

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014**

Selectman Robert Freeman called the meeting to order at 4:14 PM. Present were Selectman Robert Freeman, Selectman Frank Riley and Elaine Sherman, Finance Manager, who recorded the minutes. Absent was Chairman Richard Morgan.

Selectman Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2012 Selectmen's Meeting, Workshop #1 and Workshop #2, Selectman Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The weekly payroll vouchers totaling \$77,796.06 was submitted. Freeman made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The weekly accounts payable voucher in the amount of \$46,470.50 was submitted and reviewed. Freeman made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Raffle Permit Application was submitted by Jennifer Berkowitz on behalf of the School's Out Program. The raffle drawing is to take place on July 4, 2014. Freeman made a motion to grant the permit and Riley seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work log for May 4 to May 10, 2014 was submitted by Public Work's Director Brad Harriman.

Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Kellie Skehan submitted an Independent Contractor and Confidentiality Agreement between the Town of Ossipee and Contractor Jane Sanders d/b/a Jane Sanders Searches for work relating to the lien and deeding process. Freeman made a motion to sign the agreement. Riley seconded and a unanimous vote was taken.

A request to the Trustee of the Trust Funds for reimbursement to the Town for \$1,778.00 of Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Funds was reviewed. The payment was for professional service by Hoyle Tanner & Associates, Inc. through March 29, 2014. Selectman Freeman made a motion to sign the request. Riley seconded and a unanimous vote was taken.

Treasurer Natalie Hall submitted a thank you and receipt of donation from L.I.F.E. Ministries, Inc. Food Pantry of Wolfeboro Falls.

Brad Harriman submitted the proposed contract for the Test Well Monitoring at the Landfill for 2014. The contract for \$4,430.00 exceeds the budgeted amount of \$3,500.00 by \$930.00. Harriman explained that he did not realize that a Biennial Summary Report would be required this year. That additional report costs \$1,000.00. He stated that we should be able to absorb the \$930.00 in the operating budget. Harriman recommended that the Board accept the proposal. Freeman made a motion to accept the proposal. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was submitted by Corey Ryder on behalf of the Men's Softball League. The request is to use the YMCA Field between May 12, 2014 and August 10, 2014. Freeman made a motion to approve the request. Riley seconded and a unanimous vote was taken.

Julianne Rosiak submitted a letter of interest to serve the Town in one of the various volunteer positions that she read about in the Carroll County Independent. She stated that she would be willing to serve on the Conservation Committee or the Trustee of the Trust Funds, but is most interested in the vacancy on the Budget Committee. A short discussion ensued about the number of vacancy remaining. Selectman

Freeman asked Elaine Sherman to notify her that they appreciate her interest and that Ellen White would contact her when she returns from vacation.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 59 Brownell Road (Map 230, Lot 005) from Brownell Family Trust. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in assessment in the amount of \$15,100 and therefore a refund to the owners of \$278.14. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 530 Route 25 East (Map 49, Lot 004) from PL Craigin Enterprises, LLC. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in assessment in the amount of \$84,500 and therefore a refund to the owner of \$1,556.49. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 446 Route 16 (Map 266, Lot 006) from Janice Gray. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in assessment in the amount of \$39,100 and therefore a refund to the owner of \$746.81. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 94 Deer Cove Road (Map 37, Lot 28001 & 020) from Edward & Marjorie Aleska. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in the total assessment in the amount of \$73,700 and therefore a refund to the owners of \$1,447.47. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 100 & 98 Deer Cove Road (Map 37, Lots 023 & 022) from Loch Haven Realty Trust. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in the total assessment in the amount of \$164,200 and therefore a refund to the owners of \$3,224.89. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 96 Deer Cove Road (Map 37, Lot 021) from Mary and Donald E. Swansburg, Jr. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in assessment in the amount of \$57,700 and therefore a refund to the owners of \$1,062.83. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located at 1600 Route 16 (Map 53, Lot 090) from Goumas Realty Trust. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in assessment in the amount of \$78,200 and therefore a refund to the owners of \$1,535.85. Freeman made a motion to approve the abatement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Edward Cook Jr. and Elizabeth Cook for properties located on Map 270, Lots 13 & 8. The intent is to cut approximately 85 acres from the 122.4 total acres and the logger listed is Richard Gerard of B.H. Keith Associates. Freeman stated there are no cemeteries on the property and the taxes have been paid. All requirements being met, Freeman made a motion to sign the intent. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Chocorua Forestlands, LLC - Jeffery T. Coombs, Manager for properties located on Map 201 Lots 1, 4, 3, Map 204 Lot 5, Map 207 Lots 5, 7, 6. The intent is to cut 350 acres from the 534 total acres and the logger listed is Jeffery T. Coombs. Freeman stated there are no cemeteries on the property and the taxes have been paid. All requirements being met, Freeman made a motion to sign the intent. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Appeal Settlement Request for Tax Year 2013 was submitted by Robert Devillers for property located at 110 Nichols Road (Map 29, Lot 001 sub E09) stating that the Trailer was removed before April 1st. Assessor, Todd Haywood recommended a reduction of \$7,700 from the previous value and therefore a refund of \$77. Freeman made a motion to approve the settlement. Riley Seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Ernest M. and Eva A. Berry for the property located on Map 231, lot 022. The intent is to excavate 45,000 cubic yards of gravel. All requirements being met, Freeman made a motion to approve the intent. Riley seconded and a unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman verified that Town Administrator, Ellen White notified Melissa Coppola from NH Department of Resources and Economic Development that her request to dispose of debris at the Ossipee Recycling Center was denied by the Board of Selectmen.

