

Selectmen's Work Sessions
Monday, August 27, 2018

Chairman Morgan called the Work Session to order at 11:00 AM. The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan and Sandra Martin, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Selectman Martha Eldridge was absent. Also present were Richard Prunier, Jesse Prunier, and Jessica Cole.

Joint Meeting – Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery:

Also present were Richard Prunier, Jesse Prunier, and Jessica Cole.

White informed those present that the Town Attorney has advised the Town to issue a letter to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests requesting their interpretation on the operation of the fish hatchery as an acceptable use for the land as per the conservation easement. White stated that once that is received in writing, the properties will be offered back to the State of NH.

Discussion took place on what will happen if the State refuses to repurchase the property. Cole expressed concern with the expiration of the existing lease. White responded that if there is a delay, an extension of the existing lease for one year is possible. Further discussion took place on whether the conservation easement would carry onto the 4.5 acre parcel containing the fish hatchery if it were to be subdivided and sold separately.

White was asked to obtain a timeline from Attorney Sager and see if it is feasible to anticipate a warrant for the 2019 Town Meeting.

Richard Prunier stated that he spoke with NH Fish and Game and they informally do not appear to have any interest in taking back ownership of the property.

Morgan informed the Prunier's that a realtor will be conducting a market analysis on the property in preparation for the sale.

Morgan discussed the recent article in the Carroll County Independent stating that the article headline did not accurately depict the research and work that has been completed on the Sumner Brook property. Martin stated that she will be addressing the issue during tonight's meeting. J. Prunier questioned if it would be helpful for him to be present to speak on behalf of the fish hatchery and offer their support in the mission. Morgan welcomed him to attend any Selectmen's Meetings.

Being no further discussion, the work session was recessed at 11:43 AM.

Chairman Morgan called the Work Session to order at 3:45 PM. The following meeting was held in the upstairs conference room at Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Sandra Martin, and Martha Eldridge, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Review of Red Folders, Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests:

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

Revised Revenues Review:

White presented the draft revised revenues and stated that she has requested updated projections from Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. According to a comparison of the current revenues, the estimates are on track with the projections presented at Town Meeting.

White stated that she will be submitting the revised revenues to DRA on Friday, along with the MS-1; both are due 9/1/2018 and are required for the setting of the tax rate. White reported that the Fire Precincts have submitted all of their required documents.

Discussion:

Morgan requested that White contact Gerard Costantino, of Costantino Real Estate, to conduct a market analysis on the Sumner Brook property.

Being no further input, the work session was adjourned. Adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

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