

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 18, 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, Sandra Martin and Martha Eldridge.

Public Input:

Joy Gagnon presented three students from the Schools Out! Garden Club; Emily, Emily and Colby. Each provided the Selectmen with a flower pot with flowers and basil seeds and handmade cards in appreciation for their help in providing water to the community garden behind Ossipee Crossings. Cards were also presented for the Police Department which provides the water for the gardens.

Jonathan Smith questioned if the Board had addressed the statistics on voting results from each town in relation to the school district budget, or the review of the individual town increases. Morgan reviewed the amount of increase for each town noting Ossipee and Wolfeboro as the highest increases at \$2 million collectively. Discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to send a letter to the Finance Director of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District requesting their attendance at a Selectmen's Meeting to answer citizens questions, or to respond in writing with an explanation of the disparity between the towns. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Craig Brady, Recreation Director, reported that the Community Block Party will take place this Saturday, 6/23 and the portion of Moultonville Road from the Main Street Park to St. Joseph's Church will be down to one lane of travel. Morgan stated this to be the start of the Ossipee Old Home Week Events and encouraged people to attend as all fundraising efforts are used to provide the 4th of July fireworks celebration at Constitution Park. All events are listed in the Old Home Week newspaper now in circulation.

Morgan announced the Board is seeking nominations for a recipient for the Boston Post Cane. Criteria for the nomination is for the oldest living Ossipee resident while a current nomination is for someone that is almost 102 years young.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, stated the main variable amongst the town increases is the student enrollment. New Durham had a recent decrease in enrollment.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan stated that a non-public session was held earlier with the Tax Collector to review properties eligible for tax deeding and set up payment agreements with taxpayers who are delinquent on their property taxes under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Morgan then made a motion to seal the minutes. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/11/2018. Eldridge seconded. Martin abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session & Non-Public Session held on 6/11/2018. Eldridge seconded. Martin abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/16/2018 in the amount of \$41,269.09. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/11/2018 in the amount of \$362,677.26, including accounts payable of \$251,333.26 and payment made to the Fire Precincts of \$111,344.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 6/11/2018 was in the amount of \$4,251.93. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews all invoices before the totals are approved in the weekly manifest.

Review of Red Folder:

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Marcus Harley and Chelsi Hartford requesting use of the Chickville Church & Meeting House from 10/18/2019-10/19/2019 for a wedding ceremony. The applicable deposit has been received and schedule verified. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received from the week ending 6/16/2018.

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

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Nickolas and Patricia Anania Revocable Trust for the property located at 3 O'Hare Drive (Map 2, Lot 22). The Assessor recommends denying the request because access to the property to complete an inspection was denied. Morgan made a motion to deny the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that any taxpayer who feels they are aggrieved is required to allow the Assessor the opportunity to verify the assessment data.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Michael Mooney for the property located at 2315 Route 16 (Map 9, Lot 4). The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$78,100 resulting in a refund/abatement of \$1,679.15 to align with the appraisal presented and for a reduction in the land condition to account for neighboring properties to the south. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Daniel and Denise Karl for the property located at 31 Water Village Road (Map 258, Lot 2). The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$73,300 resulting in a refund/abatement of \$1,594.28 to account for water damage issues that occurred in 2017. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the UNH Cooperative Extension requesting use of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium for a gardening seminar on 7/25/2018 from 6:00-8:00 PM. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been paid. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs pursuant to RSA 466:14 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Judyth Allen for the properties located at 2285 and 2300 Route 16 (Map 9, Lots 1 and 14). The intent is to cut 10 acres from the 28.1 acre combined total and the logger listed is Cole Boggs. 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.

The Board received notice from the Ossipee Lake Alliance that Jim Gallagher of the NH DES Dam Committee will be hosting a forum at the Freedom Town Hall on 8/25/2018 at 10:00 AM to speak about the rebuild of the dam that will take place in the early fall.

The Board received an update from Victoria Chase of the NH DOT with an update on the Route 16 bridge project # 14749. Advertisements for construction are scheduled to go out this summer and construction is on schedule for 2021.

