

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 9, 2014

Chairman Richard Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman and Franklin Riley, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/2/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6/2/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 5/31/2014 in the amount of \$63,667.99. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/7/2014 in the amount of \$74,761.25. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that they met with the Department Heads as part of the workshop session last week to implement the Purchasing Policy. He added that the policy is now in place.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 6/7/2014.

A Jeopardy Tax Warrant in the amount of \$145.00 was submitted for the mobile home located on Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 50. The mobile home has been relocated to White Mountain Homes where it will be placed for sale. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$589.91. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of the minutes from Executive Councilor Kenney from the meeting held on 6/4/2014. Morgan stated that all items in bold pertain to District 1. The minutes are available in the Selectmen's Office for anyone who wishes to review them.

A contract for Hoyle, Tanner & Associates was presented for signature. Brad Harriman stated that the contract is for Hoyle, Tanner & Associates to oversee the construction and engineering contract of the Whittier Covered Bridge project. He added that there is a contract for each phase of the project and this contract is for the phase budgeted for in the amount of \$85,000. He further added that the price has been negotiated to \$83,192. Morgan made a motion to sign the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Maria Varni for the property located on Map 257, Lot 14. The intent is to cut 0.50 acre of a 9.6 acre parcel and the logger listed is William Day Jr. & Sons. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery on the property. Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from the Carroll County Home for the property located on Map 257, Lot 13. The intent is to cut 13 acres of a 206 acre parcel and the logger listed is William Day Jr. & Sons. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery on the property. Morgan made a motion to sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of May. The total collected for the month was \$3,498.20.

A notice was received from Aquatic Control Technology who will be performing herbicide treatments for control of milfoil in certain areas of Ossipee Lake. They anticipate treatment taking place on or around 6/17/2014 at which time there will be temporary water use restrictions imposed. The notice is available in the Selectmen's Office for anyone who wishes to review it.

The Board received a letter from Ossipee Concerned Citizens requesting consideration of a painted crosswalk in Center Ossipee square. Harriman stated that he will be presenting this request for discussion at the Public Hearing on the sidewalk project this Thursday, 6/12/2014, at the Freight House. Freeman asked Harriman about the repainting of the crosswalks already in place. Harriman answered that they have been painted over the past week and they are also working on repainting the crossbars.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property owned by John & Susan Hood located at 195 Leavitt Road, Map 32, Lot 3. The Assessor recommended a decrease in value of \$27,300 resulting in a refund of \$512.42. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property owned by John & Virginia Demers located on Map 22, Lot 33. The Assessor recommended a decrease in value of \$61,300 resulting in a refund of \$1,150.60. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Cemetery Deed was presented for signature for Lot 79, Plots A & B in the North section of Grant Hill Cemetery. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Contract for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was presented for signature. White stated that the cost to the Town to complete the update will be approximately \$1,500 which is payable in in-kind donations. She added that the volunteer involvement in the four scheduled meetings to update the plan should cover this amount. Morgan made a motion to sign the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman reported that there will be a preconstruction meeting next week, then the construction will begin with estimated completion of 180 days. Freeman asked if the gate had been installed on Covered Bridge Road yet. Harriman answered that it would be this week or the beginning of next. Discussion took place on the placement of the gate. Riley stated that it should be installed to allow the use of Francis Lord's turnaround that he granted permission for use of. Morgan stated the parking signs should be installed where the gate will be left open a lot during construction. He asked Harriman to get them installed on the Route 16 side of Covered Bridge Road.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Nothing new to report.

Sidewalks – Harriman stated the Public Hearing will take place this Thursday at the Freight House. He added that DOT inspected the site last week and will be providing input for the meeting but will not be in attendance. Morgan asked when construction will begin. Harriman answered he anticipates mid-late summer.

Boston Post Cane – White reported that she received another nomination for someone who may be eligible to receive the cane. She added that the Library is working on retrieving a book on the history of the Boston Post Cane in the Granite State. Morgan asked White to reach out to the Historical Society for information on who the cane belongs too.

New Business:

Morgan discussed the possibility of delineating parking areas along the roadside in Center Ossipee Village. Morgan asked Harriman to look into this while they are repainting crosswalks and stop bars.

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 Peter Lievi hearing. Morgan answered that it would not be going to hearing. He added that the Board has been told that Lievi will be pleading and the County Attorney’s office is working on figuring the restitution.

“Ski” announced the Commissioners will be completing a facilities tour on Thursday.

“Ski” discussed unused equipment owned by the Water & Sewer Department that could be disposed of with the other Town items when auctioned. Freeman questioned if the users needed to grant permission for disposal of the equipment. Discussion took place on whether the Commissioners have the authority to dispose of assets. Morgan stated that the Selectmen had been granted the authority to dispose of Town assets at Town Meeting. “Ski” will be looking into this. Mellisa Seamans asked if there is a way to restructure the Water & Sewer Department so it makes sense. Additional discussion took place on the formation of the Department.

“Ski” stated that the Water & Sewer meetings have been changed to 5:30 PM and hopes for more attendance from the users. He noted this to be a positive change by the Department. He added that a Public Hearing was held to discuss their budget and only three people attended including one Town employee. There were no complaints made at that time. Morgan answered that a lot of the complaints come from non-users and the users have no knowledge of the issues.

Stephen McConarty asked the amount due from the Freight House construction that the Town is seeking from Lievi. Morgan answered it to be approximately \$60,000. Morgan added that monies were paid to Lievi as progress payments for work completed but the subcontractors were not being paid. Additional discussion took place on who oversaw the project and bonding requirements.

Matt Trahan asked the status of the Water Bond payment. Morgan answered that they have consulted with the Town Attorney on how to make the additional payment and he has recommended contacting the Department of Revenue for guidance where it was a warrant article. White has left a message with our DRA advisor and is awaiting response. Further discussion took place on the origination of the bond refinance.

Morgan acknowledged the resignation of Mellisa Seaman’s position of reporter for the Carroll County Independent. The Board wished her luck in her future endeavor as candidate for Carroll County Commissioner in this fall’s election.

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

Adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Richard H. Morgan

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 6/16/2014