

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, April 23, 2018**

These minutes were recorded by Laura Nash, Boards & Commissions Secretary. 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, Sandra Martin, and Martha Eldridge.

**Public Input:**

64 Hodsdon Shore Rd. – Debra Meserve brought attention to the Selectmen that she was in receipt of a letter from Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, concerning a structure on her property. The Selectmen agreed since McConarty is on vacation this week, they would schedule a meeting when he returns with all parties involved to try and resolve the issues. Morgan also suggested if she needs to apply for a variance with the Zoning Board of Adjustment, she may not want to wait and should go ahead and start the process. Ms. Meserve agreed, and will contact Ellen White next week for the date and time of the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Department Head Meeting, Selectmen's Work Session, and Non-Public Session held on 4/16/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 4/21/2018 in the amount of \$44,723.34. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 4/16/2018 in the amount of \$45,778.12 for a total dispersed of \$90,501.46. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 4/23/2018 was in the amount of \$79,537.23. 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 before it is approved in the weekly manifest totals.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 4/14/2018 and 4/21/2018.

Receipt of Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return form of 941. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Petition and Pole License from Eversource Energy for one (1) pole, 332/7B-1 located on Channel Road, Ossipee. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Jonathan Oakes – Pike Industries for the property located on Map 250, Lot 8 on Route 16. Taxes are paid. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$0.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from for the property located on Grizzley Rd. Map 27, Lot 029. The request is to abate because due to the size and shape of the property the utility is very limited and should be acknowledged in the assessment. Refund in the amount of \$210.70. The assessor recommends adjusting the land condition to 50% good since it is merely an access point to the Bear Camp River. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Tax Credit was presented for review. The Assessor recommends to deny because there is an Irrevocable Trust and changes the ownership of the property. Morgan made a motion to deny the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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An Application for Veteran's Tax Credit and Elderly Tax Credit was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant meets the requirements for the all veteran's credit and elderly exemption and recommends approval. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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Application for Property Tax Exemption for Commercial and Industrial properties Pursuant to RSA 72:81 was reviewed. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Petition and Pole License from Eversource Energy for two (2) pole, 31/25, 31/27PB located on Hodsdon Shore Rd, Ossipee. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant indicating a zero cut asking the Tax Collector to collect in the amount of \$0.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Elderly Tax Exemption was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant is over the income limit and recommends its denial. Morgan made a motion to deny the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Tax Credit and Service-Connected Disability Tax Credit was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant meets the requirements for the all veteran's credit and but recommends its denial for disability exemption because it's not a permanent disability. Morgan made a motion to approve the application for Veteran's Tax Credit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan made a motion to deny the application for Service-Connected Disability Tax Credit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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A Letter from the Town Assessor concerning a property on Rainbow Dr. After investigation it has been determined this property should not have received the Veteran's Tax Credit in 2016 since the owner passed away. The Assessor has since corrected the glitch in the assessing system and recommends it's too late to recoup the fees.

A Letter from the Town Assessor concerning the Ossipee Valley Lodge No. 74 of the Ossipee Valley Masonic Temple Assoc. The Assessor has determined the property is not exempt. Morgan believes the Board has already exempted it. The Assessor recommends an Administrative Abatement of the property taxes. Morgan made a motion to continue the Tax Exempt status for the Ossipee Valley Lodge. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Cut Tax Warrant asking the Tax Collector to collect in the amount of \$58.50 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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An Intent to Cut Timber was received from the Elizabeth Gillette Trust for the property located on Map 016, Lot 05.3 & Lot 05.2. The intent is to cut 40 acres from the 186 acre parcel and the logger listed is Peter Farrell. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Old Home Committee & Ossipee Recreational Department. Contact person is Sandra Freeman or Craig Brady. Requesting to use the Gazebo on June 27, 2018 for an Ice Cream Social. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Old Home Committee & Ossipee Recreational Department. Contact person is Sandra Freeman or Craig Brady. Requesting to use the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium on June 26, 2018 for a Paint Night. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Old Home Committee & Ossipee Recreational Department. Contact person is Sandra Freeman or Craig Brady. Requesting to use Constitution Park on July 4, 2018 for a

