

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, September 10, 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:

Lois Sweeney thanked the Board for their letter acknowledging the efforts of the Garden Club in maintaining the roadside flower gardens. Martin questioned if Sweeney had any recommendations for flowers for the new retainer wall on Moultonville Road. Sweeney recommended some type of ground cover.

Ash Fischbein thanked the Board for offering the Freight House as an alternative meeting location for the West Ossipee Envision Night the Ossipee Economic Development Council is hosting this evening.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/27/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Sessions held on 8/27/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan announced the Board met in a non-public session earlier pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter. Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll & Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/1/2018 in the amount of \$140,102.86. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/27/2018 in the amount of \$1,176,996.09 including accounts payable of \$21,679.09 and payment made to the Governor Wentworth Regional School District of \$1,155,317.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 8/27/2018 was in the amount of \$13,472.95. The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/8/2018 in the amount of \$43,316.28. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/4/2018 in the amount of \$27,805.34. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 9/4/2018 was in the amount of \$11,191.25. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that all invoices are reviewed before they are approved in the weekly manifest totals.

Review of Red Folder:

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds requesting the withdrawal of \$4,454.82 from the Water Capital Reserve Fund for the reimbursement of expenditures paid to TI Sales, Inc. was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds requesting the withdrawal of \$5,212.50 from the Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of expenses paid to White Mountain Survey was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Wood or Timber was received from Lee Hobbs Steege for the property located at 2150 Route 16 (Map 18, Lot 11). The intent is to cut from the entire 46-acre parcel and the logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. 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 a letter from the Ossipee Public Library requesting the appointment of Linda Hale as their second alternate to the Library Board of Trustees. Eldridge made a motion to appoint Linda Hale as an alternate to the Library Board of Trustees. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 8/25/2018, 9/1/2018 and 9/8/2018.

An Intent to Cut Wood or Timber was received from Arnie Martel for the properties located at 640 Browns Ridge Road (Map 278, Lot 1) and 658 Browns Ridge Road (Map 277, Lot 4). The intent is to cut from the combined total of 109.1 acres and the logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on Map 277, Lot 4. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The 2018 Form MS-1: Summary Inventory of Valuation was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The 2018 Form MS-535: Financial Report of the Budget was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the form. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Monica Verville requesting use of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium for a spaghetti fundraiser on 10/27/2018. The schedule has been verified and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Ossipee Economic Development Council requesting use of the Freight House for the West Ossipee Envision Night tonight. The schedule has been verified and applicable deposit has been waived. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Jessi O'Blenes requesting use of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium for a birthday party on 12/15/2018. The schedule has been verified and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Cemetery Deed for a cemetery lot sold in the Grant Hill Cemetery was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Cemetery Deed for a cemetery lot sold in the Chickville Cemetery was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the results from the water test completed at Duncan Lake Beach and the Mill Pond. The results were within the appropriate parameters.

The Board received a copy of the Lord Scholarship Report from the University of New Hampshire.

The Board received a letter from Assessor Todd Haywood reviewing the preliminary results of the equalization study performed which have prompted him to urge the Board to move the town-wide revaluation up to the year 2019. Morgan reviewed the preliminary results noting the coefficient of dispersion to be 21.4% and the median ratio at 88%, both of which are outside the ASB standards. He stated that recent property sales exceeding the assessment values, especially on the lake, have caused these numbers to skew. Morgan requested that White arrange a meeting with Haywood to discuss his proposal further.

The Board received a report of assessment value changes from 2017-2018. Morgan stated that the town-wide valuation has increased from 694,664,337 to 701,212,132, an increase of \$6,547,795.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of August. The total collected was in the amount of \$7,509.80.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

The Board received a letter from the Carroll County Delegation notifying them of a public hearing to be held and vote taken on 9/17/2018 at 9:00 AM at the Carroll County Administration Offices for the purpose of supplemental appropriations totaling \$382,852. State Representative Ed Comeau stated that he will be questioning the return of \$199,452 in excess revenue to the State of NH which was raised to benefit Carroll County and its residents through the Integrated Delivery Network. Comeau stated that if this money is returned, it will be redistributed to other counties and out of the fiduciary control of its county taxpayers who the money was intended for. Comeau also stated that \$10,000 to conduct a feasibility study is not necessary because a free market study has already been completed. Comeau also discussed the performance audit and recommendations made in 2014 which included adding more staff. Morgan made a motion to send a note to the Delegation stating their opposition to the return of excess ProShare revenue totaling \$199,452. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Martin questioned if the 2017 Annual Report is available electronically. Comeau confirmed. Martin responded that she will add it to the Town's website.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 9/5/2018.

