

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2014

Chairman 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.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/10/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Riley seconded. Freeman abstained. Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 11/10/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Riley seconded. Freeman abstained. Majority vote carried.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/8/2014 in the amount of \$14,970.33. 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 11/15/2014 in the amount of \$34,574.20. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Todd Haywood, Assessor, who reviewed the preliminary figures from the Equalization Study. Haywood stated that 101 sales were used to calculate the weighted mean of 106.6% and the median ratio of 107.1%. Haywood stated that the figures represent a slightly increasing market.

The 2014 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the certificate. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan read aloud the Public Notice for the Regional Selectmen's Meeting they will be attending on 11/20/2014 at 6:00 PM in the Ossipee Town Hall Conference Room to review the Regional Ambulance Service proposals received.

The Request for Abatement received from Ralph D. Floria of the Floria Revocable Trust of 1998 for the property located on Map 37, Lot 19, tabled for further review, was resubmitted. The Assessor provided further information on the request stating the Board could accept the revised value to settle the taxpayer's appeal to the Board of Tax and Land Appeals or enter a counter offer. Morgan made a motion to counteroffer with a reduction in value to \$381,300. Freeman seconded. Riley abstained. Majority vote carried. Morgan made a motion to deny the abatement request resulting in the reduction of value to the amount of \$369,000. Freeman seconded. Riley abstained. Majority vote carried.

A Purchase Order issued to Riley's Sport Shop Inc. in the amount of \$2,169.00 for the purchase of new holsters was presented for approval and signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order issued to Neptune Inc. in the amount of \$2,164.70 for new uniforms was presented for approval and signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department work log was received for the week ending 11/15/2014.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,066.64 was presented for approval and signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that he still does not have a definite time for Thursday's meeting at the Whittier Covered Bridge but believes it will take place at 10:00 AM. Riley affirmed he will attend.

New Business:

Chief James Eldridge introduced new Police Officer Jason Baker. Morgan stated that Baker excelled in the oral boards. The Board welcomed him.

Carol Simpson presented the request for End 68 Hours of Hunger stating they served 38 students from Ossipee from Pre-K through 6th grade last weekend. She added that the program provides meals to children in need for the weekend. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$4,000. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Noreen Downs came in to speak on behalf of Green Mountain Conservation Group with a request to have an informational display tent at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains property during Bike Week. She stated that the Conservation Commission voted to co-sponsor the event and will be providing a portable toilet. The Board agreed that there would be no problem using the location and further stated that they would vote on the Outdoor Event application when it is presented to them.

Morgan stated they would begin the budget review.

The Interest on the Line of Credit request in the amount of \$5,000 was presented as a level-funded amount. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan reviewed the Insurance budget request stating that the 2014 approved amount was \$150,118 and the amount expended to date is \$149,443. The 2015 request is in the amount of \$185,655 which is for 18-months due to the change to a July 1 renewal from a prior calendar year renewal. Morgan made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$185,655. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Maria Moulton, Librarian, and John Mingori, Library Trustee, presented the Library budget request stating that the Library funds half of its operating expenses from savings. Morgan noted a 2.35% increase and motioned to approve the request in the amount of \$214,103. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to level-fund the Fire Warden budget in the amount of \$20,400. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Dana Cullen Jr. presented the Emergency Management budget request stating that they did not account for the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update this year and have updated this year's request to update the Local Emergency Operations Plan in the amount of \$2,500. Morgan stated that of the \$7,376 spent to date, \$6,000 will be returned in Hazard Mitigation Grant money and recommended level-funding the request. Cullen confirmed that to be acceptable. Morgan made a motion to approve a level-funded amount of \$6,700. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Doug Sargent, Superintendent, presented the Water & Sewer Department budget request. Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski informed the Board that he has conducted some research on the billing procedures and will be discussing it at the next Commissioner's meeting. Morgan stated his opposition to the "inappropriate charge" being assessed to the Town as a large user who used only \$48 in water for the quarter. Further

discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to assess a rental fee equivalent to the administrative fee for the building occupied by the Water & Sewer Department if the administrative fee is not removed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Sargent stated an overall 3% decrease in the overall budget.

Morgan announced that they would not be reviewing the Fire Precinct budgets; they are only reviewed by the Budget Committee starting in December.

Morgan announced that a Site Plan Review is scheduled for the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday, 12/2/2014, where they will be reviewing a proposed Addiction Clinic at the properties located at 68 and 70 Route 16B. Morgan spoke on the problem of heroin use in the area and stated there to be a shortage of help available to help the people.

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

Public Input:

Harriman informed the Board that the Highway Department has been working on an action item of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update where they are elevating Pine Hill Road at Lovell River by up to 2' and are approximately 90% complete.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Morgan made the motion to enter a non-public session at 4:55 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. 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 5:10 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:11 PM.

Morgan announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday and Thursday this week and the Regional Ambulance meeting will take place on Thursday.

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

Adjourned at 5:11 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 11/24/2014

