

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 4, 2019**

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.

State Representative Ed Comeau requested a moment of silence for the passing of Jon Ruckenbrod, his fellow cameraman, who films meetings for GovernmentOversite.com.

**Attendance by Roll Call:**

Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Sandra Martin, and Martha Eldridge.

**Public Input:**

None presented.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll & Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 3/2/2019 in the amount of \$156,501.51. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 2/25/2019 in the amount of \$39,930.59. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 2/25/2019 was in the amount of \$8,533.05. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Review of Red Folder:**

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Margo Hobbs requesting use of the Chickville Meeting House on 7/6/2019 for a memorial service. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent from the Superintendent of Schools thanking the Police Department for their response and presence to the social media threat that took place at Ossipee Central School.

The Board received a copy of a letter of thanks sent to Sgt. Robert Ripley for his assistance with a welfare check he completed. Chief Duchesne confirmed that copies are included in the personnel file.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Ossipee Round Table requesting use of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium on 4/13/2019, 5/11/2019, 6/8/2019, 7/13/2019, and 8/10/2019. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veterans Credit was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that 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.

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Morgan reminded all that the application deadline for the Veteran's Credit is April 15<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all veterans that have served to take advantage of the credit totaling \$500.00 off the property tax bill. It is a one-time application process.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of February. The total collected was in the amount of \$1,480.30.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 3/2/2019.

The Board received a memo from Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kellie Skehan informing them that a test of the AccuVote machine will take place in the Town Clerk's Office on 3/5/2019 at 11:00 AM.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 104, Lot 14003, Sub Lot 15 (1 Terrace Pines Road). The request in the amount of \$110.00 is due because the camper was sold and the prior owner was billed. A supplemental warrant will be issued to the new owner. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$110.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Ossipee Aggregates for the property located on Map 243, Lot 2 (Goldsmith Road) and Map 244, Lot 1 (Polly's Crossing Road). The intent is to cut 100 acres from the combined total of 432 acres and the logger listed is Greenleaf Products, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on Map 244, Lot 1. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a Wetland Permit Application from the State of NH related to highway improvements scheduled in the vicinity of Routes 16 & 28.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 115, Lot 12 (2 James Terrace). The request in the amount of \$0.00 is due because the property was owned by the Town of Ossipee but sold. A supplemental warrant will be issued to the new owner. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$371.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Temporary Outdoor Event Application was received from the Open Door Bible Church for a gospel concert and church service to be held 7/14/2019-7/17/2019. Previously reviewed by the

appropriate departments, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed the Application for Property Tax Exemption for Commercial and Industrial Properties Pursuant to RSA 72:81 received from Revive Main Street for the property located on Map 92, Lot 83 (90 Main Street). Morgan stated that the application deadline (12/31) was not clearly defined and made a motion to accept the application received on 1/9/2019 as timely filed. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Tamworth Recycling Committee requesting information on the Town's recycling practices in an effort to collect data to be used toward offering regional solutions. Morgan suggested forwarding the survey to Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, and Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, for participation.

The Board received the final Equalization Ratio Study from the Department of Revenue. Morgan announced the median ratio to be at 85.7% and commented that this is the reason why the Town-wide revaluation has been moved up to take place in 2019. Morgan stated last year's median ratio was at 95.1%.

**Water & Sewer Red Folder:**

The Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 3/2/2019 was submitted in the amount of \$2,863.09. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$4,070.00 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:**

None presented.

**New Business:**

None presented.

Morgan announced that Meet the Candidate's Night will take place tonight at 6:30 PM and the Town Report Dedication will follow the Selectmen's Meeting at 5:00 PM. The Town Election is next Tuesday, March 12 from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM and Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 PM.

Harriman reported that the Highway Department has been busy with snow removal.

Harriman also reported that the Mill Hill Road Bridge is on track for construction to commence in April.

Harriman stated he has received three updated quotes for the sidewalk project and has more incoming. He anticipates having a solid figure ready for Town Meeting and contracts ready for signing shortly thereafter.

Comeau reported that the State budget process is underway and several bills are being reviewed.

**Public Input #2:**

Morgan spoke in response to a letter published in last week's newspaper which intimated that he was anti-School Board. Morgan clarified that he has nothing but respect and admiration for the School Board members adding that they are not compensated for their positions and deal with a lot of matters that are not subject to public disclosure. He then went on to discuss his stance on the importance of having budget committee oversight.

Comeau discussed the focal point is currently on the financial aspect but suggested there be more focus on the proficiency ratings.

Discussion took place on the two Petitioned Warrant Articles that were presented at the School District's Deliberative Session which resulted in amendments including a 25% tax cap and formation of an advisory budget committee for one-year.

Morgan reviewed the overall tax impact including last year's Local Education tax that resulted in an increase of \$1.56. Morgan commented that it took four years to reduce the Town-portion of the tax rate by \$0.68 and in one year the School more than doubled that effort.

Further discussion took place on the tax cap impact and overall budget process.

Wayne Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, passed along condolences to Water & Sewer Operator Jim Champagne whose father passed away over the weekend.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 4:15 PM.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 4:47 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Sandra P. Martin

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Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 3/11/2019