Editor with misinformation and clarified that he has proof of full support given by the Executive Committee. Morgan stated that he attended the BLBA Annual Meeting in July and he received overwhelming support from the 45 people in attendance. Fitzpatrick will be requesting permission to read the Editor's letter at the Special Town Meeting. Morgan stated that endorsement letters have been received from the BLBA and Ossipee Lake Alliance. Morgan then requested all to ask yourself if you have ever done something for the greater good. The purchase is not personal and Morgan has no vested interest.

Morgan discussed the recent article that reported that non-residents would not be allowed to speak at the Special Town Meeting. He stated that non-residents have never been allowed to speak without first requesting permission to. Morgan stated that he will object to a request as the non-residents have had ample opportunity to voice their opinions and he does not want them dominating the discussion with no voting rights.

Morgan then discussed the slanted and atrocious reporting which often left out factual and relevant information.

Fitzpatrick commented that he is proud of the lakefront owners for their support; residents deserve a beach and it is an asset to the Town. Morgan commented that residents should not have to be satisfied with Duncan Lake as the Town Beach. He then stated that the vote requires 2/3 majority which is not an easy hurdle to overcome.

Joe Deighan asked for clarification on the appointment of members to the Economic Development Committee. Morgan asked that the Board of Selectmen be kept apprised of any recommendations and then the appointments can be made formally by the Selectmen.

Deighan questioned when the lease for the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery expires. Morgan responded that it expires in 2019 and the Selectmen have already held two meetings with the tenants to address the terms for its renewal as well as other building/maintenance needs.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session held on 11/20/2017. Martin seconded. Freeman abstained. Majority vote carried.

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**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/25/2017 in the amount of \$349,038.31. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 11/18/2017 was in the amount of \$103,643.72. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 11/18/2017 was in the amount of \$22,708.08. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Freeman 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:**

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$234.17 for scrap metal recycling.

The Board received a copy of a check from the Broad Leavitt Bay Association in the amount of \$800.00 for a donation toward the milfoil treatment in Ossipee Lake.

A Cemetery Deed for a cemetery lot in the Grant Hill Cemetery was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An agreement for the audit services to be completed by Plodzik and Sanderson, PA for the year ending 12/31/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the document. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 11/22/2017.

The Board received a letter from the NH Municipal Bond Bank acknowledging the approval of the Town's application for funding the Town Beach pending its approval at the Special Town Meeting.

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 11/11/2017, 11/18/2017 and 11/25/2017.

**Water & Sewer Red Folder:**

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses for the Water & Sewer Department in the amount of \$3,151.26 for the week ending 11/25/2017 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 the White Horse Addiction Center for \$930.00 in water that was billed but claimed not used. Wayne "Bo" Eldridge stated that the water consumption was read on the old meters and again when the new meter was installed, and then reduced shortly after but he believes the bill to be accurate. Morgan made a motion to deny the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested the Board be kept apprised of any changes.

**Old Business:**

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that he has not received a response to the email he sent to Michael Dugas at the NH DOT requesting an update.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Nothing new to report.

Sidewalks – Morgan stated this topic has been added back onto the agenda because to his surprise there seems to be a pathway available to proceed with installing sidewalks on the State highway. Harriman stated that he also discussed this topic in his email to Dugas to include all options such as the Town taking over the State roads, obtaining easements, etc. Morgan requested Harriman set up a meeting if possible. Discussion took place on a potential Warrant Article addition for this project in 2018.

Ash Fischbein stated that the Ossipee Economic Development Committee (OEDC) will be holding an Envision Night on 1/8/2018 at 6:00 PM in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium. Phil Villari from the OEDC met with Harriman and Jim Rines from White Mountain Survey to review the old plans for the sidewalks and these will be reviewed further and discussed at the Envision Night.

Town Beach – Morgan requested all attend regardless of the vote to be casted. He stated the Selectmen have secured the opportunity for voters to decide. The site meets all the needs for a Town Beach and there is no other in existence that can replicate its ease of access, parking area and beach.

Fitzpatrick stated he visited the site of the “donated parcel” and the claim that it has the ability to park 36 cars between Hodsdon Shore Road and the wetlands area of the parcel is very inaccurate. Morgan stated that he thought Rines estimate of 15 cars was high. Martin questioned how people would be able to get to the beach once the cars are parked. Morgan stated there was a reason this parcel was offered for free but certainly would not meet the needs.

Morgan announced the Town Meeting begins at 6:30 PM with the polls opening following discussion and will be open for no less than one hour. Maria Moulton verified that attendance is not required at Town Meeting to vote. Morgan confirmed. He then suggested the arrival time for those not attending Town Meeting, but voting to be no later than 7:30 PM.

**New Business:**

2018 Budget Review – White stated that the operating budgets have all been presented and next will be the estimated revenues and Warrant Articles. Morgan announced the Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 11/29/2017 at 6:30 PM at the Freight House Annex to finish up their review of the operating budget.

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

**Public Input #2:**

Ed Comeau stated that public comment at any meeting is a public record and his recordings can be utilized to assist with accurate reporting. He further stated that his recordings through GovernmentOversite.com are unbiased and no opinion is given.

Comeau announced the next School Board Meeting is being held at the Ossipee Central School on Monday, 12/4/2017 at 7:00 PM. Discussion will take place on the proposed transitional housing next to the school. Although the School Board does not have control on this matter, they can have the conversation on

preventing or encouraging any matter. There is often no attendance at the meetings or input given on the budget including the curriculum being used taxpayers and parents should be aware of.

Morgan discussed the mailings that were distributed against the purchase of the Town Beach where the information has been “cherry picked” from actual conversations. Morgan stated that it is hard for the Police Department to address unknown issues so it would be somewhat relied upon the abutters to notify of any problems. Furthermore, the initial plan was to use the revenue from the campground to offset the bond payments, but that came to an end based on the feedback being received that the Town should not be in the campground business.

Morgan stated the proposal is to take \$200,000 out of surplus and bond \$1 million. He does not advise taking more than \$500,000 as that would leave the balance below its recommended level. The bond payment was initially figured to be \$85,000 per year. Using updated estimates, the total cost will be \$1,319,800 with \$200,000 coming from surplus. Morgan stated the \$70,000 payment can be absorbed into the budget with no impact on the tax rate. The Town is in good financial shape.

Fischbein thanked Harriman for initiating contact with the NH DOT regarding the islands at the ends of Folsom Road and Grant Hill. He stated he was hoping for more character than the blue and white business signs that are approved but they are bound by RSA’s against advertising in these types of islands. Further discussion took place on Town regulations versus State and the controversy behind the Town taking over the State roads.

Fischbein stated he is hopeful the Envision Night will bring feedback on what people would like the community to look like noting the Town has and is changing in the right direction over the years. Discussion took place on the updates to the Town’s Master Plan and the process. Fischbein plans on utilizing the OEDC to hold people accountable for the Master Plan as the sounding board for investors and businesses assessing the community’s needs. Martin stated that the Master Plan needs to be balanced. Conduct Billings, Planning Board Chairman, stated that the problem is that the zoning is based on residential, not business which makes it difficult to work with. Morgan added that the purpose of the Master Plan is to see where we are going and how we are to get there.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 4, 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 5:23 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 12/4/2017