

Selectmen's Work Session & Non-Public Session
Monday, July 23, 2018

Chairman Morgan called the Work Session to order at 3:00 PM. This meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan and Martha Eldridge, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Selectman Sandra Martin was absent due to a work commitment. Also present was Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, and Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor.

Transfer Station Fees:

Harriman presented a memo and spreadsheet outlining the expenses and fees collected from the Transfer Station from 2013-2017 for review.

Morgan stated that Duncan Lake is being used more often and positive comments are being received. Harriman stated that the permit required to add beach sand has a \$200.00 fee that the NH DES will not waive. This permit will allow up to 10 yards maximum of fill to be brought in and would have to be applied for each year the Town decides to add more.

Harriman stated that he has conducted a lot of research and has come to the consensus that an increase in the disposal items will increase the cost to dispose of the items. Vittum stated that the contractors are used to the system as it is now and they are very good about requesting a weigh-in when necessary.

Morgan stated that he does not want to encourage out of town dumping as a result of any change. It was agreed that there would be no way to track it.

Morgan stated that the second free day has been beneficial as a means to cut down on illegal dumping around town and Selectman Martin has suggested consideration of adding two more per year. Harriman stated that the cost to host the free dump day is approximately \$15,000 and would require appropriate budgeting. Morgan discussed a few items of concern in relation to the free day including disposal of 3 RV's to be demolished. Vittum stated that RV's and boats require additional tear down requirement to separate out the materials.

Vittum questioned if the Board reviewed the letter submitted by Morton Leavitt. Morgan confirmed.

Eldridge stated that she is not in favor of eliminating the fees and further stated that no complaints about the fees have been received in the past or present so it is a non-issue. She stated that the fees in place are consistent and you must have revenue to help offset some of the cost. Harriman stated that the fee structure was adjusted slightly a few years ago for electronics and tire disposal.

Discussion took place on the commercial charge accounts and the variety of items that are disposed of by a few of the businesses.

Harriman and Vittum were dismissed at 3:25 PM.

Tax Matter:

John Ruckenbrod, 14 Evergreen Lane, and Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, were present for the discussion.

Ruckenbrod confirmed there to be no need for the discussion to take place in Non-Public Session. He stated that he was served for a 2015 tax lien last week and discussed several discrepancies on his property assessment card that were brought to the attention of the Town Assessor in 2012. Ruckenbrod stated that

he felt pillaged by the Assessor and was not able to invest the time to correct the matter further. Skehan confirmed that property taxes are due for the 2013 tax year through to current.

Ruckenbrod stated that he purchased his RV in 1996 and it is 398 square feet which fell below the requirement of being taxed. He questioned when a change was made that made his RV taxable. Morgan explained that all RV's are taxable if they are not registered. He also explained that it is their obligation to all taxpayers to ensure that others are paying their fair assessment of the tax burden. Morgan stated that the Board wants to work with him but that requires him to meet with the Assessor to correct the incorrect data. Morgan stated that Assessor Todd Haywood will be in touch in the next 1-2 weeks to make an appointment.

Ruckenbrod requested a copy of the meeting minutes be sent to him by email. Ruckenbrod was dismissed at 3:40 PM.

Non-Public Session:

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter at 3:42 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Eldridge answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 3:47 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The work session reconvened at 3:47 PM. Skehan was dismissed.

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Review of Red Folders, Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests:

The Accounts Payable Manifest, Red Folder and Water & Sewer Red Folder were reviewed.

Discussion:

White presented the draft agreement for the cable franchise agreement for review and discussed the conversation held with Attorney Kate Miller last week regarding an extension of the cable service.

Non-Public Session:

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) for an acquisition at 4:00 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Eldridge answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 4:10 PM. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Being no further input, the work session was adjourned. Adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

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