

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Workshop held on 4/13/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 4/21/2015 in the amount of \$35,451.04. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 4/11/2015 in the amount of \$6,851.32. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Lakes Region Fire Mutual Fire Aid forwarded by Center Ossipee Fire Department, requesting the release of GIS mapping data from the NH Bureau of Emergency Communications. Morgan made a motion to sign the release form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The FY2015/2016 Conservation License Plate Grant Request in the amount of \$9,803.00 for the conservation and preservation of Ossipee Inventories (1816-1869) and Town Clerk Indexes (1790-1909) was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the grant request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Letter of Ownership and Provenance requesting permission for the Ossipee Town Clerk/Tax Collector to undertake the project of conservation and preservation of the Ossipee Inventory Books dated 1816-1869 and the Town Clerk Indexes for the years 1790-1909 as part of the required retention of permanent records collection was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 4/18/2015.

The Service Agreement for BayRing Communications to provide email hosting service for the Town of Ossipee was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Coleman Concrete, Inc. for the property located on Map 124, Lot 23. The intent is to excavate a total of 1,000 cubic yards and the taxes are paid. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant in the amount of \$0.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, with a copy of the certification of the date when the final tax bill was sent, as requested by the NH Board of Tax and Land Appeals.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Maria Varni for the property located on Map 257, Lot 14. The Intent is to cut 6 acres of the 9.6 acre parcel and the logger listed is Cole Boggs. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Credit was received for the property located on Map 260, Lot 16. The Assessor recommends denying the application because the applicant did not serve during the qualifying time period. Morgan made a motion to deny the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$668.81 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant in the amount of \$389.52 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Form CU-12: Summary of Forest Stewardship Plan for Current Use Assessment was received from William and Linda Abdu for the properties located on Map 248, Lots 35 and 36. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the form. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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The Board received an email from CarePlus Ambulance stating that the quarterly reports would be delayed until next week while they finish up the March billing.

The Board received a memo from Susan Simpson, Timber Clerk, regarding a request received from Tammy Badge to void the Intent to Cut Timber filed for the property located on Map 138, Lot 5. The Board acknowledged the Intent as void.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Adjutant Family requesting use of the gym on 6/7/2015 for an anniversary open house. The schedule was verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Rodney A. White, Sr. V.F.W. Auxiliary #8270 requesting use of the gym on 5/16/2015 for a penny sale. The schedule was verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to Central Chrysler Jeep Dodge in the amount of \$26,142.00 for the purchase of the second Police cruiser approved at Town Meeting was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from the Ossipee Main Street Program for a health walk/road race being held on 7/4/2015. Previously approved by all applicable departments, Morgan made a motion to approve the Application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Librarian Maria Moulton requesting the appointment of Georgie Duquet to serve as an alternate for a one-year term, as recommended by the Library Trustees. Morgan made a motion to appoint Georgie Duquet as an Alternate Trustee. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Police Officer Jason Baker congratulating him on completing the Full-Time Police Academy was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Rick St. Jean acknowledging his appointment to serve as a member to the Lakes Region Planning Commission 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 the Freedom Food Pantry thanking them for funding support in the amount of \$8,000 approved at Town Meeting.

The Board received a letter from the State of NH Office of Energy and Planning requesting that a 2014 Dwelling Unit Survey be completed. White stated that Zoning Enforcement Officer David Senecal has completed the requested information.

The Board received a letter from the End 68 Hours of Hunger program thanking them for funding support in the amount of \$4,000 approved at Town Meeting.

The Board received a letter from the NH DOT informing them that rumble strips will be installed along the center line and/or shoulder of Suncook Valley Road (Route 28). Morgan requested that Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, get clarification as to whether the rumble strips will be installed along the section of Route 28 in Ossipee.

The Board received an email from Property Liability Trust informing them that they would not continue to provide property liability, worker's compensation or unemployment compensation insurance coverage to the NH public sector beginning 7/1/2016.

Programming updates were received from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received notice of upcoming regional energy efficiency workshops to be hosted by Eversource Energy, formerly PSNH. Morgan announced the first workshop will be held in Portsmouth on 5/5/2015.

The Board received a letter from NH DOT acknowledging approval of Change Orders 1 and 2 for the Whittier Covered Bridge project.

The Board received a letter from Medication Bridge thanking them for funding support in the amount of \$913 approved at Town Meeting.

The Board received a letter from Assessor Todd Haywood regarding a request for Charitable Exemption received from the Ossipee Valley Masonic Lodge. Haywood states that the organization does not meet the exemption requirements according to NH RSA 72:23 VI. Haywood recommends denial of the exemption and suggests the Board choose to abate the taxes rather than grant the exemption. Morgan made a motion to recognize the Ossipee Valley Masonic Lodge as a charitable organization. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that the next construction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 AM.

Library Roof – Harriman reported that the requests for bids for the masonry and copper work are out. He also reported that the contractor is tentatively scheduled to begin the roofing repair in June but he would like the masonry and copper work to be completed prior to laying the new shingles. Harriman further stated that he requested updated material quotes and will have them available for review at next week's meeting.

Morgan asked if a response had been received from the Water and Sewer Commissioners regarding the Board's request for an abatement. White answered that they have not and added that they do not meet again until the first Monday of next month.

New Business:

White stated that three positions on the Conservation Commission expired on 3/31/2015 and the minutes from the April meeting stated that Donna Gridley will be seeking a one year term and Ron Larrivee will be seeking a two year term. Morgan requested that the Conservation Commission submit their recommendations in writing to the Board of Selectmen.

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

Public Input:

Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, asked the Board for their feedback on the Representative forum held a few weeks ago. Morgan answered that he was happy with the attendance and questions asked. Ed Comeau stated that there were approximately 300 views of the video feed from the forum. Morgan added that he looks forward to hosting future forums.

Harriman reminded everyone that Earth Day will be honored at the Transfer Station this Saturday, 4/25.

Morgan announced that the Rabies Clinic will take place on Thursday, 4/23/2015 in the Town Hall Gym where rabies vaccinations will be administered for a reduced fee of \$10.00.

Comeau questioned when the next forum will take place. White answered that it will be on the first Monday in August (8/3/2015). Comeau stated that Brookfield and Wakefield have been discussing hosting a similar forum.

Holyoake requested clarification on the tax-exempt status of the Ossipee Valley Masonic Lodge. Morgan answered that the Assessor recommended denial of their tax-exempt status based on guidelines set by the Department of Revenue but the Board of Selectmen has the authority to review the organizations' purpose annually to determine whether they qualify.

Comeau announced that the next Delegation Meeting is scheduled for 5/4/2015 to review the County budget issues. Morgan stated that the budget issues should be monitored by taxpayers as there are significant issues that need to be addressed and they will impact the tax rate. Comeau stated that the agenda for the meeting also includes the appointment of the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer.

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

Adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 4/27/2015