

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, January 8, 2018**

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:**

None presented.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 12/18/2017. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Department Head Meeting & Work Session held on 12/18/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The minutes from the meeting of the Ossipee Economic Development Council held on 12/18/2017 were submitted for review.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/6/2018 in the amount of \$88,777.87. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/30/2017 in the amount of \$672,929.92 including a payment to Governor Wentworth Regional School District for \$490,364.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 12/30/2017 was in the amount of \$6,836.81. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews each invoice before it is approved in the weekly manifest totals.

**Review of Red Folder:**

An Application for Veteran's Credit was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant has met all requirements for the credit. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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A request for the NH State Library Grant that was approved on 12/21/2017 for the preservation of Town records was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 73, Lot 109, Sub Lot 24. The request is to abate the tax due in the amount of \$26.00 because the camper was sold. A supplemental

warrant will be issued to the new owner of record. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Warrant in the amount of \$26.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 34. The request is to abate the tax due in the amount of \$6.00 because the assessment value reduced creating a lower yearly tax bill than what was charged for the first half. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 29, Lot 1, Sub Lot B06. The request is to abate the tax due in the amount of \$2.00 because the camper was registered and should not have accrued a tax bill. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 46. The request is to abate the tax due in the amount of \$7.00 because the assessment value reduced creating a lower yearly tax bill than what was charged for the first half. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 104, Lot 14004, Sub Lot 45. The request is to abate the tax due in the amount of \$115.00 because the camper was removed prior to April 1 and should not have received a tax bill. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Credit was presented for review. The credit is already in place but the application is to update the property to which it is applied. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A proposal received from CAI Technologies, Inc. for the tax map maintenance was presented in the amount of \$3,600.00. White noted this to be an increase of \$200.00 from the past year but the level service has not changed. Morgan made a motion to sign the proposal. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Raffle Permit Application was received from Mother Earth's Creation's, LLC for a raffle being held on 7/7, 7/8, 8/11, 8/12, 9/15, and 9/16/2018. Morgan made a motion to approve the permit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Miss Karoly's Dance Factory requesting use of the gym for a dance on 1/12/2018. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Decision was received from the Planning Board acknowledging a final approval with conditions that has been granted for the expansion of a recreational camping park known as Westward Shores Lakeside Camping Resort, Map 29, Lot 1.

The Board received a letter from the NH DES acknowledging their thanks to Brad Harriman and Wayne Eldridge for their assistance in conducting a survey of the water systems sources, treatment, distribution, and management. The letter also provides an overview of the system and notes it to be in good condition and well operated with no deficiencies.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Jessi O'Blenes requesting use of the gym for a birthday party on 3/31/2018. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, recommending the Town using Ossipee Aggregates as the winter sand supplier because they are the only pit around that washes the sand to remove the fines which clog the sanders during cold weather. The proposed budget for winter sand is \$35,000. Morgan made a motion to approve Ossipee Aggregates. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Harriman reviewing the quotes received for new carbide plow blades. The quotes are as follows:

Viking Clives	\$42.00/ft.
Allied Equipment	\$47.00/ft.
Atlantic Broom	\$47.00/ft.
Jordon Equipment	\$49.70/ft.
H.P. Fairfield	\$55.00/ft.

Harriman's recommendation is to award the bid to Viking Clives for a total of \$5,292.00 for 18-3 footers, and 18-4 footers. Freeman questioned if there is any difference between the blades. Harriman responded that they are all the same; the American made are more money but last the same. Morgan made a motion to approve the purchase through Viking Clives. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Harriman reviewing the quotes received for winter salt. Both Granite State Minerals and Morton Salt supplied bids to the State of NH DOT for \$58.85/ton delivered. Harriman recommends awarding the contract to Granite State Minerals, the supplier the Town has used for the past 11 years. Morgan made a motion to approve Granite State Minerals. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 12/23/2017 and 1/6/2018.

Activity Reports were received from the Dog Officer for the month of December.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of December. The total collected was in the amount of \$4,807.25.

Morgan announced the Center Ossipee Envision Night being presented by the Ossipee Economic Development Council tonight in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at 6:00 PM.

The Board received a letter from Children Unlimited, Inc. acknowledging they will be seeking appropriation from the Town in the amount of \$3,000.00. White reported that a petition signed by 25 registered voters is incoming.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 12/20/2017.

The Board received a Wetlands Bureau Permit Application for the Whittier Covered Bridge Phase III to put the bridge back over the Bearcamp River.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$1,165.44 for scrap metal recycling.

Morgan announced that the Board was served with a Summons in Civil Action last week in regard to the Special Town Meeting held in November. The reasons for the complaint include that the venue was insufficient; people were left standing outside for over an hour with no accommodations made for them to be able to hear, or exercise their right to participate in the Town Meeting or process; and due to age, illness, or other reasons, some people were unable to wait to vote. Morgan stated this has been referred to the Town Attorney to proceed as necessary.

**Water & Sewer Red Folder:**

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$82,009.61 for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter Water & Sewer charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Old Business:**

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

Sidewalks – Nothing new to report.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Nothing new to report.

Town Beach – Morgan stated that a Court Hearing was held last Wednesday and the Judge has taken all information under advisement. There is no further update at this time, but the temporary restraining order will remain in place to stop any conveyance to others until the Judge makes her decision.

**New Business:**

Harriman announced that they had to close County Farm Road due to snow drifts being 4-5' tall but it has reopened as of today. Morgan asked that Harriman convey the Boards' gratitude to the Highway Crew for their hard work and efforts over the holidays and weekends, and especially in the excessively cold temperatures.

Freeman reported that the Fire Department received a call from Ossipee Concerned Citizens where a broken pipe was found due to it freezing. Freeman stated that Zoning Enforcement Officer Steve McConarty arrived, ripped the wall apart and repaired the pipe. Freeman conveyed his thanks to McConarty for going above and beyond.

White stated that Treasurer Harry Merrow is in the process of applying for the Tax Anticipation Note and requires the Boards approval to proceed with the application process. She noted the interest rate is estimated to be 1.9%, up from 1.6% last year. Morgan commented that this is an annual occurrence that the Town borrows in anticipation of taxes, and as a result of better fiscal control, borrowing has not taken place until

October over the past few years. Morgan made a motion to have the Treasurer proceed with the application process. Freeman 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:**

Ed Comeau, State Representative, reported that House Bill 1452, relative to equalized property valuation used to apportion expenses in cooperative school districts will be heard this Wednesday. For those unable to attend, they can email the School Committee. Comeau stated that this has not been addressed since 1960 and although the Bill may not turn out as it was submitted, it is time for it to be challenged. Morgan discussed the current calculation of the school tax which is figures using the average daily attendance and the equalized valuation. With Ossipee being a minor voice in a major school district, it is often that major items can still pass. There is a need for fairness and equality. Comeau commented that the tax should be figured like the County tax is.

The School Board meets tonight, again attendance is lacking at this meeting and he encourages more people to participate. Discussion took place on the budget process and the default budget often being higher than the budget presented.

**Non-Public Session:**

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a general assistance matter at 4:50 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Freeman answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:03 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:03 PM.

Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes from the non-public session as the information discussed may be adverse to an individual's reputation if disclosed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 4:15 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 5:04 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 1/22/2018