Selectmen's Meeting Monday, December 30, 2013

Selectman Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Harry C. Merrow, Robert C. Freeman, and Richard H. Morgan, and Ellen White who recorded the minutes.

Selectman Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/23/2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request from Pamela Bennett requesting a waiver to be able to maintain the electrical distribution and leach field for her property which run beneath Emerson Road. Selectman Merrow made a motion to have Attorney Sager draft an easement. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for week ending 12/28/2013 was presented in the amount of \$622,855.65. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve these vouchers. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for week ending 12/28/2013 was presented in the amount of \$49,295.36. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve these vouchers. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an email from Pat Jones notifying them that Robert Barry from the State of New Hampshire Division of Economic Development has scheduled a presentation to review the Economic Revitalization Zone Tax Credit Program on January 27, 2014 at 5:00 at the Ossipee Town Hall.

The Boat Agent Agreement between the Town of Ossipee and Barry Rollins, DBA Wards Boat Shop was submitted for signature. Selectman Merrow made a motion to sign the agreement. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Selectman Merrow stated that the Board and Martha Eldridge, Town Administrator, are working on gathering the non-public meeting minutes requested by Mellisa Seamans under the Right-to-Know law.

Selectman Freeman stated the meeting with DOT to review the intersection of Routes 171 and 28 will take place January 6, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

New Business:

Selectman Freeman took a moment to acknowledge the Highway Department for a job well done cleaning up the recent storm.

Selectman Merrow stated they reviewed a timeline of exemption status of Agape Ministries' properties prepared by Ellen White. Selectman Morgan requested White send a cover letter recommending they file an abatement application along with a copy of the timeline to Agape.

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

Kevin Houle asked what kind of resolve they were anticipating for the intersections of Routes 171 and 28. Selectman Merrow stated plans and suggestions will be presented at the meeting on January 6th. Houle asked if the Town could increase the number of turn signal warning signs leading up to the intersection. Selectman Morgan stated that the sign was implemented when he was a member of the Safety Advisory Board and it was only implemented by purchase of the sign by the Town and it was installed on Town property.

Selectman Merrow stated whoever is plowing the driveway at the Mountain View Station is creating a snow pile that will block the snowmobile trail. He wanted to make it known that it is not being blocked by the Town. Billy Eldridge, Highway Foreman, stated the pile is gone and the trail has been groomed as of this afternoon.

Roy Barron spoke of a safety issue with snowmobiles passing over Polly's Crossing Road on the Route 16 end where he is conducting a logging operation. He stated that the road is only one-lane wide and with blind-visibility, as he ascends the hill, there is an increased chance of an accident. He requested a no snowmobile posting for the road. Selectman Merrow asked how long the logging operation will take. Barron stated it is a 2-3 year operation for the 80-acre cut. Selectman Morgan stated the Board had just authorized use by the snowmobile club coming in from Archer's Pond Road. Further discussion took place about the area authorized for use by the club. Condict Billings stated the road could be posted for logging. Selectman Merrow stated they would review the agreement and visit the road.

Houle asked if the contract with Lakes Region Humane Society included cats and if their fees had increased. Selectman Morgan stated that the contract had been revised to exclude cats and the fees are figured on a per diem basis.

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

Adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 1/6/2014