The Board received a letter from the Conservation Commission requesting the appointment of Ron Adams to serve as an alternate member. Martin made a motion to deny the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The following notices of decision were received from the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

Case # 18-7-V – Steven & Debbie Meserve, 64 Hodsdon Shore Road – Conditional Variance and Conditional Special Exception Granted

Case # 18-6-V – James Owen, 44 Remle Road – Variance Granted

Case # 18-5-V – Scott Aulson & Bruce Tinkham, 3 O'Sullivan Way – Variance Granted

Case # 18-2-SE – Theodore Johnston, 177 Dorrs Corner Road – Special Exception Granted

Case # 18-3-V-Rehearing – Ossipee Granite Recovery, LLC, 56 Main Street – Conditional Variance Granted

Case # 18-1-SE – Douglas Morrison, 9 Fillion Road – Conditional Special Exception Granted

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 6/16/2018 in the amount of \$3,644.57 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$40.00 for service charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$11,790 for hauler fees 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 – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that he has reached out for an update but does not have one. The project is scheduled to go out to bid late summer/early fall for construction in 2019.

Sidewalks – Harriman stated that he is waiting for one more week before he checks in on the status of the plan submittal.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated he has reached out to NH DOT and Hoyle, Tanner & Associates for an update on the final design approval needed to go out to bid.

Transfer Station Fees – Morgan announced a work session will be held on 7/9/2018 for further review and discussion of the transfer station fees.

Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery – Award Roofing & Siding Projects – Harriman confirmed that he and Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, reviewed the proposals and offer their recommendations to proceed with the work proposed. Morgan expressed concern with the request for half of the total cost up front and suggest a quote for the materials be obtained for advance payment. Morgan made a motion to proceed with the work proposed by Drew & Sons Builders and for Harriman to obtain the materials list. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

Morgan announced the 2017 Employee of the Year was awarded to Patricia Hodge during an employee luncheon held earlier today. He stated that Hodge has worked for the Town for over thirty years and is very well deserving of the award.

Town Beach on Duncan Lake – Brady stated that the beach has been difficult to keep clean due to disrespect by others. The Laborer has been checking it periodically when he has not been covering for other departments. There has been an ATV or dirt bike that allegedly has been destroying the retaining wall. Morgan suggested this be communicated to the Police Department. Harriman stated that the Laborer has been covering absences at the Transfer Station for 3-4 hours per day first thing in the day then using the rest of the day to keep up with the mowing and other facility maintenance. The Mill Pond and Constitution Park areas tend to require less cleanup then the YMCA ballfield and Duncan Lake. Smith recommended installing solar powered surveillance cameras to monitor who is leaving garbage behind. Gagnon suggested promoting community pride to incorporate the cleanup of the recreation areas and to encourage more use of them. Morgan suggested Gagnon work with Brady to establish a plan for her idea. Ash Fischbein questioned if there is still gated access to Duncan Lake. Morgan confirmed and stated that the Police Department used to lock it every night but there is currently no staff to monitor it. Morgan requested a work session on this topic be scheduled with the Police Chief to brainstorm some ideas.

Smith questioned what the proposal amounts were. Morgan responded that the siding replacement proposal was in the amount of \$8,400 and metal roofing proposal was in the amount of \$8,800. Morgan stated the Selectmen will be seeking reimbursement from the Conservation Commission since they collect the rents on the property.

Signage at Town Boat Ramps & Recreation Facilities – Brady stated the need to update the Town's signage at the boat ramps to something more specific for their proper use, including no swimming. It was agreed that the Town sign at White Pond Boat Ramp should be removed immediately. Morgan requested that Brady work with Harriman to come up with some proposal for the new signs.

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

Public Input #2:

Cole Perry questioned why cement steps can't be installed in the walkway at Duncan Lake. Morgan responded that steps cannot be installed because it has to be ADA compliant. Perry suggested two landings instead of a straight shot.

Gagnon stated that the Town should prioritize facilities in current disrepair and that it would be nice to have facilities to be proud of. Discussion took place on proposed improvements at Constitution Park to start with

investigating ways to improve the water supply for proper irrigation. Harriman stated that the electrical to the well pump has been disabled since the wind storm last October and it is in the process of being repaired so he can have the well company complete tests on the supply and flow rates of the existing well and provide recommendations.

Side discussion took place on Cal Ripken baseball utilizing Town fields and no money coming back to the Town but going to the Nick in Wolfeboro.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 25, 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 5:01 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 6/25/2018