

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, September 21, 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 9/14/2015. 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 9/14/2015. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/19/2015 in the amount of \$37,378.75. 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 9/12/2015 in the amount of \$82,037.46. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 9/19/2015.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$0.00 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Jean C. Dietzel Revocable Trust of 2014 for the property located on Map 35, Lot 10. The Assessor recommends denying the request as there was no taxpayer's opinion of value given. Morgan made a motion to deny the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Ronald A. Plante, Jr. for the property located on Map 65, Lot 16. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$30,000 resulting in a refund of \$584.10 to bring the value in line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from ARC CBOSPNH001, LLC (Citizens Bank) for the property located on Map 123, Lot 21. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$50,900 resulting in a refund of \$1,020.03 to bring the value in line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Ossipee Chipping for the property located on Map 68, Lot 6. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$152,200 resulting in a refund of \$2,963.33 to bring the value in line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from John A. Francis for the property located on Map 52, Lot 47. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$53,916 resulting in a refund of \$1,049.74 to bring the value in line with current market values. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to Sullivan Tire of Maine, LLC in the amount of \$1,676.64 for the purchase of snow tires for the police cruisers was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the purchase order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of the consent calendar agenda from the Governor and Executive Councilor's Meeting that took place on 9/16/2015.

The Board received a copy of the Annual Report from Lakes Region Planning Commission. Morgan requested that White forward a copy to Rick St. Jean.

The Board received programming updates from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a copy of a Notice of Decision from the ZBA for the approval of a special exception granted to the property located at 110 Hodsdon Shore Road.

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The Board received a letter from Plodzik & Sanderson acknowledging the completion of the audit for the year ended December 31, 2014. Morgan stated that many deficiencies were corrected and the Board is very satisfied with the results of the audit.

The Board received the results from the NH Department of Revenue's monitoring activity of the sales being used for the 2015 valuation update.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that work is progressing on the bridge and anticipates a completion date of late December for this phase. Morgan questioned the status of the next phase. Harriman answered that it is in the negotiation phase where he and Hoyle, Tanner and Associates are awaiting approval from the NH DOT. The final phase covers putting the bridge back on the abutments and over the river. Harriman stated that he anticipates amendments to be done this fall and will be put out to bid in the spring. Lastly, Harriman added that he reviewed the financial status and there are sufficient funds in the reserve to cover the expenses.

Library Masonry Repairs – Harriman stated that Jay Hounsell should be substantially done Wednesday-Thursday this week.

Highway Garage – Morgan stated that the Board is in receipt of a proposal from Bauen Corporation including preliminary design costs of \$2,800, structural engineering costs of \$8,000 and architectural costs of \$9,500. Morgan then made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$20,300 to get moving on the project. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested that Harriman inform Bauen Corporation that the Town is ready and committed to move forward.

Fuel Bids – Harriman requested one additional week to compare the bids received as one is more complicated than the other.

New Business:

None presented.

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

Public Input:

Bob Ramsbotham approached the Board with concerns he has with his neighbor, Paulo Litwinczuk, who is hoarding items on his property and along the roadside of this property, and also not keeping his horses contained to his property. Ramsbotham further questioned why the police are not taking action on Litwinczuk's game of "chicken" while operating a vehicle, he swerves into the other lane causing oncoming

traffic to go off the road. Morgan responded that this is the first time the issue has been brought to the Board's attention and he would like to get an update from David Senecal, Zoning Enforcement Officer. He further stated that Ramsbotham can contact the police department for an update on the ongoing court cases Litwinczuk is involved in. Ramsbotham stated that the hoarding has been an ongoing issue brought to the Town's attention two years ago. Morgan stated that the Board will look into it.

Bruce Parsons stated that he attended the Conservation Commission Meeting and expressed interest in becoming a member. The Commission was in favor as stated in their minutes, and a letter was to be sent to the Board of Selectmen. Morgan stated that they have not received the letter yet but did not want to hold up the appointment of someone willing to serve on the Commission. Morgan then made the motion to appoint Bruce Parsons to be a member of the Conservation Commission. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. White stated that she will write a letter acknowledging the appointment and Parsons will have to see the Town Clerk to be sworn in.

Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, questioned if there was any update on the Dorrs Corner Road property. Morgan responded that there is not an active building permit. Holyoake stated that the Open Door Bible Church has been providing assistance and equipment doing site work over the past week.

Morgan stated that he participated in the Take A Walk In Our Shoes Relay this past weekend and the event was very well attended.

Holyoake announced that Carroll County has hired a new Finance Director, Chuck Stuart, who comes from Meredith with school business administration history.

Holyoake questioned how the tax sale went. Morgan answered that the Town netted \$173,100 from the auction and all properties are now back on the tax roll.

Holyoake questioned if there was any update on the Danville Road property. White answered that Senecal has a meeting scheduled with Dan Drew this Thursday to review the plan to clean up the property.

Morgan announced that they still have not borrowed from the tax anticipation note and reported the general fund balance to be \$582,319.22.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) at 4:43 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 5:13 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 5:14 PM.

Ed Comeau announced that the County Commissioner's Meeting is this Wednesday at 8:30 AM.

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

Adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Franklin R. Riley

Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 9/28/2015