Selectmen's Meeting Monday, December 29, 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 12/22/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/22/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/20/2014 in the amount of \$630,979.95, including the school payment in the amount of \$453,165.00. 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 12/27/2014 in the amount of \$86,716.27. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request to the State of NH DRED, Division of Forest and Lands for reimbursement in the amount of \$593.45 for telephone expenses for the Forest Fire Warden was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Ossipee Mountain Estates requesting permission to dispose of nonhazardous waste at the Recycling Facility. Riley stated that there is no charge for household garbage and metals if separated. Morgan stated that there should be no waiver of fees for disposal of furniture and electronics and suggested they utilize the free dump day during Earth Day for those items. Following further discussion, the request will be forwarded to Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, for further input.

The Highway Department work log was received for the week ending 12/27/2014.

An invoice in the amount of \$603.75 received from Bergeron Technical Services was submitted for review. Morgan announced the invoice to be for time to prepare and attend a court hearing for the Freight House project. Morgan made a motion to not pay the invoice. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested that a letter be sent to Bergeron letting him know of their decision. A copy of the Consent Calendar Agenda was received from Executive Councilor Kenney from the meeting held on 12/23/2014.

A quote was received from White Mountain Survey to complete the field work associated with the Whittier Covered Bridge in the amount of \$6,500.00. Morgan stated that the survey work is required to get the Bridge put back over the river and if delayed until the next phase is in progress, it could delay the completion until 2016. Morgan made a motion to approve the quote in the amount of \$6,500.00. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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Morgan made a motion to encumber \$4,000.00 from the 2014 budget reserved for the surveying of town property. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Contract for the Statistical Revaluation was presented for signatures. Morgan announced that the contract had been reviewed and approved by the NH Department of Revenue. Morgan suggested tabling the contract for further review by the Board.

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

Public Input:

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if Ossipee Mountain Estates already has a valid recycling permit. White answered that the individuals who live in the cooperative do but not the Cooperative itself.

"Ski" asked if there was an update on cemetery expansion. Morgan answered that they met with Morton Leavitt last week to discuss a parcel of land adjacent to Ossipee Village Cemetery but there is question on how useable the land actually is. He also stated that he has contacted an abutter to the Grant Hill Cemetery but they are waiting for the settlement of an estate.

Morgan questioned the status of the Board Secretary position and asked for clarification on how the Board will be proceeding with filling the vacancy. "Ski" answered that he polled the Board members and they will be appointing someone to the position on their own. Morgan questioned whether that was the intention of all members. "Ski" answered that a formal vote will be taken at the Planning Board meeting next week, and at the ZBA meeting the following week.

Morgan stated that they received a temporary proposal from Mellisa Seamans to fill in and complete the minutes for the January meetings. White will be contacting her to split out the cost for the Conservation Commission portion and the other expenses will be the responsibility of the Planning Board and ZBA. Further discussion took place on how the fees will be expensed.

Old Business: None presented.

New Business: None presented.

White announced the next budget meeting will be on Wednesday, 1/7/2015. Morgan suggested contacting Ron Adams to see about moving the 1/7/2015 Conservation Commission meeting to the Conference Room.

Morgan announced that the Transfer Station Foreman vacancy will be posted in-house.

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

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Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 1/5/2015