

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 21, 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 7/14/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 7/14/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/12/2014 in the amount of \$1,442,954.30. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the total included this month's school payment in the amount of \$1,387,055.00.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/17/2014 in the amount of \$39,632.17. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Rodney A. White, Sr. VFW Ladies Auxiliary #8270 requesting use of the Town Hall on 9/13/2014 from 12:00 PM-9:00 PM for a Penny Sale. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Joe Goss acknowledging his appointment as an alternate to the Conservation Commission was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Tom Belluscio acknowledging his appointment to the Conservation Commission was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$104.44 was presented for signature. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Assessing Clerk, Corey Ryder, informing them that the abatement request for Ambrose Brothers Inc. approved on 7/7/2014 had already been approved on 3/3/2014. Ryder noted that two applications for abatement were filed creating the duplicate request. Morgan made a motion to rescind the abatement request approved on 7/7/2014. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Abatement was received from Agape Ministries Servants Inc. for the property located on Map 38, Lot 4. The Assessor recommends denying the request as vacant land does not qualify for charitable exemption. Morgan made a motion to deny the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to sign the Request for Abatement from Agape Ministries Servants Inc. for the property located on Map 38, Lot 5 for tax years 2011 and 2012. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. This request should be noted to be the documentation to follow up with the abatement request approved at the 7/14/2014 meeting.

Morgan announced that the Board held a workshop this afternoon to review the 2013 financials presented by Agape Ministries Servants Inc. He stated that the Board determined that Agape does not qualify for the Charitable exemption but the Board may choose to abate due to good cause. Morgan mentioned that 25% of the building is being used as a chapel, 25% as food pantry and the remaining 50% as thrift store. Since the building was not fully operational in 2013, Morgan made a motion to abate 75% of the 2013 assessed value. Freeman seconded. Morgan discussed that the Selectmen will be reviewing the request for abatement annually and the intention is to abate only 50% for 2014 and subsequent years if the thrift store is operating as a business. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan asked White to prepare the approved request in writing for next week's meeting.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 7/19/2014.

The Board received a copy of a letter addressed to Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, from Roland Park Association thanking the Highway Department for an excellent job maintaining the dirt roads running through Roland Park and for the recent culvert improvements.

The Board received an invitation to attend a ceremony on 8/2/2014 honoring Michael J. Novotny Jr. of Ossipee who will be receiving the Badge of Eagle Scout.

The Board received a letter from the previous ambulance service provider, Lifestar, urging the Board to put the ambulance contract out to bid when the current contract nears the end of its term.

The programming update was received from Time Warner Cable.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman reported that the preconstruction meeting has been scheduled for this Wednesday, 7/23/2014 at 8:00 AM. He anticipates that the Notice to Proceed will be signed during the meeting which will start the clock for 190-days until completion.

Intersections of Route 28 & 171 – Nothing new to report

Surplus property – White stated that the Water & Sewer Department did not have any inventory to add. Harriman stated that he will have the public notice ready to advertise this week.

Boston Post Cane – White reported that she has contacted the family and the award ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 8/4/2014 at 1:00 PM. She is currently working on information for the proclamation.

Harriman reminded the Board that the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will take place Saturday, 8/2/2014 from 8:30 AM–12:00 PM. Morgan asked if volunteers are still needed. Harriman answered that he is still looking for one more. Riley suggested contacting the new members of the Conservation Commission. Freeman suggested the Fire Explorers.

Morgan announced that the Board attended the first Department Head meeting held earlier this afternoon. There will be monthly meetings with the Department Heads and the Town Administrator and the Board will be attending quarterly.

New Business:

None presented.

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

Julie Rosiak informed the Board of several concerns regarding Cleveland Beach at Duncan Lake. She questioned the property boundaries of the beach after she was approached by an abutter who stated the rocky area to be private property. She also expressed concern for the garbage being left on the beach and for the condition of the portable toilet. She stated that the Lifeguard and several volunteers have been cleaning up the beach on a daily basis. Additional discussion took place on the campground's annual fireworks display that will be taking place this Saturday. Rosiak stated this to be an issue where additional trash is left on the beach from spectators and debris from the fireworks is washed ashore. Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, discussed some signage that can be placed but noted that signs are often overlooked or ignored.

Maria Moulton, Librarian, questioned if the Board will need inventory from the Library when figuring the Town's Capital Assets. Morgan answered that they will only be inventorying items with a value greater than \$10,000. White added that the policy will have to be reviewed because the books probably contain aggregate value of more than \$10,000.

Morgan announced that the Board of Selectmen will be meeting on Thursday, 7/24/2014 at 7:00 PM at the Freedom Town Hall for a regional Selectmen's Meeting to continue discussions on regional ambulance service. He noted that because contract prices may be discussed it will likely become a non-public session.

Morgan polled the Board for non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Morgan made the motion to enter a non-public session at 4:50 PM. Freeman seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Roll call vote was taken. Morgan answered yes, Freeman answered yes and Riley answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:05 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Richard H. Morgan

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 7/28/2014