

Selectmen's Meeting & Public Hearing
Monday, April 21, 2014

Chairman Richard Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:17 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman and Frank Riley, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

The Tax Anticipation Note from Northway Bank was submitted for approval. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the note. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/14/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/14/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for week ending 4/18/2014 in the amount of \$47,799.00. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$299.37. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Timber was received from Andrew Airey for the property located on Map 64, Lot 26. The intent is to cut 1.3 acres out of the 2.7 acre parcel. The logger is listed as James Airey. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan followed up on a prior question of why the Board requests information on cemeteries being located on the properties involved in timber cutting. He stated that cemeteries are noted for informational purposes only and not as a stipulation to whether the intent to cut would be approved.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Timber was received from Matthew MacKoul for the property located on Map 63, Lot 11. The intent is a supplemental to their intent filed as operation #13-357-38. The logger is listed as Perley Ryder. Morgan stated that there is a cemetery on the property. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to sign the supplemental intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Timber was received from Matthew MacKoul for the property located on Map 63, Lot 11. The intent is to cut 68 acres of the 68 acre parcel. The logger is listed as Perley Ryder. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$0.00 as no cutting took place on the intent filed for Map 218, Lots 7, 8 & 9. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Timber was received from Richard David Welch for the property located on Map 135, Lot 25. The intent is to cut 30 acres of the 30 acre parcel. The logger is listed as Richard David Welch. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate was received from Fred Heckel & Barbara Buesser for the property located on Map 124, Lot 25. The intent is to excavate 20,000 cubic yards. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate was received from Green Oak Realty Dev. LLC for the property located on Map 235, Lot 4. The intent is to excavate 77,000 cubic yards. Morgan stated that a bond had been posted. Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$91.84. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$11,934.64. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Elderly Exemption was received. After a review of the applicant's information, it was found that the income exceeded the requirement. Morgan made a motion to deny the exemption. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for week ending 4/19/2014.

A Vacation Request was received from a Department Head. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, informing them of their responsibility to request the transfer of surplus funds to the various Capital Reserve Funds/Expendable Trust Funds voted and approved as Warrant Articles at Town Meeting.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Carroll County Cal Ripken for the use of Constitution Park for baseball. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that he still had not had a chance to thoroughly review the draft copy of the Traffic Control in Construction Work Zones Ordinance. He suggested setting up a workshop with Chief James Eldridge to discuss it in detail.

The Board received the programming updates from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a letter from Lorey Pendarvis informing them that she would be resigning from her position as Cemetery Trustee. Morgan asked White to write a letter thanking her for serving as Trustee.

Morgan questioned whether there had been any other resignations received. Roy Barron answered that he had received a letter of resignation from the other Cemetery Trustee as well. Morgan asked White to post the two Cemetery Trustee vacancies. Some discussion took place on the cost to advertise the vacancies. Morgan asked if there had been response to any of the vacancies that had already been posted. White stated that there had only been response to the Budget Committee vacancies. She added that the vacancies are posted on the Town's website and at the Post Offices.

Barron stated that he is in need of equipment to maintain the cemeteries. Morgan suggested that Barron meet with Elaine Sherman, Finance Manager, to review the cemetery budget. Morgan also suggested that Barron have White sign off on any purchases since he is the only Trustee.

Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that the final plans had been reviewed for the Covered Bridge and there were some minor remarks made. The revised final plans have been resubmitted. Morgan asked the status of construction. Harriman answered that construction should begin mid-May. Morgan asked if the bridge and abutments would be constructed at the same time. Harriman answered that construction of the abutments is separate and he has not put that out to bid yet.

Morgan announced he spoke with Chief James Eldridge regarding the Emergency Notification System and that the system is in place and ready to use. He added that in order for cell phones to be on the notification list, the number must be registered. Chief Eldridge stated that there is a link to the sign up on the Police Department's Facebook page. Morgan asked White to add a link onto the Town's website. White stated that there the Board has the ability to designate up to four persons to activate the notification system.

Brad Harriman followed up on a question from last week on the status of Sawyer Road. He stated that he reviewed the road with FR Carroll this week and most of the washboard had subsided. He did state that there were some cracks that will be repaired prior to the overlay. Further discussion took place on the cause of the road condition. Harriman stated that the top coat will seal the road to eliminate future issues.

Public Hearing:

Morgan called the Public Hearing to order at 4:45 PM. Morgan announced the purpose of the Public Hearing to discuss the changes being made to the Covered Bridge Road Parking Regulation. He stated that the prior regulation restricted parking on the East and West sides of the Covered Bridge from dusk until dawn. Morgan stated that two workshops were held with Chief Eldridge to develop the updated parking regulation.

