

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 13, 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:

Ash Fischbein submitted a letter regarding the 80 Route 16B property to be distributed to the Selectmen, Planning Board, and ZBA.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, reported that his 91-A request submitted to the School District requesting minutes from the Finance Committee Meetings resulted in discovery that no minutes exist and he is unsure how far back they have not been recorded. The response received from the main School Board is that they assumed the Finance Committee was a subcommittee work group and a minute's transcription was not required. Comeau did state that the meetings were publicly posted and from now on minutes will be taken.

Comeau reported that he has once again filed legal action against the County. He stated that the audit has not been completed within 90-days from the close of the fiscal year as required, and annual reporting requirements including a management letter in response to the audit have not been submitted. Comeau noted that the cost for the court filing fee is \$260.00.

Comeau announced that the four meetings of the Finance Committee will be recorded by governmentoversite.com. He stated there are three meetings as a work group, then the budget is presented to the main board, a public hearing is held then the budget is voted on at the deliberative session. Morgan questioned how a budget of over \$50 million can be adequately reviewed in only three meetings? He then reviewed the Town budget review process which begins in the early fall and runs into the first of the year. Morgan stated that he is not pointing fingers at the School Board members but stated this should be a concern of all towns and taxpayers.

Greg Howard reported that he attended last week's joint meeting of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment and he was very frustrated in the lack of decorum at the meeting, lack of respect for the applicant, and lack of control of emotion and professionalism. Howard stated that the State provides a handbook on the rules and regulations land use boards should follow and the process should be cut and dry as to whether something is permitted or not. Instead, personal opinions and off-cuff remarks from board members are given. Howard stated that in order for the Town to move forward with attracting business, the Economic Development Council will have to be the first contact as liaison to shepherd an applicant through the process. Morgan responded that one of the items tasked onto the EDC is to review the Zoning Ordinance on a regular basis and recommend necessary changes. Morgan stated that the Selectmen have no control over the other independently elected boards and he does not know what the right answer is to correct the ways the meetings are being run. Howard reiterated that initial contact should be with the EDC and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Morgan stated that the Selectmen met in an earlier work session with the Zoning Enforcement Officer and as a result they will be sending a letter to the Planning Board raising these points.

He stated that there must be a degree of communication to streamline the process so an applicant feels welcome.

Fischbein stated that the EDC has been tasked with the job to make Ossipee better. There is currently a very active 5-6 member board and they are working to utilize Envision Nights to listen to the people and see what their wants and needs are.

Fischbein commented that the joint meeting was intense. He stated that the application process is difficult if a professional engineer is not used. He stated that the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Development Council attending a meeting two years ago about some training that was available and the response from the board was bad enough that Fischbein felt inclined to offer apologies for the decorum.

Condict Billings, Planning Board Chairman, questioned whether a new business letter had been issued to Technicoil. Morgan responded that it had not.

Billings then discussed the Planning Board consisting of 2-3 members who are very argumentative and out of control. He then reviewed the checklist portion of the application where often times when items are not received or are parts of the application are left blank leaving it difficult for the Board to make a decision. He suggested applicants work directly with the Boards and Commission Secretary to make sure their applications are complete. Further discussion took place on how the meetings are run and the length of time they take to conduct business. Billings defended an allegation that he deterred a business from coming in to town stating that he feels it is his responsibility to inform an applicant of similar businesses already in place and in the process of expanding. Morgan stated that this discussion is not the place to dissect individual cases or degrade the board members but listen to concerns that have been presented by taxpayers. Morgan stated the responsibilities of a chairman include the setting of the meeting agenda and controlling the meeting. Martin stated that while she was the Selectmen's Representative, she often heard the statement "in my opinion", and is not allowed; there are rules and laws that apply. Howard stated that the dialogue has started and hopefully will prompt a change moving forward.

