

Selectmen's Meeting

02/10/14

Chairman Harry C. Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were: Robert C. Freeman, Richard H. Morgan and Martha B. Eldridge, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on Feb. 03, 2014. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 02/08/14 was submitted in the amount of \$45,883.69. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 02/08/14 was submitted in the amount of \$167,745.02. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Contract was received from the Center Ossipee Firemen's Association to use the town hall on April 11th from 4:00 pm thru 9:00 pm & April 12th from 12:00 noon thru 11:00 pm for Ham Night. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Use of Facility Contract was received from Carlene Contois to use the gym March 2nd from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm for a baby shower. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Work Log for the week ending 02/08/14 was received.

An abatement application from NH Housing Finance Authority was received. The NH Housing Finance Authority is tax exempt. Merrow made a motion to approve this abatement. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A License to Sell Pistols and Revolvers was received from Mark Pagliuca, DBA Banshee Firearms was submitted for approval. Merrow made a motion to approve this license. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. The Board questioned when the license is to expire. Eldridge was asked to check this.

The Board signed the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting.

The Board received and read a thank you note to Justin Swift from a little girl who appreciated the help Swift gave her and her grandmother.

The Board received updates from Time Warner Cable TV.

An Intent to Cut was received from Matthew MacKoul, Trustee of MacKoul Realty Trust, to cut a sixty-eight acre parcel of land located on Ossipee Mountain Rd. Map 63 Lot 11. The logger listed is Perley A. Ryder. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board signed a letter to Todd Nason informing him that the supervision of his position and his brothers has been turned over to the Public Works Director.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,247.38 was submitted. Merrow made a motion to sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for January of 2014 was received in the amount of \$1,490.30.

The Board received an invitation from Memorial Hospital in North Conway to a North Country Forum on Diabetes to be held on Feb. 20th.

The Board received a copy of the "Watershed Happenings".

Harriman presented the Board a color chart from the contractor (3 G) to choose the color roofing that would be used in the Whittier Covered Bridge repair project. The Board chose Mansart Brown.

Freeman asked Harriman the status of the card swipe program to be installed at the back entrance to the Selectmen's Office. Harriman stated that he talked with the alarm company today and they are waiting for parts to come and they will install the system.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Merrow opened the meeting to public input.

Chris Goumas addressed the Board referencing his abatement request. Goumas stated that he only has a problem with his assessment of his land value and does not see why the Assessor, T. Haywood is planning on looking at the whole property. Morgan and White explained to him that when an abatement application is filed in this State, it is the law to review the entire parcel. Goumas requested a copy of this RSA.

Kwiatkowski asked when the contract with the cable company expires is the Board going to request that cable lines are extended to the whole town. Eldridge stated that the contract is not due to expire until 2017. Morgan stated that he feels they would be looking to extend the lines but not overly hopeful that this will happen.

Kevin Houle asked the Board if there were any public endorsements for the candidates running for Selectman. The Board replied "Not at this time."

Merrow informed Houle that Candidates Night is scheduled for March 3, 2014 at 6:30 PM.

Houle stated that the taxes in Ossipee are out of line. He suggested tightening the belt and he thinks it is over-staffed at the Recycling Facility.

Morgan responded to Houle by telling him that Ossipee's tax rate is not out of line in comparison to surrounding towns. He reminded Houle that in order to receive the services provided, there is a price tag. Morgan stated that Ossipee has a level of services that require money to provide.

Bonnie Ames, employee of the Recycling Facility, asked if she could respond to Houle's comments. Ames stated that she needs to stick up for the boys. She said that if you come in at certain times, they may not look busy, but you are not there eight (8) hours a day to see what goes on.

Freeman addressed Harriman and stated that they appreciate the hard work from the Highway Dept. during the winter storms.

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

Adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 02/24/2014