Correspondence was received from Lakes Region Planning Commission regarding a meeting that is scheduled for June 12, 2014 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Albany Town Office Building. The meeting will discuss a 27-mile stretch of NH Route 16 from Conway to Ossipee and the benefit of a Road Safety Audit. LRPC requests that 2 or 3 individuals be appointed to serve on the audit team no later than May 30, 2014. No action was taken.

The Time Warner Cable monthly updates were received. That information can be reviewed in the Selectmen's Office.

Freeman announced a vacancy to the Budget Committee that was created with the resignation of Martha Eldridge.

Old Business

Selectman Freeman asked Brad Harriman the status of the Whittier Bridge work. Harriman stated that the dismantling work should begin by the end of the month.

Freeman asked Harriman for an update on the sidewalk project. Harriman stated that he had a meeting with Jim Rines on Wednesday afternoon to go over the next steps which includes scheduling a meeting with the abutters to show them the plans and discuss how it will affect their properties. It will be going out to bid this summer.

Freeman stated that there was another nasty accident at the intersection of Routes 171 and 28 this past weekend.

Kellie Skehan shared information regarding the Ossipee Historical Society's possession of the Boston Post Cane. She read from a receipt that was dated May 18, 1993 stating that no one wanted the cane so the Selectmen gave it to the Historical Society. She stated that it now belongs to the Historical Society. They are willing to loan the cane for photo opportunities if the Selectmen want to award a certificate to the eldest citizen, but the Society will retain ownership. Freeman stated that he likes that idea rather than giving it and taking the chance of losing it. Riley asked Skehan if she found a record of when it was officially given to the Historical Society. She stated that she has not found correspondence where it was discussed but she will continue looking. Riley stated that he thought it might have been an informal agreement for custody of the cane and would like to read the official account. Melissa Seamans asked if she should include in the paper that the Selectmen are looking for the eldest citizen. Riley said yes but at this time they don't have a definite process outlined for awarding the recognition.

New Business

Selectman Freeman announced that the two new police cruisers are here.

Harriman wanted to let everyone know that the Municipal Parking sign has been installed at the Freight House parking lot.

Harriman stated that only five volunteers came out for the Roadside Clean up that was scheduled last weekend. He thought it may have been because of bad weather. Maria Moulton, Joan O'Hara, Polly Sheffer, Lynn Clark and Pat Jones cleaned up at a few locations and then attended a luncheon at the Main Street building. Selectman Riley thanked them all.

Julianne Rosiak spoke of her interest to serve the town as a member of one of their committees. She presented a letter to the Budget Committee asking to be considered for the open position that they have. She stated that she wants to get more involved in the town. Selectman Riley thanked her for coming forward and stated that it would be a week before someone would be in touch with her. Riley asked Elaine Sherman if she would make sure the Budget Committee received the letter. Sherman agreed.

Melissa Seamans stated that it is nice to see the PB&J's building being reenergized and Joe Deighan's building getting a face lift. Freeman said that he is happy that business is returning to the town center.

Kellie Skehan asked when she could expect the abatement checks to be scheduled for payment because she needs to calculate interest on the payments. Would they be scheduled for the 19th or considering the new two week turn around policy would they have to wait for the next check run. Freeman asked Finance Manager Elaine Sherman if she could get them out on the 19th. Sherman stated there would be no problem including them. Riley told Skehan and Sherman not to cut themselves short on time. Skehan and Sherman agreed that they would get them done for the 19th.

Melissa Seamans asked if the abatements were part of another long list of people from one area filing. Freeman responded no and said they were from various areas of town. Seamans asked if the abatements were on property or buildings at these locations. Freeman responded both.

Being no further input, Freeman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Riley seconded and a unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Richard H. Morgan

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 5/19/2014