food, raffles and fireworks. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Ossipee Concerned Citizens. Contact person is Jim Thompson. Requesting to use the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium on June 15 & 16, 2018 for a Penny Sale. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Contract Use of Facilities Request by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). Contact person is Frederick Orcutt. Requesting to use the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium on April 24 & 25, 2018 for a Pinewood Derby Build. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request, so long as Craig Bready, Recreations Director approves of the scheduling. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 4/21/2018 in the amount of \$3,451.05 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Warrant authorizing Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector, to collect fees in the amount of \$435.00 with penalties after June 4, 2018. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for property located on Map 91, Lot 34. The request for reimbursement in the amount of \$154.30 is due because back in January they had two separate incidents where the meter broke, pipes burst, and in March the house caught fire. Morgan made a motion to deny the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Old Business:**

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

Sidewalks – Brad Harriman spoke with White Mountain Survey & Engineering, who plans on having the plans and specs complete in about a 1-2 weeks. Harriman is also speaking with White Mountain Survey & Engineering about the possible decorative lighting.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman reported that he forwarded the construction easement agreement to Attorney Sager for review and is waiting to hear back from him.

Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery – Nothing new to report.

White Pond Boat Ramp – Morgan spoke with Executive Councilor Joe Kenney will be conducting a site visit with NHDOT. Ed Comeau of Government Oversight and State Representative spoke with the Commissioner from NH Fish and Game and he is looking into the situation as well. Joe Kenney suggested a possible remedy would be through legislation from our State Representative's. Morgan noted current ownership is held by NHDOT but one solution is transferring ownership over to NH Fish & Game. The Board of Selectmen recommended to Brad Harriman of doing nothing to the boat ramp until this is resolved.

Request for Proposals - the Town of Ossipee is accepting proposals for the priming and painting of the interior walls and trim in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall Requests. Proposals are due by 4:00 pm Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Request for Proposals – the Town of Ossipee is accepting proposals for the removal of the existing siding, roofing, and installation of fanfold insulation, vinyl siding including trim and re-roofing for the house located at 277 Route 16. Requests for Proposals are due by 4:00 pm Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Transfer Stations Charge Accounts – Morgan spoke with Brewster Vittum, who has a list of people who are authorized to charge. Morgan recommends Vittum review the list of who is still utilizing the charge account, remove the ones who are not and submit a new list to the Board of Selectmen to determine if they will still offer this payment option.

Brad Harriman noted that the Earth Day Free Cleanup Day at the Transfer Station was held on Saturday, 4/21/2018 and was one of the busiest he has seen. Harriman noted there were 633 cars, 120 pieces of electronics, 245 loads of demo's, 300 tires, 25 air conditioners, 5 batteries and 5 propane tanks. Morgan would like to review the fees charged for these items because the residents pile up these items waiting for free dump day every six months. Morgan feels the net revenue is not worth the expense. Harriman is to gather the figures.

**New Business:**

None brought forward.

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

**Public Input #2:**

Fischbein questioned when the Application for Property Tax Exemption for Commercial and Industrial properties Pursuant to RSA 72:81 would be available. Martin noted once the Ellen White returns from vacation and sends it to her for posting to the website. Fischbein would like a copy put in the EDC mailbox.

Morgan asked about the library. Marie Moulton reported the Library is a little slow but doing well.

Fischbein questioned how much the Town roughly pays for electricity. Morgan explained they would have to pull the figures together because it's fragmented out between several buildings. Morgan noted the Water & Sewer department bill is approximately \$2,000.00 a month because of the pumps. Morgan commented there is a program and grants available for converting incandescent and fluorescent lighting over to LED. Fischbein noted NH Saves also has a program for residents and commercial properties.

Fischbein noted the Economic Development Council is working on a presentation for all the boards. He's working on the electrical portion of the presentation and just reviewing the electrical aspects within each of the town buildings. Fischbein recommends the Town take a serious look at its electrical options.

This concluded the public input portion of the meeting.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

**Any Other Business Which May Come Before This Meeting:**

None presented.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, April 30, 2018 at 4:15 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:56 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Sandra P. Martin

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Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 4/30/2018