Fischbein reported that the EDC will be presenting on the West Ossipee Envision Night at the ZBA meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/6/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that the Board entered a non-public session earlier pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) for an acquisition, and RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session, Non-Public Session, & Finance Meeting held on 8/6/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll & Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/11/2018 in the amount of \$45,038.32. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/6/2018 in the amount of \$142,176.41 including accounts payable of \$30,832.41 and payment made to the Fire Precincts of \$111,344.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 8/6/2018 was in the amount of \$4,321.85.

Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 8/11/2018.

The minutes of the Economic Development Council meeting held on 8/6/2018 were presented for review.

The Board received a copy of an email from the NH DES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau with an updated schedule for the leak detection study of the Town water lines. This detection is scheduled to take place 9/15-9/17/2018.

An Extension of the Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the Town and Charter Communications was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that the current extension is due to expire on 8/18/2018 and this extension will allow up to one year to continue negotiations that are still in process. Morgan made a motion to sign the extension. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from R. C. McLucas Trucking for the property located at 10 Route 25 East (Map 70, Lot 2). The intent is to cut the entire 60 acre parcel and the logger listed is R.C. McLucas Trucking. A bond in the amount of \$5,290.00 has been posted. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent on the condition that the bond has been paid. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$23,565.54 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 the Pesticide Agreement from NH DES for the milfoil treatment on Ossipee Lake.

The Board received a copy of a Wetlands Permit Application for a boat lift to be installed at the property located on 10 South Shore Road (Map 45, Lot 5).

The Board received a copy of a letter being sent to the affected abutters of the sidewalk project inviting them to attend a stakeholder's meeting following the Selectmen's Meeting on 8/20/2018 at 6:00 PM.

The Board received a copy of a check in the amount of \$94.75 from Planet Aid for recycling.

The Board received notices of decision from the Planning Board on the following cases:

- 18-1-BLA – Boundary Line Adjustment approved for the property located on Map 118, Lots 2 & 3; 1018A & 1020 Route 16
- 18-5-SPRA – Site Plan Review Amendment granted for the property located on Map 259, lot 1; 674 Route 16 to open Ora's Coffee and Ice Cream Shop
- 18-8-V – Variance for the property located on Map 93, Lot 15; 80 Route 16B – application withdrawn by applicant and to be reapplied for
- 18-4-SPR – Site Plan Review granted with conditions for the property located on Map 93, Lot 5; 80 Route 16B

The Board received a thank you card from Health Trust for continued health care coverage.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 8/8/2018.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent to CarePlus Ambulance Service from the Town of Tamworth regarding issues with response times.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 8/11/2018 in the amount of \$3,795.79 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Water & Sewer Abatement in the amount of \$630.00 was presented for signatures. The reason for the request is the incorrect septic hauler was billed. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$630.00 to bill the correct septic hauler 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 \$197.69 for service charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that the generator weekly test is prompting a fault in the fire alarm system and requested that Harriman reschedule the generator test to another day of the week.

Old Business:

Boston Post Cane – White stated that the canes are being engraved and an award ceremony will be schedule once they are received back.

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

Sidewalks – Harriman reported that he has contacted NH DOT to check in on the status of the maintenance agreement. He stated he is now in the process of receiving quotes for the granite curbing, etc.

Transfer Station Fees – Nothing new to report.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that the construction easement has been signed by the abutters but there was an issue with a signature missing from a witness that is now being resolved.

Duncan Lake Beach – Harriman stated that the Wetlands Permit was submitted at last week's Conservation Commission and he is awaiting USGS map to enclose with the application so it can be submitted to NH DES for the 10-day approval.

New Business:

Harriman informed the Board that the recent rain storms caused the boat ramp at Harper's Ferry to wash out and it resulted in a boat trailer being damaged when trying to launch a boat. He stated his apprehension to

do any work. Morgan suggested Harriman take some photos of the damage, evaluate what would be needed to correct, and bring to the Board for review.

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, August 20, 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 5:20 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 8/20/2018