The Board received a letter from the Greater Ossipee Chamber of Commerce announcing they are in need of board members.

The Board received a copy of the letter being sent by Solitude Lake Management to the abutters in the affected milfoil treatment areas.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent by Zoning Enforcement Officer Steve McConarty in response to correspondence received regarding the Planning Board's decision made on the 80 Route 16B property.

The Board received a request from the Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club seeking permission for snowmobile access on the trail from Ossipee Lake through Constitution Park. Morgan made a motion to grant permission for a period of one-year. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request from the Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club seeking permission for snowmobile access on Archer's Pond Road. Morgan made a motion to grant permission for a period of one-year. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Agreement with the NH Tax Deeds & Property Auctions was presented for signatures. Morgan announced the Town will be auctioning a total of 14 properties on 10/20/2018. The auction will take place at no cost to the taxpayer; the successful bidder will be responsible for paying a percentage of the total sale to cover the auctioneer's expenses. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a newsletter from Tri-County Community Action reviewing the services they provide.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 9/1/2018 in the amount of \$3,502.49 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$8,640.00 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, reported that he has not heard anything officially but NH DOT has been on-site taking samples in preparation for the bidding for fall construction.

Sidewalks – Harriman stated that the sidewalk plans have been revised and resubmitted. In conversation with District 3, the crosswalk locations are okay and they will be producing documents needed to begin the paving and concrete work. Morgan requested that Harriman stay in contact to ensure the project can still be completed this fall.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that all required documents have been submitted and he is waiting for a date to be established for the final phase to go out to bid.

Eldridge reported that the Planning Board had acknowledged that the decorum of their meetings is not what it should be and they will be following the rules from now on.

New Business:

Morgan reported that he attended the Finance Committee Meeting at the Technology Center at Kingswood High School last Thursday and encouraged all to watch the recording on governmentoversite.com. He stated that the dialogue has been started and he is still amazed to think that the budget review consists of only three

meetings. Morgan stated that he is not convinced it is an appropriate budget review. Comeau stated that he is still in the process of organizing a regional Selectmen's Meeting soon.

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

Public Input #2:

Jon Smith stated that the Town Budget review will be starting shortly and questioned if a decision has been made on the Transfer Station fees. Morgan responded that no decision has been made yet, but they are leaning toward offering additional free dump days. Smith question if the amount of allowable items will be reviewed to make sure that larger items like campers are not being disposed of for free. Morgan responded that they will make sure they review the items.

Fischbein questioned if any progress has been made on removing the easement from his property for the water line that has been relocated. White responded that Fischbein should put his request in writing so it can be forwarded to the Town Attorney for removal.

Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, announced that the Earth Day Free Cleanup will be held at the Transfer Station on 10/6/2018. Morgan requested that anyone with more than the allotted amount of items call ahead to make arrangements for disposal.

Comeau questioned if the Town has ever been late in filing its statutorily required forms. White responded that certain forms such as the MS-1 have been submitted late after filing a request for an extension. Morgan stated that the timeliness is detrimental in the setting of the tax rate and the Town is very cognizant and aware of its deadlines. Comeau discussed the County's negligence in having its audit completed in a timely fashion or annual report available by the required time. He stated that they are giving the perception that the laws do not need to be followed. He stated that the County has hired an Attorney in defense of the suit filed by Comeau, who advised the Board that he has no legal representation. He anticipates the case will be thrown out in light of the receipt of the annual report and audit that will be available in a few weeks, both of which are well past their deadline.

Comeau gave his assessment of the Finance Committee Meeting stating that it is a first step in a positive direction. Agendas are being posted and minutes are being taken so anyone in question can now attend or read to find further information. Further discussion took place on the purported expense items the School Board has control over which consists of only \$8 million from the overall \$52 million budget. Morgan commented on the cost of health insurance totaling \$9.2 million district-wide to include all staff and family paid at 100%. Further discussion took place on employment contracts, union negotiations, and other details the School Board supposedly has no control over. Comeau stated that he hopes people will start attending the meetings and asking questions.

Morgan announced the Economic Development Council will be hosting the West Ossipee Envision Night at the Freight House tonight starting at 6:00 PM.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 17, 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 5:06 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 9/17/2018