

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2018
(Revised 5.21.2018)**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Call to Order:

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance by Roll Call:

Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan and Martha Eldridge. Selectman Sandra Martin was absent-excused.

Public Input:

Frank Burke, Ossipee Mountain Road, questioned the paving schedule stating that Ossipee Mountain Road has been on the top of the schedule for several years but other roads have been paved that are lower on the list. Morgan responded that Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, is attending to a family emergency but will return next week. He further stated that there is a five and ten year road plan. Burke stated that he has been supplying water and calcium chloride to the area in front of his house to help with dust control.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session held on 4/30/2018. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll and Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 5/5/2018 in the amount of \$142,865.00. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 4/30/2018 in the amount of \$22,144.94. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 4/30/2018 was in the amount of \$6,801.42. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews each invoice before it is approved in the weekly manifest totals.

Review of Red Folder:

Morgan announced that Roland Millette has expressed his interest in serving as a Budget Committee member. Morgan made a motion to appoint him to the Budget Committee. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. White stated that there are still two vacancies on the Budget Committee.

Morgan announced that a representative for Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter will be available to address constituent questions and concerns on Tuesday, 5/15/2018 from 8:30-10:30 AM at the Town Hall.

The Board received a memo from Harriman reviewing the total cost of the paving bids as follows:

1. F.R. Carroll, Inc	5,250 tons @ \$62.80/ton	\$329,700.00
2. R & D Paving, Inc.	5,250 tons @ \$68.39/ton	\$359,047.50
3. Pike Industries, Inc.	5,250 tons @ \$71.50/ton	\$375,375.00

Harriman recommends awarding the paving contract to F.R. Carroll, Inc. noting they had the contract last year and five years prior to that. Morgan made a motion to approve Harriman's recommendation of F.R. Carroll. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Kingswood Regional High School Guidance Office regarding the Lyford Merrow Scholarship. Scholarship applications are due on 5/25/2018 and the award ceremony will take place on 6/7/2018. Morgan stated that Bob Freeman has handled the scholarship selection in the past along with the Superintendent, Principal, and Guidance Office. He then suggested the appointment of Eldridge to handle the review of the scholarship applications. Eldridge accepted.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$347.48 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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A Cemetery Deed for a cemetery lot in the Grant Hill Cemetery was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Rick St. Jean informing them of his resignation from the Trustees of Trust Funds effective 5/4/2018 due to a conflict with his membership on other Town Boards. A second letter received from St. Jean requests consideration for the vacant position on the Planning Board. Morgan requested a letter of recommendation be provided from the Planning Board prior to making the appointment. The resignation and request for appointment will be tabled until the Planning Board provides their recommendation.

The Board received a copy of a check from the State of NH in the amount of \$923.17 for State Forest and Lands located in the Town.

The Board received a letter from the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Development Council requesting the appointment of a representative and alternate to the Council. Morgan stated that Donna Gridley has held this position in the past and asked Ash Fischbein, Ossipee Economic Development Council Chair, if Gridley has interest in continuing to serve as Ossipee's representative. Fischbein confirmed. Morgan made a motion to appoint Donna Gridley as Ossipee's Representative to the Mt. Washington Valley Economic Council. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Fischbein will inform the Board of anyone wishing to serve as an alternate following tonight's work session.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 5/5/2018.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of April. The total collected was in the amount of \$6,779.60.

The Board received an emailed question from Joy Gagnon requesting ideas for supplying water to the raised garden beds that were installed behind Ossipee Concerned Citizens through the Harvard Pilgrim Community Garden Grant through the efforts of GALA, OCC and UNH Cooperative Extension. Morgan suggested reaching out to Wayne Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, and Bill Eldridge, Highway Foreman, to see what they have for recommendations. Tim Otterbach suggested installing gutters on the OCC building that would dispense into rain barrels.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$82.86 for scrap metal recycling.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$518.77 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 5/5/2018 in the amount of \$3,308.71 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$3,810.00 for septic hauler fees was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for an Abatement was received from Kim Altomare for the property located at 53 Route 16B. The request is to refund the amount of \$108.01 due to the pit water meter bleed from December through March to prevent the water line from freezing up at the street. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Nothing new to report.

