

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, November 10, 2014**

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

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/3/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/3/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

The minutes from the Regional Ambulance Meeting of 11/5/2014 were presented for review.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/1/2014 in the amount of \$5,725.45. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/8/2014 in the amount of \$65,996.75. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

The Highway Department work log was received for the week ending 11/8/2014.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$0.00 was submitted for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Tammy Badge for the property located on Map 138, Lot 5. The intent is to cut 46 +/- acres of the parcel and the logger listed is Jason Curtis. There is no cemetery and the taxes are paid. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Kim & Steven Defranza for the property located on Map 267, Lot 5. The intent is to cut 8 acres of the 8.44 acre parcel and the logger listed is Larry Bolstride. There is no cemetery and the taxes are paid. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

A Request for Abatement was received from Ralph D. Floria of the Floria Revocable Trust of 1998 for the property located on Map 37, Lot 19. The Assessor submitted the request for a reduction in value of \$37,800 to settle the appeal filed with the Board of Tax and Land Appeals. Riley expressed his disapproval of the request. Morgan tabled the request for further information from the Assessor.

A Jeopardy Tax Warrant in the amount of \$53.00 was submitted for the removal of a camper located on Map 130, Lot 12, Sub Lot 59. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

A letter addressed to Richard Seibel of the Kindness Animal Hospital thanking them for the care and support of the Police Department's canine was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

A letter of commitment acknowledging the Town's participation in the 2015 Lakes Region Planning Commission's Household Hazardous Product Collection Program was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

The Board received an invitation from the Board of Directors of the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council to attend their 2014 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on 11/20/2014 at the Red Jacket.

A letter was received from Time Warner Cable who is seeking renewal of the cable television franchise agreement scheduled to expire on 8/17/2017.

Morgan read a letter received from Donna Meader-York addressing an issue she has with the property taxes affecting the ability to sell her lakefront property in Ossipee. Morgan summarized a written response stating that the Town only controls \$6.13 of the tax rate. A letter responding to Ms. Meader-York was presented for signatures. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

The agenda for Lakes Region Planning Commission's Meeting on 11/17/2014 was presented for review.

This concluded the red folder.

#### Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, informed the Board that they are still reconstructing the chords on the western side of the bridge. He also stated that the monthly meeting will be held on 11/20/2014.

Morgan asked Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski for an update on the commercial charge being charged to the Town's water and sewer bill. "Ski" responded that he is in the process of researching other town's fees and will follow up with further information. Morgan expressed his disapproval of the charge for the minimal amount of use by the Town buildings.

#### New Business:

Morgan announced that they would begin the scheduled budget review and further stated that they were able to review the agency requests prior to the meeting. Riley stated that the services provided by the outside agencies are good for the community but the Board is also trying to maintain last year's budget.

Saylee Merrow presented the request for Ossipee Children's Fund stating an increase in their request due to an influx of new registrations. Morgan questioned if the increase will be requested to all towns. Merrow responded that Ossipee has the highest amount of use of the program. Morgan questioned if the request was reduced from \$20,000 to \$19,000 if it would cause a hardship. Merrow responded that the amount of the awards may be reduced but the quantity of awards would not. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$19,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Jack Rose presented the request for Carroll County Transit stating that they provided 2,065 rides and door-to-door service to Ossipee residents this year. He announced that they will continue service 4-days per week but will be changing the days of the week to Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$3,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Lisa Hinckley presented the request for Tri-County CAP stating that they serviced 309 households and even though there's been an increase in assistance, they are seeking level funding. She informed the Board of private funds received from Bald Peak that they have been able to use as a match to welfare assistance. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$12,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Pam Sweeney presented the request for Kingswood Youth Center stating that 41% of their attendance comes from Ossipee students between the ages of 12-18. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$4,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Ray Conner presented the request for Appalachian Mountain Teen Project. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$1,200. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Phil Wasmuth presented the request for Caregivers of Southern Carroll County stating the number of trips provided to Ossipee residents as of November 1 to be 514. He stated that only trips over 50-miles are reimbursed to the driver at \$0.45/mile. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$2,500. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Doris Sirois presented the request for the Freedom Food Pantry stating that 48.6% of those served are from Ossipee. She spoke briefly on an increase in food costs due to lack of availability at the food bank and the affect of other cuts in the SNAP program and farm-aid bill. Morgan made a motion to approve the level-funded request in the amount of \$8,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Stanley Anderson presented the request for Life Ministries Food Pantry stating that 25% of the people served are from Ossipee. Morgan made a motion to approve the level-funded request in the amount of \$5,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Jen Berkowitz presented the request for the School's Out Program summarizing the activities and events that are provided through the program. Discussion took place on the increase in the appropriation granted this year and Morgan stated that he would like to reduce the amount to \$15,000. He further requested that if Berkowitz anticipates a shortfall at the close of the year, he will speak at Town Meeting to request an increase. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$15,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Bette Coffey presented the request for Central NH VNA & Hospice stating that 75% of their service is provided to Ossipee residents. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$14,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Jack Drinkwater presented the request for Medication Bridge stating a reduction in their request due to patient enrollment in the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid programs. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$913. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Gail Montgomery presented the request for Ossipee Revitalization Group informing the Board of the many programs they hosted this year as well as the fundraising efforts for the new gazebo. Morgan questioned the director fees. Montgomery responded that they are still funded through the National Able Network. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$9,500. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Kellie Skehan presented the Ossipee Historical Society's request. Morgan made a motion to approve the level-funded request in the amount of \$4,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Donna Sargent presented Ossipee Concerned Citizen's request stating an increase due to the need to replace the compressor in the sprinkler system. She also spoke on the OCC Daycare's request stating they have made many improvements and also implemented a toddler program. Morgan questioned attendance. Sargent responded that it has increased. Morgan made a motion to approve OCC's request in the amount of \$20,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried. Morgan made a motion to approve OCC Daycare's request in the amount of \$7,000. Majority vote carried.

Andy Johnson presented Life Bridge's request stating they are currently one-on-one mentoring 9 children in Ossipee. He also stated their goal is to start mentoring younger children earlier to prepare them for high school. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$5,000. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Eve Clotts presented Northern Human Services request stating that they serve 157 Ossipee residents and have provided just shy of 1,000 hours of service. She stated they are pushing for people to sign up for the Affordable Care Act to eliminate the need for future town funding requests. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$4,425. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Melissa Couture presented Starting Point's request stating a 34% increase they have seen this year. She also stated that Ossipee is second to the Town of Conway in terms of assistance provided. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$2,626. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Morgan stated that he would like to hold off on the new request from End 68 Hours of Hunger until a representative is available to present the request.

Morgan announced the start of the Public Hearing for the acceptance of the gift of donated exercise equipment per the requirement of RSA 31:95 (e) at 5:10 PM and asked for public comment. Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski questioned what was donated and where it is to be located. Morgan answered by listing off the various equipment and further stated that the Police Department will be installing it on their second floor. Being no further comment, Morgan made a motion to accept the donated exercise equipment. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried. Morgan requested that White draft a letter of thanks to be sent to John and Sue Nelson for their donation.

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

Public Input:

"Ski" stated that he will follow up with the Board on the water and sewer fees.

Being no further input, Morgan made a motion to adjourn. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

Adjourned at 5:13 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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ABSENT  
Robert C. Freeman

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Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 11/17/2014

