

Selectmen's Meeting

12/23/13

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 Dec. 16, 2013. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 12/21/13 was submitted in the amount of \$57,638.23. 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 12/21/13 was submitted in the amount of \$615,707.56. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request from the Lifeflight Foundation asking for support for this program. This program relies on donations. The Board asked Eldridge to inform them of the process necessary to be added to the Outside Agencies' appropriation requests.

An Application for Veteran's Tax Credit for the spouse of a Veteran was received. All requirements being met, Merrow made a motion to approve this application. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request to the Trustee of Trust Funds was received in the amount of \$905.96 payable to Hoyle Tanner & Associates for professional services for the Whittier Covered Bridge Project. Freeman made a motion to approve and sign this request. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board reviewed and approved a memo in reference to selling the facility permits for \$5.00 for the second year of the two year permits. The Board agreed with this.

The Board received the Equalization Study from the Department of Revenue Administration. The equalization ratio for 2013 is 106.9%.

The Board received two updates from Time Cable TV this week.

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

Chris Goumas, owner of the Ossipee Lake Country Store came in to address the Board. Goumas submitted a worksheet to the Board referencing his property assessment and others surrounding his property. Goumas stated that he sees no rhyme or reason as to how the properties are assessed. Goumas stated that he has already talked with the Town's Assessor and got no satisfaction. The Board suggested that he file for an abatement. He said he already has. Eldridge agreed to attach the worksheets he submitted to his abatement application. Goumas asked if underground tanks are taxed. The Board did not know.

Jeremy Hardin, member of the Civil Air Patrol came in to ask the Board for space to hold their meetings and training sessions. Hardin stated that they would not need a facility before the end of January. Morgan made a motion to allow them to use the Freight House and waive any fees that might be attached. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Monday night was the preferable time to use the Freight House.

Janna Straughan of Agape Ministries came in to talk to the Board. Straughan apologized for problems caused while using the transfer station to dispose of products left at their facility.

Straughan reported that they are now open on Saturday from 10:00 am-2:00 pm.

Straughan reported that they are not asking for an appropriation this year to support the food pantry but they are looking for tax relief totaling over \$10,000.00. The Board agreed to review the status of the charitable exemption and will review our files.

Straughan asked to be able to use the Transfer Station as done in the past. The Board did not give her an answer.

Condict Billings asked when the property located at 1 Jude Boulevard is going to be cleaned up. Morgan stated that he feels it should be cleaned up. Merrow said he thinks it should be sold as it is. He stated that they have a quote of over \$15,000.00 to clean it up. Morgan made a motion to have Harriman pursue the clean-up. Freeman seconded. Merrow opposed. The motion carried.

Merrow stated that he has heard that other towns send one bill to mobile home parks for all the property (land & buildings) and let the park owner collect the taxes.

Jean Hansen reported that she and Ski Kwiatkowski attended the last meeting at Lakeview.

Condict Billings, Trustee of Trust Funds, stated that he has tried to get a problem referencing the Putnam Funds solved through Rick Sager. He has had no success. The Board agreed to look into the issue.

Mellisa Seamans stated that she has had a problem getting the County to release non-public minutes. She asked what would happen if she requested minutes from the Board. Merrow said all she has to do is ask. She requested the last three (3) years of minutes. The Board agreed to have this done.

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 12/30/13