

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2014

Selectman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Selectman Merrow was absent.

The Board received a request from the Trustee of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$1,033.29 from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Fund for payment to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. for professional services. Freeman made a motion to approve the request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request from the Trustee of Trust Funds for withdrawal of \$1,733.75 from the Ossipee Sidewalk Expendable Trust Fund for the reimbursement of payment made to White Mountain Survey for professional services. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for week ending 2/22/2014 was received in the amount of \$53,810.22. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for week ending 2/22/2014 was received in the amount of \$953,861.52. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan added that \$918,804 of the accounts payable was for the payment to Governor Wentworth Regional School District.

The Board received an email from NH the Beautiful requesting an order of blue bags for a litter clean-up day. Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that Main Street conducted a clean-up program in the past but did not in 2013. He added that he would head this program this year. Morgan made a motion to submit the order request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the Health and Deputy Health Officer Appointment Form for signature authorizing the appointment of Ellen White to Health Officer. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/10/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 2/15/2014 was received in the amount of \$84,277.98. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 2/15/2014 was received in the amount of \$110,186.56. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a quote from Knight Security in the amount of \$1,135.00 to install the security system at the Freight House. Harriman added that White suggested adding a door chime to the alarm so those inside the building would be alerted of people entering the building. He asked Todd from Knight Security about this and found that it is a programming feature that could be implemented. Morgan made a motion to approve the quote. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A License to Sell Pistols and Revolvers was submitted for signature permitting William D. Harben of 130 Circuit Road to sell guns. Morgan stated that the permit is good for three years. Morgan made a motion to sign the permit. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department work logs were received for weeks ending 2/15/2014 and 2/22/2014.

A vacation request was received. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a request to enter the Municipal Data Sharing Pool to compile Town tax maps and assessment data and make them available to other municipalities. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign this agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Cemetery Deed for plots A & B in Lot #140 in Ossipee Cemetery was presented for signature. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Cemetery Deed for plots C, D, E & F in Lot #140 in Ossipee Cemetery was presented for signature. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Warrant for Excavation Tax was received in the amount of \$202.52. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Lakes Region Planning Commission regarding the expiration of Roger ter Kuile's appointment as Town Representative. They also received a letter from Roger ter Kuile stating that he would not be seeking reappointment. Morgan asked White to inform the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Conservation Commission of the vacancy.

The Board received a request from the Trustee of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$36,381.52 from the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Fund for the reimbursement of benefits paid. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Credit was received. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Credit was received from a surviving spouse. All requirements being met, Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Appeal Settlement Request was received for the property located at 104 Leavitt Road owned by Bruce Madden. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended reduction in assessment in the amount of \$102,000 for the 2012 tax year and \$130,300 for 2013 to settle the BTLA Appeal. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notification from Time Warner Cable that they would be merging with Comcast.

The Board received an email from Lakes Region Planning Commission informing them of upcoming meetings and events.

The Board received notification of programming updates from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a Request for Abatement for the property located at 17 Bay Point Road owned by David Nightingale. Todd Haywood, Assessor, recommended a reduction in assessment in the amount of \$55,200 to settle the BTLA appeal for the 2012 tax year. The assessment for 2013 changed due to furthering of renovations. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$0.00 as no timber was cut. Morgan made a motion to sign and approve the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from John Jeddrey for the property located on Polly's Crossing Road - Map 244, Lot 2. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Harriman reported that he had received the final plans on the Whittier Covered Bridge and had forwarded them to DOT and Hoyle, Tanner & Associates. Once approved, construction will begin. Morgan asked that some type of plans or presentation be made available for viewing at Town Election/Town Meeting.

There was nothing new to report on the intersections of Routes 171 & 28.

New Business:

Morgan stated that they would postpone the Boston Post Cane discussion until Selectman Merrow returned.

Morgan stated he read the minutes of the Conservation Commission which stated no concerns with the Dredge and Fill application submitted by Whit's End Campground but the application requested a delay for further investigation. He asked Jean Hansen to investigate for clarification.

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

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski stated his concern about the number of abatements that were being granted lately. Morgan responded that the Assessor is working to make the assessments fair. The adjustments made last year equated to \$5 million in value being written off but \$7 million was picked up. The adjustments were needed to bring the percentages of waterfront properties back in line with the non-waterfront.

Ski asked if the cemetery mapping had been completed. Morgan stated that it is still in progress; Grant Hill has been completed so far.

Ski discussed the installation of a convex mirror at the Freight House so those occupying the office could see people entering the building. Morgan responded that his understanding is that the door is locked which prompts guest to knock for access.

Ski asked if the Town was seeking approval of overseeing the Lord Scholarship. He added that UNH charges a large fee to oversee the scholarship. Morgan answered that Selectman Merrow was in the process of conducting research. Further discussion ensued on the eligibility of the scholarship to those who meet the requirements and the lack of Ossipee students receiving the scholarship in the past few years.

Morgan announced Candidate's Night to take place Monday, 3/3/2014 at 6:30PM, Elections on 3/11/2014 from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM and Town Meeting on 3/12/2014 at 6:30 PM.

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

Adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 3/3/2014