

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 23, 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 and Martha Eldridge. Selectman Sandra Martin was absent due to a work commitment.

Public Input:

None presented.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan stated that the Board held a work session earlier today to discuss the Transfer Station fees and also entered a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/16/2018. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session, Department Head Meeting & Non-Public Session held on 7/16/2018. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/21/2018 in the amount of \$45,241.50. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/16/2018 in the amount of \$1,639,764.02 including accounts payable of \$47,151.02 and a payment made to the School District of \$1,592,613.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 7/16/2018 was in the amount of \$6,004.39. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Eldridge 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:

The Application for Current Use received from Charles White requesting the 35 acre parcel located on Map 227, Lot 22 (Off Dorrs Corner Road) be put into current use assessment was reviewed. Morgan stated that the application was received late and the family has contacted the Town stating that it is not their wish to have the property put in current use. Morgan made a motion to deny the application due to its late filing. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The minutes of the Economic Development Council's meeting held on 7/16/2018 were presented for review. Morgan noted that a quorum was not met so no meeting was held.

A Permit to Bait Wildlife was received from Jesse Brierly requesting permission to bait bear on the Town Forest on Route 16. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 7/21/2018.

The Board received a copy of the public notice requesting proposals for the brush cleanup to be completed at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains property. White confirmed that the notice will be advertised in the newspaper starting this week and is also posted on the Town's website.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Joseph and Patricia Bradley for the property located at 345 Granite Road (Map 263, Lot 1). The intent is to cut 15 acres from the 16 acre parcel and the logger listed is Western Maine Timberlands, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from David Babson for the properties located on Browns Ridge Road (Map 267, Lot 1) and Back Old Granite Road (Map 267, Lot 2). The intent is to cut 65 acres from the combined 87 acres and the logger listed is Greenleaf Products, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Wayne and Anna Hill for the property located at 355 Granite Road (Map 263, Lot 2). The intent is to cut 15 acres from the 16 acre parcel and the logger listed is Western Maine Timberlands, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received from Stephen J. and Laurie M. Piper for the property located at 81 Moultonville Road (Map 91, Lot 13). The request in the amount of \$194.00 is due because the property was sold prior to April 1 and the bill was sent to the prior owner. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$194.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$1,341.05 for scrap metal recycling.

The Board received a copy of a Wetlands Permit Application for the property located at 50 Channel Road (Map 22, Lot 37). The application is to replace an existing failing concrete block wall with a dry stack 2" diameter stonewall.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from the White Horse Addiction Center for a charity ride and BBQ fundraiser being held on 8/25/2018. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter written to the NH Fish and Game Department requesting reconsideration of the no swimming restriction and also notifying them of complaints received about rubbish debris and lack of sanitary facilities at the car top boat ramp facility at Conner Pond was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested White have Selectman Martin

add her signature before the letter is mailed. State Representative Ed Comeau requested a signature line be added for his signature as well. Morgan agreed.

The Dog Officer Reports were received for the month of June.

The Board received Notices of Decision from the Planning Board acknowledging a conditional subdivision that was granted for the property located at 95 Blake Hill Road (Map 223, Lot 3) and a conditional site plan review that was granted for the property located at 56 Main Street (Map 92, Lot 122) to utilize the residence as a transition home.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 7/21/2018 in the amount of \$3,492.22 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Water Service was received from 80 Route 16B LLC for the property located at 80 Route 16B. Wayne Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, stated this is the laundromat property and the request is to have the service turned back on at the street. He requires a new application be put on file since the water has been shut off for over two years. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Boston Post Cane – Morgan stated that no other eligible candidates have been brought forward and requested that White contact the family and make arrangements for the awarding of the Boston Post Cane. Morgan also requested that extra canes be ordered to be kept on hand.

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

Sidewalks – Harriman confirmed that Alan Hanscomb from NH DOT conducted a site visit to review the proposed crosswalks; four of which are existing and one new proposed on the State road. Harriman stated that the State portion of the road actually extends beyond the Main Street Park. He noted there to be a few drainage concerns that he will be addressing with White Mountain Survey. Morgan requested that Harriman obtain a timeframe for the approval process once the drainage concerns have been addressed.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Nothing new to report.

Windows on the Ossipee Mountain Property Cleanup – Requests for proposals have been distributed.

Transfer Station Fees – Morgan stated that the Board met in work session with Harriman and Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, to review the recycling costs and revenues. No decision has been made and they will continue to review the options.

Cable Franchise Agreement – Morgan announced that the Town has contracted with DTC Lawyers to assist with the renewal of the cable franchise agreement with Charter Communications and they are in the process of drafting an agreement to extend the cable service to areas of the town that are not currently being served but come close to density requirements. Morgan stated that part of the negotiation may include the reduction or bonding over time of the cable franchise fees that the Town receives in order to expand the service to its

residents. Data reports that home values are impacted by the availability of cable service to include high-speed internet with many more people being able to work remotely from home. Lois Sweeney questioned if Charter Communications is the same company as Spectrum Cable. Morgan confirmed. Cole Perry stated that Hulu and Wi-Fi accessible apps are taking over and cable television is no longer a necessity. Morgan stated that the internet is still required in order to utilize those services. Consolidated Communications, previously Fairpoint, is the only other internet service providing DSL (telephone dial-up) but it does not service the entire town, and wireless service through cellular providers is noted to be spotty in many areas.

Conner Pond Boat Ramp/Swimming – Jessica Williams stated that she is researching the purchase of the property and any grants that were used to see if there are certain criteria listed regarding the use of the property. It is noted that boating is the primary use, possibly insinuating that there are secondary uses. Williams will be researching all funding that will be used. Morgan wished her luck in her research.

School District Budget Committee Request – Comeau stated that he was ill last week but will follow up with the other towns regarding setting up a regional discussion on the matter. Morgan stated that the Town has a Budget Committee that reviews its proposed budget and the County has a Delegation that reviews theirs, and it only makes sense to have one at the School District level. Morgan noted the increase in Ossipee's local school tax will result in a \$1.33 increase this year which will dramatically offset the reduction in the Town's portion of the tax rate that has taken four years to reduce. He stated if the Town is able to reduce its tax rates, others should be able to as well with proper budgeting and planning.

New Business:

None presented.

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

Public Input #2:

None presented.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

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

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:44 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

ABSENT

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 7/30/2018