Sidewalks – Nothing new to report.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Nothing new to report.

White Pond Boat Ramp – White stated that Executive Counselor Joe Kenney and the NH DOT Commissioner met Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, at the Boat Ramp shortly after 6:00 PM on 4/30/2018 and Harriman has since provided Kenney with information from the Town's files on the ownership history and the Town's ability to maintain its right-of-way up to the boat ramp. Kenney will be reviewing this information for further clarification on the boat ramp's maintenance responsibilities. White stated that no action has been taken on NH DES' request for an after-the-fact wetlands permit application.

Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium Painting RFP – White stated that she reviewed the proposal received from Ernie Hayford with Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and received his recommendation. Morgan made a motion to award the painting contract to Ernie Hayford. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated the plan is to go with a light grey wall and dark blue trim to update the look of the gymnasium and match the new flooring.

New Business:

Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery Roofing & Siding RFP – No proposals were received. Morgan announced that the Town is seeking proposals to redo the roof and siding on the house at the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan re-opened the meeting to Public Input.

Public Input #2:

Tim Otterbach, Conservation Commission member, questioned the status of the trailhead parking area for the conservation property on Beech River. Morgan responded that the Conservation Commission was to meet with Brad Harriman to review the scope of work to be completed. Otterbach was referred to speak with Harriman regarding a plan that was to be drafted by White Mountain Survey.

Otterbach also questioned the status of the cleanup of the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains site. Morgan responded that Joe Deighan, Conservation Commission Chairman, was also scheduled to meet with Harriman for a site visit.

Cole Perry questioned whether water was supposed to be supplied at the Route 25 boat ramp so boats could be washed off to prevent the spread of milfoil. He stated that signs posted on the property state this. Morgan stated that the signs request that vegetation be removed, not that the boats have to be washed prior to launching them.

Perry questioned what will be done with the Ossipee Valley Community House stating that the back wall of the building is falling in. Morgan responded that there has been a question of ownership for several years. Conduct Billings, Trustee of Trust Funds, stated that research conducted by Ann Aiton found that the Association that was charged with the buildings upkeep is now defunct and has not filed appropriate paperwork with the State in over 20 years. Morgan stated that it was found that it was not a Town building. Billings responded that the Town claims it on their tax roll. Discussion took place on removing the building and increasing the cemetery onto the 1-acre parcel the building sits on. Morgan requested the information be brought forward to the Cemetery Trustees to see if they have any interest in pursuing additional cemetery lot space.

Ash Fischbein, Ossipee Economic Development Council, stated that they have a presentation ready to present to the Selectmen next Monday. Morgan requested the presentation take place around 4:30 PM.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, announced the Governor Wentworth Regional School District School Board Meeting is tonight at 7:00 PM at the Kingswood Middle School.

Comeau questioned if any Selectmen attended the site visit at the White Pond Boat Ramp. Morgan responded that they did not but Harriman did and will be able to report on it at next week's meeting.

Morgan invited the public for comment on whether the fees for the disposal of items at the Transfer Station should be removed. Lois Sweeney suggested a higher facility sticker fee, then allowing people to dispose of anything.

Fischbein questioned what the \$6,900 collected in Transfer Station revenue for the month of April consisted of. Morgan responded that it is for a variety of items. White added that there are daily sheets that account for the types of items disposed of for a fee. Discussion took place on the revenue generated versus the disposal costs, and the staffing at the facility. Additional discussion took place on eliminating the fees but maintaining proper protocols to ensure it is only trash from Ossipee that is being disposed of. Morgan stated the issue with illegal dumping sites that are present throughout the Town and stated that without a proper plan in place to mitigate the issue and change the dynamic, illegal dumping will continue. Recycling efforts were discussed. Tires, glass and paper commodities are flooding the recycling community and there is currently no market. Morgan noted that the employees at the Transfer Station are separating precious metals to get the most money out of the recycling returns, while aluminum is baled and stockpiled until the market

return is good. Otterbach questioned if it would be worthwhile to regionalize the recycling efforts. Morgan was unsure and suggested it be a good question for Harriman.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 4:15 PM.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

ABSENT

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 5/14/2018