

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, August 24, 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 8/17/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 8/17/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/22/2015 in the amount of \$39,573.56. 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 8/15/2015 in the amount of \$1,101,102.50, including accounts payable of \$125,479.50 and a payment to Governor Wentworth Regional School District of \$975,623.00. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, questioned if payments are still being made without borrowing. Morgan confirmed stating that last year funds were borrowed from the Tax Anticipation Note in March and this year they have yet to borrow. He added that following today's disbursements there is a balance of approximately \$818,000 remaining in the General Fund. Morgan gave credit to the finance team, open communication, and planned purchasing.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 8/22/2015.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Chun Hui and John Avery for the property located on Map 224, Lot 9. The Intent is to cut 5 acres of the 6.2 acre parcel and the logger listed is Troey Dore. 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.

A letter addressed to Tammy Badge addressing her concerns with drainage issues she has alleged to be damaging her property on Lower Beacham Hill was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the 2012 Foresight Realty Trust for the properties located on Map 239, Lot 1 and Map 242, Lot 2. The Assessor recommends granting an abatement of penalties and interest that has accrued for tax years 2013 and 2014 when the properties were unwarrantedly taken out of current use. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement Request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was submitted by Eversource Energy who will be installing a new utility pole on Moultonville Road. Morgan made a motion to sign the License. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The GIS Services Maintenance Agreement was submitted by CAI Technologies who hosts the Town's online tax map software and provides user support. Morgan stated that the agreement has an annual fee of \$500 which is unchanged from prior years. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An email received by Ellen White from Dover's Mayor Karen Weston states that Ossipee is one of 44 underfunded communities that the State of NH does not fully fund in education Adequacy Aid. Weston requests the attendance of local officials and school boards at a meeting to discuss the underfunding at the NH Municipal Association on 8/25/2015 at 6:00 PM. Morgan requested the information be forwarded to the School Board.

Programming updates were received from Time Warner Cable.

The Annual Financial Report as of 6/30/2015 for the Lord Scholarship Fund was received from the University of New Hampshire. Morgan stated that of the total \$32,500 in scholarships awarded, only one recipient was from Ossipee.

The Board received a memo from Secretary Sue Simpson acknowledging a compliment received from Dana Merrow for the work being performed by the Highway crew on Paddy Acre Road.

New Business:

Ken Robichaud introduced himself as the new County Administrator. Morgan welcomed him and offered any assistance that the Board can provide to him. Morgan then expressed his concern for the setting of the tax rate. Robichaud stated that a meeting has been scheduled for 9/9/2015 to act on the supplemental budget. Robichaud also reported that Bank of New Hampshire released \$2.3 million of the \$4.5 million Tax Anticipation Note. Morgan wished Robichaud good luck in his new position.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that he has been unofficially informed that the NH DOT has approved the funding of Change Order #3. Harriman stated that the Town portion will be approximately \$19,000. Morgan asked if Harriman has had a chance to review the expendable trust balance with the Trustees. Harriman stated that he will be meeting with Trustee Billings to review the figures and incoming reimbursements.

Library Masonry Repairs – Harriman stated that Jay Hounsell should be done the end of this week or by the first of next week.

Tree Removal – Harriman reported that the tree on Depot Square Street is in the process of being removed. He stated that Dan Libby will not be able to remove the tree at the intersection of Moultonville Road and Ossipee Mountain Road so he will be seeking another company to do the removal.

Sumner Brook Chimney Repair – Harriman stated that he has received a quote from Jay Hounsell to install a double flue chimney. Harriman then reviewed potential issues and extra costs that would be associated with that option. Morgan stated that the Conservation Commission has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday and requested that Harriman gather the information for their decision.

Morgan questioned the status of the engineering for the proposed Highway Garage addition. Harriman stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Bowen Corp. this Wednesday at 9:00 AM at which time they will be reviewing preliminary plans and hopefully an estimate. Holyoake questioned what is to be done. Morgan answered that the Highway Garage has not received any improvements since the late 70's and they are working toward adding more storage for the equipment in addition to adding a mechanic's bay with a lift. Freeman stated that he will be in attendance at Wednesday's meeting.

Board/Commission Vacancies – Morgan announced that there are currently three vacancies; one on the Conservation Commission, one Trustee of Trust Funds and one Cemetery Trustee. Morgan stated that these are very important positions that need to be filled, especially on the smaller Boards of three members where an absence can delay important decisions being made. Julie Rosiak stated there is also a vacancy on

the Budget Committee. Morgan stated that the Budget Committee has the authority to appoint that vacancy.

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

Public Input:

Babson reviewed his knowledge of the Lord Scholarship Fund and questioned how the fund is being managed, stating that it has gained very little since the 1970's. Discussion took place on the lack of recipients from the towns that are to be given priority; Ossipee and Tamworth. Additional discussion took place on how to get the information about the various scholarships available out to Ossipee residents.

Dawn Jesus informed the Board of a confrontation she had at the Duncan Lake Town Beach with staff from the Adventurer Campground which resulted in the Police being called. She stated that she was told that she was not allowed to swim outside the bounds of the swim buoys by the campground staff and the Police Officer agreed. Discussion took place on what can be restricted from use including the rocks to the right of the Town Beach, but not anything surrounded by water which is the property of the State of NH. Morgan requested that Jesus speak with the Police Chief to address the situation.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, commented on the Delegation Meeting scheduled on 9/9/2015 at 10 AM, stating that it should be moved to a time in the evening so the public is able to attend. Discussion ensued.

Rosiak expressed her thanks for the repair completed at the Duncan Lake Town Beach. She questioned if money could be budgeted to properly fix the area of concern adequately rather than as it washes out.

Condict Billings reiterated the need for the vacancies to be filled on the various Boards. Rosiak asked for a description of the duties of a Trustee. Billings reviewed the responsibilities and added that the Trustees are responsible for managing approximately \$2.2 million in trust funds.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 5:01 PM. Roll call vote was taken. Morgan answered yes, Freeman answered yes, and Riley answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 5:32 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:33 PM.

Morgan stated the Conservation Commission meeting is scheduled for tomorrow at 7:00 PM.

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

Adjourned at 5:34 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 8/31/2015