Selectmen's Meeting #1 Monday, April 27, 2015

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

White presented the Board with an email received from Lynette Nason stating that she and Todd Nason would not be able to attend their scheduled meeting today. The email requested a response from the Selectmen on how they arrived to the determination that no zoning violations related to their complaint.

Morgan discussed sending another letter in response reaffirming there were no zoning violations found during the inspection. White informed the Board that she has informed the Town Attorney on the matter and questioned whether they would like him to provide a response. The Board agreed. Morgan stated that no further separate meetings will be scheduled related to this issue and any new developments could be brought forth in public input.

A request to move funds into the Police Department's drug forfeiture account was reviewed and approved.

Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, entered the meeting at 3:05 PM.

Skehan presented the Board with an updated spreadsheet of the properties eligible for tax sale that included the amounts of uncollected tax and additional expenses to be reimbursed through the tax sale.

White presented the Board with an email from Rick Sager who runs a side business called NH Tax Deed Auctions. The email presented an overview of the service he would provide at a 10% buyers commission. Discussion took place on using this option as a way to get the properties back on the tax rolls. White was asked to set up a meeting with Sager to obtain more information about the process.

Four properties that will be offered for tax sale require a 90-day notice to the former owners. White will work on a letter to be mailed to them for the first week in May.

Discussion took place on the possibility of creating a new Town cemetery from two of the lots eligible for tax sale. A visit to the properties in question will be made to determine whether they are a possibility.

Freeman stated that the cemetery owned by the Moultonville Methodist Church may be available for purchase. Discussion took place on the potential expansion of the Grant Hill Cemetery. Further research and future discussion will take place on these two options.

Skehan was dismissed at 3:40 PM.

White presented an updated draft copy of the new Employee Manual and asked that the Board review for further revisions.

White stated that the computer in the Planning and Zoning Office is now password protected. White then presented the Board with a request received from Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski to access and use the Planning and Zoning Office computer to send and receive correspondence as the Chairman of the Planning Board. The Board agreed that the computer is for Town employee use, by the Boards and Commission Secretary, and any correspondence should go through her.

Discussion took place on the Water and Sewer Department. Morgan questioned what can be done to turn the billing and collection of water and sewer charges back over to the department. White informed the Board that she has sought guidance from the Town Attorney. The Board requested that further guidance on the matter be provided to them by the end of May.

White questioned how the Board will be handing the cell phone reimbursement request for the Police Department. The Board agreed to pro-rate the reimbursement for four months.

Brief discussion took place on the uniform stipend for the Police Department. White will set up a meeting with Police Chief Eldridge for further discussion.

White informed the Board that she has received a verbal resignation from the Dog Officer, effective May 25, 2015. White will gather the applications from last year's job posting in search for qualified candidates.

Being no further input, the workshop adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 5/4/2015