Barron asked how it will affect fishing at the Bridge. Morgan answered that it will not as long as vehicles park in the designated area.

Harriman stated that a contractor's trailer will be put in on the Route 16 side of the bridge when construction begins on the bridge. He added that a gate will be put up restricting traffic on that side of the bridge. Francis Lord reported that the water levels were high during the last flood and recommended using his property for the trailer if needed.

Morgan read the new regulation aloud to the audience.

Lord stated that he has been approached by some people requesting permission to park on his property so they could fish. He added that he does not mind allowing this as long as they don't hinder travel.

Morgan asked if there was any further input on the parking regulation. No one responded.

Freeman made a motion to accept and sign the Covered Bridge Road Parking Regulation. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Lord requested a key to the gate to access his property. Morgan confirmed and told him to see Harriman to get one.

Other Business:

Pamela Beaupre came before the Board to answer any questions on the proposed easement for Emerson Road. She stated that she will be out of Town and not able to attend the next Public Hearing on 4/28/2014. Morgan reviewed the purpose of the easement and stated there to be other issues that were brought up at the last public hearing.

Riley stated that he had conducted some research from speaking with Mrs. Emerson, reviewing the survey and walking the site. He stated that the drywell sits on the roadbed of Old Conway Road, not on Emerson's property. He referred to Attorney Sager's correspondence where he stated that if the Town abandoned Old Conway Road, half of the road would go to Emerson and the other half to Beaupre.

Barron stated that if it is a drywell, the State will not allow repair, Beaupre would only be able to pump the line.

Morgan asked Beaupre her reasoning for seeking the easement. Beaupre answered that there have been issues on who owns the property that the drywell is located on. She stated that she paid taxes on the land until the remapping was done which showed the drywell to be a part of Emerson's property. Riley stated that the tax maps do not convey ownership. Beaupre stated the confusion to be reason for her obtaining a survey of her property.

Beaupre added that she will eventually sell the property and she wants the buyer to be able to fix the distribution without any issues. Barron stated that a new septic would be required if the current one fails. Further discussion took place on what would happen if a problem did arise with her system.

Morgan stated that the second public hearing is scheduled for 4/28/2014. Beaupre asked what would happen if the easement is not granted. Morgan answered that if she experiences an issue, she should contact Harriman and it would be addressed.

Morgan asked if there were any representatives from Ossipee Mountain Estates present for their appointment with the Board. No one responded.

Old Business:
None presented

New Business:
None presented

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan opened the meeting to public input.

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if there was an update on the sidewalks. Harriman answered that feedback was received from DOT about changes to the railroad crossing by the Freight House. He added that it will probably be resolved by stopping the sidewalks before the tracks and starting beyond the tracks.

"Ski" asked if there had been a decision on the Budget Committee vacancy he had requested consideration of. White responded that the Budget Committee appoints the member and their next meeting is scheduled for 5/7/2014. She added that the vacancy was advertised at the Committee's request.

"Ski" asked if the Board had discussed the idea of a Forester further. Morgan answered that they had not.

"Ski" asked if there was any expectation for collection on the back taxes due to the Town. Morgan answered that the Town expects to collect all of it but when is undetermined. "Ski" asked if there was a track record of how much comes in. Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector, answered that she can only estimate collections.

“Ski” stated that there were significant budget cuts made to accommodate the expense of the ambulance contract and questioned how there were funds available for a new hire. Morgan responded that it is not a new position they are hiring for, it is to backfill the position previously held by Corey Ryder and Chris Seamans.

Harriman announced that Earth Day will be held at the Transfer Station this Saturday, 4/26/14.

Harriman stated that he is trying to arrange a roadside clean up day and is looking at 5/3/2014 or 5/10/2014. He added that the recycling bags will be received from NRRA the first week of May. He further stated that the Main Street Program has coordinated the clean up in the past. Morgan suggested Harriman contact Main Street to see if they would help promote the event.

Chief James Eldridge announced that the Drug Take Back Day will take place at the Police Department on Saturday, 4/26/2014 from 10-2.

Skehan asked the result of the Board’s meeting with representatives from Ossipee Mountain Estates. Morgan answered that they did not show up. She asked to be made aware of future meetings.

Morgan stated that the Board received a memo regarding the interviews for the Laborer position that were conducted by Brad Harriman, Peter Waugh and Ellen White. He stated that their recommendation is to hire Bub Avery. Morgan made a motion to hire Avery. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan announced that the second public hearing for the Emerson Road easement will be on 4/28/2014 at 5:00 PM.

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

Adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Richard H. Morgan

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 4/28/2014