

Selectmen's Meeting
10/21/13

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 October 07, 2013. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 10/12/13 was submitted in the amount of \$44,915.83. 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 10/12/13 was submitted in the amount of \$94,409.72. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 10/19/13 was submitted in the amount of \$44,432.81. 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 10/19/13 was submitted in the amount of \$210,703.33. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter addressed to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting a check in the amount of \$2,864.09 for White Mountain Survey & Engineering, Inc. from the Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter addressed to the Trustees of the Trust Funds requesting a check in the amount of \$1,670.00 for Hoyle Tanner & Associates, Inc. from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Funds. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Warrant to collect Land Use Change Tax was received in the amount of \$1,299.00. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Selectmen's Deed for land located at 27 Duncan Lake Rd. was presented for approval and signatures. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this deed. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$622.59 was received. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received two weekly reports from October 7th thru Oct. 18th from the Highway Department.

An Intent to Cut was received from Jeremy Pope to cut 3.5 acres a 7.38 acre parcel of land located on Effingham/Clough Rd. Map 121 Lot 23000. The logger listed is Geoffrey Downing. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from County of Carroll (David Sorenson/David Babson) to cut 2 acres of a 206 acre parcel of land located on Route 171 Map 257 Lot 13000. The logger listed is Wendy Scribner. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from Christopher T. Wright to cut 3 acres of a 5 acre parcel on land located on Old Rte. 28 Map 322 Lot 33000. The logger listed is Carl Eldridge, Jr. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from Matthew & Cheryl Sawyer to cut 13 acres of a 14 acre parcel of land located on Old Rte. 171 Map 258 Lots 10000, 11000 & 11000-001. The logger listed is L. E. Taylor & Sons. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Corey Ryder. Ryder served as a Trustee of the Trust Funds and is moving out of town and will not longer be able to serve as a Trustee. The Board asked Eldridge to send Ryder a thank you letter.

The Board received a copy of a check from NRRA in the amount of \$808.64 for recycling products.

A Contract for Use of Facility was received from the Carroll County RSVP to use the town hall for a Penny Sale on April 5, 2014. . Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facility was received from Huggins Hospital to use the town hall for a Huggins Hospital Community Forum-Updates on Huggins Hospital on November 7th, 2014. . Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a notice from Heidi Lawton, Field Representative from the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management referencing contract information for signing up for Reverse 911. Freeman asked for a copy and stated that he will discuss this with Emergency Management Director, Dana Cullen.

The Board received an update from Time Warner Cable TV

The Board received a copy of the “Watershed Happenings”.

The Board received a spreadsheet from Brad Harriman detailing the bids for the fuel oil, gas and diesel for the coming year. After review of the information, Merrow made a motion to award the bid to Jesse E. Lyman. Morgan seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan made a motion to accept the fixed price. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Letter of Commitment was submitted for approval and signature for the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Collection Program for 2014. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this letter. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notice that the Police Dept. has been approved for “Ossipee Operation Safe Commute Patrols” grant.

The Board approved and signed the abatement application to the Water & Sewer Dept.

Morrow stated that they have held two Public Hearings to discuss the purchase of land located on Duncan Lake Rd. (Map 122 Lot 19) by the Conservation Commission.

Morgan stated that the restrictions that had been placed on the property (that would make it difficult to sell) have been removed. He also stated that the wildlife corridor that is already in place should be ample (per report from the study) and he sees no need to increase the width on it. Due to the above information, Morgan made a motion to not allow the purchase of the parcel of land. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that he feels it is time to write to the State in reference the intersection at Rte. 28 & 171. Harriman and Eldridge will work on this letter.

Morrow asked Freeman about the classes that he and others who were planning on attending this fall. Freeman said the classes are scheduled for Nov. Morrow asked Eldridge to read correspondence in reference to classes. The correspondence stated that no more classes are scheduled for this training. Freeman explained that these classes they are attending are put on by a different agency and the cost is - 0-.

The Board has reviewed the updated personnel policy and Morgan made a motion to approve it. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman stated that a while back there was talk of alarming the entrance doors to the offices. Eldridge said she knew that was quoted and the cost was quite high and they held off for next year's budget.

Morrow addressed Ron Adams, Chairman of the Conservation Commission and asked what is taking so long to complete the intended kiosk. Adams says it is being worked on.

Morrow stated that he had been questioned about why the Board did not attend a meeting last week. The meeting was at Lakeview and the Board had appointed Jean Hansen to attend, and she did. She reported that they would like more participation.

Morrow reported that the health insurance rate has increased by 7.9% for the coming year.

The Selectmen started the budget schedule as follows:

The Conservation Agent Budget was presented in the amount of \$400.00. This is an increase of \$100.00. Due to the increase in postage and the amount spent for 2013 to date, it was recommended to increase this budget by \$100.00. Morrow made a motion to recommend \$400.00 for this budget. Morgan second. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board of Selectmen Salaries Budget was presented in the amount of \$16,364.00. This amount is level funded from last year.

Freeman made a motion to recommend \$16,364.00 for this budget. Morgan second. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Ossipee Lake Dam Authority Budget was presented in the amount of \$8,964.00. Morrow made a motion to recommend this amount. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Legal Budget was presented in the amount of \$30,000.00. Morrow made a motion to recommend this amount. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Zoning Enforcement Officer's Budget was presented in the amount of \$90,386.00. This amount included an increase of \$3,134.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend this amount. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Patriotic Purposes Budget was presented in the amount of \$1,785.00. This budget pays for grave markers, flags for the cemeteries, and flags for the town hall. Morgan made a motion to recommend this amount. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Cemetery Budget was presented in the amount of \$28,454.00. Merrow made a motion to recommend this amount. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Welfare Budget was presented in the amount of \$40,758.00. This amount is an increase of \$324.00. Morgan made a motion to level fund this budget. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Trustee of Trust Funds Budget was presented in the amount of \$5,263.00. Merrow made a motion to recommend this amount. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Treasurer's Budget was presented in the amount of \$10,580.00. Freeman made a motion to recommend this amount. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if the Board had given any consideration to adding the Water & Sewer Awards notice to the Town signs. The Board all agreed because the town water & sewer is not town-wide they did not feel it appropriate to add this to the town signs.

Ron Adams of the Conservation Commission asked if any funds left over from paying for the milfoil treatment, rolls over to the next year. Eldridge stated that it is voted to be put into an expendable trust and the amount to pay for the treatment would be drawn and the balance stays in capital reserve. Adams asked who submits the article for milfoil. Eldridge told him the Board of Selectmen adds milfoil treatment to the warrant articles.

Merrow stated that they are waiting for paperwork to be sent to DRA from the West Ossipee Fire Precinct before a date to set a tax rate can be done.

Merrow also reported that the County Delegation voted 7-6 to use a wing of the old nursing home to house homeless veterans.

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

Adjourned at 5:15 pm

Harry C. Merrow, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 10/28/13