

Selectmen's Meeting

01/27/14

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

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on Jan. 13, 2014. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 01/18/14 was submitted in the amount of \$44,084.62. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 01/18/14 was submitted in the amount of \$475,703.44. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 01/25/14 was submitted in the amount of \$51,324.13. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 01/25/14 was submitted in the amount of \$56,719.06. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Contract was received from Girl Scouts of the Green & White Mountains (Whispering Pines Day Camp) to use the town hall on February 25, 2014 from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm for Camp Promotion, Camp Games, songs, crafts & more. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Contract was received from Town Employees to use the gym Monday thru Friday from 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm for lunch breaks and walking. Peter Waugh approved this with the exception of WIC days and Dancercise on Fridays. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Contract was received from Citizens to raise funds for 2 sick people to use the town hall on March 29, 2014 from 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm for a Benefit Penny Sale. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from the Native American Style PowWows/DBA Mother Earth Creations, LLC to hold the PowWows on July 5 & 6, Aug. 9 & 10, and Sept. 13 & 14. The application has been circulated to all necessary departments and approved. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this application. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed an invoice from Ernest A. Hayford for stripping and waxing the gym floor and the hallway in the amount of \$700.00. Morgan made a motion to approve this invoice. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed an invoice from Calico Graphics for shirts for Corey Ryder, Assessing Clerk, in the amount of \$96.55. Merrow made a motion to approve this invoice. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received and reviewed an Application for Special Use Permit from Michael Mooney. Mooney is proposing to add a drive through coffee service to the new Subway shop. The Board has no objection to this proposal and wishes Mooney well on this new venture.

The Board received and reviewed correspondence from Todd Haywood, the Town's Assessor, referencing the request from Kevin Straughan, of the Agape Ministries Food Pantry & Thrift Shop. The Board agreed to deal with Straughan's abatement request when the process gets started.

The Board received correspondence from ENH Power informing them that they now have a choice for competitive long term fixed electricity supply rates. The Board agreed to look into this option.

The Board received a copy of the "Watershed Happenings".

The Board received two updates from Time Warner Cable TV.

The Board received a notice from PLT transferring all of its assets and liabilities to HealthTrust in complete satisfaction of the PLT's obligations.

Morgan made a motion to transfer the Supervision of the Cemetery Workers to the Public Works Director. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Condict Billings stated that he didn't think the Board has the authority to change the supervision. The Board felt that being part-time employees, they are only changing the supervision.

The Board received correspondence referencing having the "Moving Wall" displayed again in Ossipee. The Board turned the paperwork over to Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski, a member of the VFW. They were in charge the last time the wall was here.

The Board received a notice from J.C. Schultz Enterprises, Inc. "Flagsource" that they have received the Flag Contract Award. The Board asked that this be given to Roy Eldridge, who has been in charge of the flags for the Veteran's. Freeman asked for a copy of this notice also.

Condict Billings sent a memo to the Board requesting the process of paying invoices from the Capital Reserve accounts be changed. He asked that the Town pay the invoices and request reimbursement from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. He feels it will cause a lot less confusion when copies of the checks are requested. The bookkeeping office is open five days a week and the trustees are only here occasionally. Merrow made a motion to grant this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a notice from the "North Country Council Disaster Resiliency Coordination Project". This is regarding funding to support disaster recovery. This was forwarded to Assistant Emergency Director, Freeman.

Morgan made a motion to turn the Reverse 911 project over to the Police Department. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Christopher and Cindy Stone attended the meeting to seek the results of their request to the Board to grant a right-of way or an easement to a parcel of land located at the end of Birch Tree Lane. Merrow stated that he will not vote on this issue, because at one time he was pursuing the purchase of this parcel of land. After forwarding this request to the town attorney, it was determined that the Board is not willing to spend town funds to have a title search done. It is not clear that the Housing Trust was written to allow the town the authority to grant a right of way. The Stone's are not the owners of this parcel of

land at this time. The Board stated that if the Stone's pay the money for the title search they are still not sure what they will find.

Morgan stated that he has requested a copy of the welfare guidelines and asked that the Board review them and meet next week in a workshop to discuss them.

Harriman reported that the Whittier Covered Bridge is still in the design stages.

Morgan asked Harriman if the \$80,000.00 warrant article for this year will finish the bridge. Harriman said it would.

The Board is waiting to hear from the State in reference to the Rte. 171 & Rte. 28 intersection problems.

Morgan stated that the budget committee is still meeting and he encourages people to attend the meeting.

Morgan stated that he does not feel that it would be acceptable to not have an ambulance contract for the town. This pending contract is for two years. At the end of it, options are already being looked at for the future. At the end of two years, the possibility of a multi-town contract service may be available. There is talk of the town having its own ambulance service.

The Board has been working on the warrant articles to help out with the cost of the ambulance service.

With the proposed Selectmen's budget and the warrant articles if all are passed, the town would be looking to raise \$115,000.00 over last year. If Effingham is to pass their ambulance contract amount, the total would be \$15,000.00 less than last year's.

Morgan stated that in order to maintain the level of services the town receives, the budget cannot be cut.

Morgan stated that he hopes when they see the final numbers, they will restore back to the original figures.

The proposed ambulance contract was briefly discussed.

Robert Barry, Finance Resource Specialist, from the State of NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development Division of Economic Development came in to talk about the NH Economic Revitalization Zone Business Benefits. New Hampshire offers a business tax credit for projects that are located in designated zones, add to the infrastructure, and create jobs. The community that the site is located in must apply to have that section of the town designated as an Economic Revitalization Zone. (Ossipee has applied and been accepted) Businesses located in the zone may each apply for the business tax credits based on specific projects. Applications and materials are available at the Selectmen's Office.

Harriman reported that they have trucks down and they are being repaired.

Morgan asked Harriman if they have considered the possibility of having a contract with a towing company for breakdowns. Harriman said he is willing to explore this idea.

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

Kwitakowski asked the status of the case with the freight house. Morgan stated that it is going forward and the town is involved with the negotiations.

Melissa Seamans reviewed the budget figures discussed by Morgan earlier in the meeting.

Donald Ouellette, of Beech River Mill on Rte. 16B stated that when he moved into town years ago our dump was a dump and now it is a recycling center that is very neat and well run. He stated that they do a fantastic job at this facility.

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

Adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 02/03/2014