

Selectmen's Meeting

03/25/13

Chairman Harry C. Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were: Harry C. Merrow, Robert C. Freeman, Richard H. Morgan and Martha B. Eldridge, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on March 18, 2013. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow made a motion to appoint Lynn Clarke and Bob Pratt to serve as members of the Conservation Commission. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. The terms are 03-16 for both of the members.

A contract for the Portable Toilet Rentals for 2013 was received for review. After review of several proposals, Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, and Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, recommended the proposal from the "Blow Bros". Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 3/23/13 was submitted in the amount of \$51,516.93. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 3/23/13 was submitted in the amount of \$507,671.79. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request from the Ossipee Water & Sewer Dept. to transfer the F-550 one ton dump truck that is being taken out of service by the Highway Dept. to them. After discussing this with the Public Works Director, it was discussed that he would like to see it be transferred to the Transfer Station for their use. Morgan made a motion to allow Harriman to go ahead with his plan. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The MS-2 (Statement of Appropriations) was prepared and presented for signatures. Merrow made a motion to sign the MS-2. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a list of the vehicles and equipment to be sold by sealed bid. Merrow stated that as soon as the information on the police cruiser is available, Eldridge will advertise everything together.

A Timber Tax Warrant was submitted in the amount of \$812.41. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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An update was received from Time Warner Cable TV.

An application for a Highway Safety Grant was submitted for approval. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Intent to Excavate was received from Ossipee Aggregates on Route 16 to excavate 140,494 cubic yards. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received and reviewed a letter prepared by Todd Haywood and Ellen White appealing the decision made by DRA in calculating the 2012 Equalization Rate. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the State of NH Dept. of Safety Homeland Security and Emergency Management stating that Barack Obama declared a major disaster for the State of NH due to a Severe Winter Storm and Snowstorm event on Feb. 8-10, 2013. Morgan stated that he is not in favor of applying for federal funds for what appears to be a somewhat typical storm.

The Board received correspondence regarding the upcoming projects scheduled for Rte 16. The Board signed a Municipal Work Zone Agreement.

A Contract for Use of Facility was submitted by Ellen White to use the gym on 4/09/13 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM to hold a nutrition seminar. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facility was submitted by Ossipee Main St. to use the gym on 4/20/13 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM to hold an Economic Fair. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morrow reported that the Union members will be meeting this week and when they are ready to meet with the Board, they will give them some dates to meet.

An application for an Elderly Exemption was received and reviewed. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve this exemption. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received and reviewed. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve this exemption. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Harriman reported that the sheet rock is up at the freight house, the priming is done, paint colors have been selected, and the carpet samples are being selected.

Harriman reported that the first billing for the Whittier Bridge Project has been submitted for payment.

Morrow reported that they met in a non-public session with Jim Eldridge of the Ossipee Police Dept. At this time Morgan made a motion to appoint Jim Eldridge as the new Police Chief for Ossipee as of April 1, 2013. Morrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Eldridge was present and was congratulated by the Board.

Morgan stated that he would like to see an active Economic Development Committee.

Morrow asked Eldridge to be sure new businesses are invited to participate in the Economic Fair.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morrow opened the meeting to Public Input.

Melissa Seamans asked the Board if the Independent Color Press is located in the Target Area for the Main Street Program. The Board said it is.

Seamans stated it would be beneficial if the Main Street Program, the Economic Development Committee, and possibly the Chamber of Commerce worked closely together. It seems their goals are the same.

Seamans stated that the NH Dept. of Human Services has expressed a desire to relocate in Ossipee. Seamans requested that the Board of Selectmen endorse this with a letter of support. Morgan made a motion to send a letter of support. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Being no more public input, Merrow made a motion to adjourn. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:00 PM

Harry C. Merrow, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard C. Morgan
To be approved 04/01/13