

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2015

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 7/13/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Workshop held on 7/13/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/18/2015 in the amount of \$42,514.31. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/11/2015 in the amount of \$66,508.11. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was submitted for the week ending 7/18/2015.

A Request to Abate Interest was received for the property owned by George Denoncour located on Map 238, Lot 7. A clerical error made during the data entry created an overstated value resulting in tax due on the 2015 first half tax bill that will exceed the total amount due for the entire year. The recommendation is to have the taxpayer pay the amount due on the corrected assessment value and abate any interest that accrues between the tax bills. Morgan made a motion to approve the recommendation. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Puchacz Family Revocable Trust for the properties located on Map 123, Lots 6 & 10. There was question on the Assessor's recommendation, so Morgan requested the Request be tabled for further information.

A Request for an Abatement was received from John and Susan Hood for the property located on Map 32, Lot 3. The request is for a revised assessment value of \$275,000 for tax years 2013 and 2014, a reduction of \$127,800 to settle the BTLA appeal filed. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request made to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$40,000 from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of payments made to 3G Construction was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Arnie Martel for the property located on Map 277, Lot 4. The intent is to excavate a total of 1,300 cubic yards of gravel and sand and the taxes are paid. Condict Billings stated that the property owner has not received the required permit from the Planning Board or posted a reclamation bond to operate a gravel permit. Morgan stated that the Planning Board's approval is not a stipulation required for the Board's approval of an Intent to Excavate. Discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. Riley abstained. Majority vote carried.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Cobalt Properties for the property located on Map 124, Lot 15. The Intent is to cut 2.8 acres of the 7.19 acre parcel and the logger listed is Varney & Sons Logging. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Eastern Materials LLC for the properties located on Map 243, Lot 2 and Map 244, Lot 1. The Intent is to cut approximately 200 acres from the combined 403 acres and the logger listed is Greenleaf Products, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on Map 244, Lot 1. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Website Link was received from LilyBug's Country Kitchen. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the results from the NH Division of Public Health Service for the water testing conducted at the Mill Pond Beach. The samples collected were found to be within the acceptable range.

Morgan announced the dates of two Public Hearings scheduled for Monday, 7/27/2015 and Monday, 8/10/2015, both at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall to discuss the acceptance of a donated parcel of land located at 2 Danville Road. Morgan stated property information is available in the Selectmen's Office.

Morgan announced they are now accepting applications for the position of Laborer. The application deadline is 4:30 PM on Friday, 7/31/2015.

Programming updates were received from Time Warner Cable.

A copy of the Application for the Annual Payment of State Grant to the NH Department of Environmental Services for the Water Filtration Grant was submitted. The total amount of the application is \$11,713.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman reported that he received the final draft of Change Order #3 and noted the total amount to be \$95,769.80. Harriman will be verifying the figures with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates to confirm that they agree with the figures presented during the meeting of 7/8/2015. Conduct Billings reported the balance of the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Fund, after reimbursements, is \$139,000.

Library Roof –Harriman reported that the roof should be complete next Friday and added that Jay Hounsell is completing the additional masonry work.

Town Hall Chimney Repair- Harriman reported that Hounsell completed the brickwork repair in the basement today.

Morgan questioned the status of the tree removal at Depot Square. Harriman answered that he has not scheduled work with Dan Libby and anticipates it will be completed in the late summer or early fall. The Board requested the removal soon. A dead tree at the intersection of Ossipee Mountain Road and Moultonville Road was discussed as requiring removal.

Riley questioned the bond requirement for the Intent to Excavate. White answered that it is only required when the property taxes have not been paid.

New Business:

Dorothy Solomon who was scheduled for discussion on veteran's transitional housing did not attend the meeting.

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

Public Input:

Julie Rosiak questioned what will be done to complete the needed work at Duncan Lake Beach. She stated that the heavy rain often washes sections of the beach out and the recent storm resulted in several sharp boulders and a tree stump becoming exposed at the base of the walkway. Rosiak expressed concern for the safety of children and other beach goers. Harriman discussed the issue with Shoreland Protection not allowing the use of any equipment use but added that they will be adding stone, covered by sand to help with proper drainage.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and (e) at 4:43 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Freeman answered yes, Riley answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:00 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:00 PM.

Morgan announced the Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 7/22/2015 at 7:00 PM at the Freight House and the first Public Hearing for the acceptance of donated land is next Monday, 7/27/2015 at 5:00 PM.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, informed the Board of a regulation regulating weapons on town beaches in the Town of Milton. Upon review of Ossipee's Regulations for Use of Recreation Areas, Comeau found that Ossipee also prohibits firearms. Comeau stated that the Town's cannot regulate weapon possession per RSA 159:26. The Board agreed to review the Regulations.

Morgan questioned whether the Water and Sewer Commissioners have provided the background check on their newly hired employee. White answered that they have not. Morgan made a motion to send a letter from the Board insisting the background check be turned in. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan suggested involving the Town Attorney.

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

Adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 7/27/2015