

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, July 25, 2016**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator.

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Riley called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

Riley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance by Roll Call:**

Present were Selectmen Franklin Riley, Robert Freeman and Richard Morgan.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 7/18/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 7/23/2016 in the amount of \$46,082.58. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 7/16/2016 was in the amount of \$40,146.72. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 7/23/2016.

A Request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$2,695.00 from the Invasive Species Control Fund for the reimbursement of payments made to Solitude Lake Management for milfoil control was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to the State of NH Department of Revenue in response to the 2015 Assessment Review was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to the NH Fish and Game Department requesting that they delay the construction of the Ossipee Lake Boat Ramp on the Pine River until after Labor Day was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A memo addressed to Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, requesting that she begin the deeding process on the following property was presented for signatures:

Map 90, Lot 1 – 6 Hodge Lane

Riley made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a programming update from Charter Communications.

The Board received a letter from Tri-County Community Action thanking the Town for its funding support.

### **Old Business:**

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that he has not yet received a response from Hoyle, Tanner & Associates to his request for expediting the engineering process in Phase III of the project. Morgan requested that Harriman arrange a meeting with Hoyle, Tanner & Associates for discussion next Monday. Harriman stated he is still awaiting an answer on whether 3G Construction's change order request should be submitted by the Town to NH DOT.

Highway Garage Addition – Harriman reported that the steel and concrete work has been completed and the framing has been started for the electrical work which will begin tomorrow. Harriman stated that they are still on track for completion in August. The Board acknowledged the work being completed by the Highway crew which will result in a significant cost savings in the overall project cost.

Morgan expressed his disappointment with the article reported in the Carroll County Independent regarding the revisions to the Temporary Outdoor Event Ordinance. Morgan stated that contrary to the article, this Board is pro-business noting their efforts made to formalize the Economic Development Committee, tripling the economic development budget, and also by being supporters of the recent Zoning amendments giving more options for businesses. Morgan stated that there was a loophole found in the current Outdoor Event Ordinance which affected one business, and they are closing that loophole, but the revisions will not stop all events such as the Native American Powwows.

### **New Business:**

The Investment Policy was presented for its annual review per RSA 41:9. Riley made a motion to reenact the Investment Policy. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

### **Public Input:**

Greg Howard inquired if provisions are being made to put temporary parking in place for access to the river and park once the Whittier Covered Bridge is back in place. Morgan stated that there is not a public beach designated at the location and reviewed the issue with the parking area created by the Town several years ago that prompted a survey which found the land to be privately owned. Discussion took place on rights-of-way to a waterway. Harriman added that the design phase in the next phase of the construction project will delineate a right-of-way, if any.

Howard stated that he also read the article in the Carroll County Independent and had questions. He stated that he reviewed similar ordinances from surrounding communities and noted that the Town of Wolfeboro's is the only other to make the distinction between profit and non-profits and questioned why the existing ordinance needs to be changed. Morgan responded that the current ordinance has functioned well for over 20-years but there was significant opposition expressed for doing business on land of another in addition to the need to repair a loophole which circumvents the Zoning Ordinance. Additional discussion ensued.

Howard stated that he hopes that the requirements of the revised ordinance and application are required of all applicants, as that has not been the past process.

Riley stated that there will be time for additional discussion at next week's Public Hearing. He added that the Board is not only pro-business but is also interested in the input of the citizens.

Howard recommended removing subjectivity from the process. Morgan discussed the responsibility of an elected official's discretion when acting on any decisions for the town including managing the budget, collecting taxes, entering contracts and agreements, etc. Discussion ensued.

Morgan noted that the Selectmen appointed Ash Fischbein to the Economic Development Committee in the midst of last year's application for concert events filed by Hobbs Tavern.

Additional discussion took place on the language in the revised ordinance that was provided by the Town's Attorney. Morgan stated that it may not necessarily be easy to understand but it needs to be defensible when challenged.

Fischbein stated that what happened last year is in the past; the series of concerts applied for last year were suggested by the past Zoning Enforcement Officer. He stated that he was not responsible for writing the article in the newspaper and noted the Letter to the Editor he did write reviewing the statutory authority for the public hearing and encouraging people to attend. He stated that the Board is responsible for putting laws into effect that can affect future businesses and they should not be done arbitrarily. Morgan discussed the zoning issue with the 3 Covered Bridge property and recommended petitioning to change the Zoning Ordinance if it is not agreed with. Additional discussion ensued.

Riley stated that this Board has done very well and encouraged those who disagree to run for office.

Dallas Emery questioned the status of shoulder repair needs on Moultonville Road. Harriman responded that he thought they had been completed but would check into it.

Cole Perry questioned if the Town had a stone mason available to make repairs to the stone wall at the Grant Cemetery entrance. The Board suggested the Cemetery Trustees put the work out for bid and budget accordingly for the repair.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 5:06 PM.

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Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 8/1/2016