

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 11, 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 due to a work commitment.

Public Input:

None presented.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 6/4/2018. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Finance Meeting, Work Session & Non-Public Session held on 6/4/2018. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that a non-public session was held earlier with the Police Chief to discuss a personnel matter under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and with the Tax Collector to set up payment agreements with taxpayers who are delinquent on their property taxes under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Morgan then made a motion to seal the minutes. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll and Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/9/2018 in the amount of \$99,073.47. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/4/2018 in the amount of \$44,613.26. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 6/4/2018 was in the amount of \$4,631.59. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that the Board reviews all invoices before the totals are approved in the weekly manifest.

Review of Red Folder:

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received from Roberta Scheiss Rumsis for the camper located at 115 Newman Drew Road (Map 17, Lot 1, Sub Lot C07). The request in the amount of \$188.90 is due because the camper was registered and should not have received a tax bill in 2017. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received from John Cooney for the camper located at 1 Terrace Pines Road (Map 104, Lot 14003, Sub Lot 2). The request in the amount of \$52.00 is due because the camper was registered and should not have received a tax bill. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received from Roberta Scheiss Rumsis for the camper located at 115 Newman Drew Road (Map 17, Lot 1, Sub Lot C07). The request in the amount of \$71.00 is due because the camper was registered and should not have received a tax bill in 2018. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Administrative Abatement was received from David L. Babson, Jr. for the property located on Browns Ridge Road (Map 278, Lot 4). The request in the amount of \$1,789.00 is due because the Town erroneously merged this property with another lot. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Administrative Abatement was received from Erwin C. and Inger M. Young for the property located at 35 Moultonville Road (Map 92, Lot 54). The request in the amount of \$1,857.48 is due because the property should have been exempt in 2015 pursuant to RSA 204-C: 49 when it was under the ownership of NH Housing Finance Authority. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Joel Hayford requesting the use of 4 tables and 30 chairs for a graduation party on 6/16/2018. Due to a Penny Sale previously scheduled and approved at the Town Hall on the same date, Morgan made a motion to approve the contract contingent upon availability. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. White stated that tables and chairs could be borrowed from the Freight House.

An Application for an Outdoor Event was presented by the OCS PTO for a Color Run 5K Road Race to be held on 9/22/2018. Morgan made a motion to approve the applicant contingent upon satisfactory approval from all departments. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Colleen Fawne Decato, Trustee of the Coldan Farm for the property located on Goldsmith Road (Map 252, Lot 41). The intent is to cut 3 acres from the 3.6 acre parcel and the logger listed is Tim Nolin. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Carroll County Home for the property located at 96 Water Village Road (Map 257, Lot 13). The intent is to cut 3 acres from the 215 acre parcel and the logger listed is William Dunn. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter drafted to the Boards of Selectmen of the towns in the Governor Wentworth Regional School District asking if they are in favor of the formation of a budget committee for the School District budget was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that Selectman Martin was in favor of this proposal and suggested she sign the letter before it is mailed.

A letter addressed to the State of NH DES affirming the Board's decision to not file an after-the-fact wetlands permit application for work completed at the White Pond Boat Ramp was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Officer Kim Hatch thanking her for the assistance she gave to a call at White Lake State Park was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 6/9/2018.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 6/6/2018.

The Board received a Notice of Decision from the Planning Board acknowledging a Site Plan Review Amendment that was approved for the property located at 755 Route 16 for a change of use from distillery to a brewery.

The Board received a Notice of Merger from the Planning Board for the properties located at 4 and 6 Trails End (Map 73, Lots 65 and 66).

Two notices of programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

Morgan opened the proposals received for the work to be completed at the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery property. The proposals are as follows:

Drew & Sons Builders – Metal Roofing	\$8,800.00
Drew & Sons Builders – Vinyl Siding	\$8,400.00

Morgan suggested Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, and Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, review the scope of work and pricing and bring forth a recommendation for the next meeting.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for a Yield Tax in the amount of \$92,799.00 billed to Ossipee Aggregates in error. The correct amount should be \$927.99. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 6/9/2018 in the amount of \$3,492.22 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – Nothing new to report. Morgan requested Harriman obtain an update from NH DOT for the next meeting.

Sidewalks – Harriman reported that he delivered the plans to NH DOT in Gilford last Wednesday and they will be coordinating with the Bureau of Traffic Design to obtain approval on the crosswalks. Morgan stated concern for additional review time that may delay the project completion this fall and questioned whether the plans can move forward without immediate consideration of the crosswalks. Harriman stated he estimates the review process will take 3-4 weeks and then he will be able to circulate bids for the paving and granite curbing. Harriman stated that he will also be subcontracting the cement work for handicap access. Morgan requested Harriman follow up on the status of the plan review at the end of next week.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Nothing new to report.

White Pond Boat Ramp – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

Transfer Station Fees – Eldridge questioned if there is a date when a decision is to be made. Morgan responded that consensus has not been reached as to whether to proceed. Morgan suggested a work session be scheduled with Harriman and Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, to discuss concerns and budgetary impact. Harriman stated that he will begin working on a spreadsheet of the past 3-5 years of income and expenses to review. Morgan suggested the work session be scheduled in three weeks.

Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery – Discussed earlier in the meeting. White stated that a meeting has been tentatively scheduled with the tenants to review the lease renewal.

New Business:

None presented.

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

Public Input #2:

Ed Comeau, State Representative, stated that he emailed the results of how all towns voted related to the school budget. He questioned the votes casted in comparison to the number of voters in Ossipee. He will continue to evaluate the numbers to see if he can determine how many did not vote out of protest. Morgan stated that he was aware there would be an increase but had he known how much impact it would have, he would have discussed it prior to voting to get the awareness out to the public. Ash Fischbein stated that he has been contacted by several people with concern with the impact Ossipee will see. He questioned why Ossipee was so highly impacted in comparison to other towns. The formula of 75% daily attendance and 25% equalized assessed value was discussed as the means for calculating the amount due by Ossipee. Further discussion took place on the proposed budget and default budget. Morgan spoke in favor of transparency and review of the finances to help with controlling spending to be more in line with the growth. Comeau questioned if the proposed budget committee would be appointed or elected. Morgan stated that it has not been discussed but likely would be elected.

Fischbein discussed the lack of understanding of the tax bill and how it is divided. He suggested educating the taxpayers on how it works for a better understanding. He then questioned whether it would be worthwhile to have Ossipee's representative to the School Board attend the Selectmen's Meeting. Comeau responded that this was attempted in Brookfield but one member is not allowed to speak on behalf of the School Board. Comeau suggested inviting the Superintendent.

Condit Billings, Trustee of Trust Funds, reported that a total of \$10,000 in Lyford Merrow Scholarships were awarded to seven students last Thursday; three post-grad and four graduating.

Marie McConarty reported on the final preparations that have been made for the Ossipee Old Home Week Block Party on 6/23/2018 stating there will be food, two bands, an antique car show, recreation games, vendors, dunk tank, and more. Morgan stated his support for the Ossipee Old Home Week Committee and all they do through fundraising efforts.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 18, 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 6/18/2018