

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, December 15, 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 approve the minutes from the 12/4/2014 Regional Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/8/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/8/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/6/2014 in the amount of \$1,209,571.85. Morgan announced that the accounts payable total was \$448,170.85 and the payment to Carroll County was in the amount of \$761,401.00. 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 12/13/2014 in the amount of \$42,901.78. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department work log was received for the week ending 12/13/2014.

A Request for Abatement was received for the property located on Map 54, Lot 2, Sub Lot 50 in the amount of \$154.00. The reason for the request is because the manufactured home was removed and the Jeopardy Tax Warrant was issued and paid. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$675.79 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Current Use was received from William and Jeanne Petrocelli for the property located on Map 6, Lot 9. The application is to put 12.8 acres of the 14.6 acre parcel into Current Use. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received for the property located on Map 5, Lot 12. The Assessor recommends denying the application because the applicant did not serve during a qualifying period and also lacks the required medals. Morgan made a motion to deny the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received for the property located on Map 92, Lot 72. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit and Service-Connected Disability was received for the property located on Map 138, Lot 13. The Assessor recommends denying the Veteran's Credit because the applicant did not meet the requirements but recommends approving the Service-Connected Disability. Morgan made a motion to deny the Veteran's Credit and approve the Service-Connected Disability Credit. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit and Service-Connected Disability was received for the property located on Map 117, Lot 11. All requirements having been met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received for the property located on Map 261, Lot 35. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received for the property located on Map 228, Lot 17. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Tax Credit was received for the property located on Map 126, Lot 4. The Assessor recommends denying the application because the applicant did not serve during a qualifying period. Morgan made a motion to deny the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 16, Lot 15, Sub Lot 13 in the amount of \$1.00. The reason for the request is because the manufactured home was removed and the Jeopardy Tax Warrant was issued and paid. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 137, Lot 8 in the amount of \$406.00. The reason for the request is because the building was removed and the Jeopardy Tax Warrant was issued and paid. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 130, Lot 12, Sub Lot 12 in the amount of \$6.00. The reason for the request is because the travel trailer was removed and the Jeopardy Tax Warrant was issued and paid. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check received from NRRA in the amount of \$1,248.32 for recycling.

A letter addressed to Elaine Sherman, Finance Manager, congratulating her on completing the requirements of the Leadership Institute was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from End 68 Hours of Hunger thanking the staff and Town for their support of donated food items for their program.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that the next monthly meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, 12/18/2014 at 10:00 AM. Selectman Riley confirmed he will attend.

New Business:

None presented.

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

Public Input:

Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski asked if could get the contact information of the Veterans who were granted the Veteran’s Credit for the VFW. Morgan answered that they could not provide the information.

Roy Barron, Cemetery Trustee, introduced Rick St. Jean, who is interested in serving as a Cemetery Trustee. Morgan announced that the Board received E. Morton Leavitt’s resignation during the workshop held earlier. Morgan made a motion to appoint Rick St. Jean to fill the vacancy following Leavitt’s resignation. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Barron stated that he is still logging the property along Polly’s Crossing Road and has continued concerns with snowmobiles traveling the road and limited visibility on a hill. He reported that he has already gone off the road to avoid a collision. Discussion took place on the agreement in place with Ossipee Valley Snowmobile Club for access to Sunny Villa Restaurant. White will pull out the agreement for further review. Condict Billings spoke of an RSA restricting use by snowmobiles on roads that do not have two lanes of travel.

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 4:34 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 4:55 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 4:55 PM.

Morgan announced that the next Budget Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM at the Freight House.

White questioned whether the Board would be adjusting the Forest Fire Warden permit fees in 2014. Morgan answered that they would be reviewed for adjustment in 2015.

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

Adjourned at 4:57 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 12/22/2014