

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2017**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator.

Call to Order:

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

Morgan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance by Roll Call:

Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Sandra Martin.

Public Input:

None presented.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 4/24/2017 Selectmen's Meeting. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 4/24/2017 Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Work Session. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 4/29/2017 in the amount of \$39,150.18. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 4/22/2017 was in the amount of \$37,805.22. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that the Board reviews each invoice prior to approving the batch totals in the weekly manifest.

Review of Red Folder:

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of April. The total collected for the month was in the amount of \$5,518.75.

A questionnaire received from Plodzick & Sanderson related to the the annual audit was presented for review. Morgan made a motion to respond. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for Veteran's Credit was submitted for review. Having met all qualifications for the credit, the Assessor recommends granting the credit. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for Elderly Exemption was submitted for review. Having met all qualifications for the exemption, the Assessor recommends granting the credit. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from William A. Lund Rev. Trust of 11 for the property located on Map 122, Lot 10, Sub Lot 46. The abatement in the amount of \$127.88 is due because the camper was on the wrong site. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from American Campgrounds LLC for the property located on Map 17, Lot 1. The abatement in the amount of \$237.99 is due because the camper was not put on the site

until after 4/1/2017. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$8,076.42 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 Caitlin J. Wright for the property located on Map 229, Lot 7, Sub Lot 1. The Assessor recommends denying the request. He noted corrections made to the land and building which did not affect the overall value since there is current use assessment in place. Morgan made a motion to deny the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Two Requests for an Abatement of water fees were received from Brian Hussey for the property located on Map 86, Lot 1. The requests are in the amount of \$35.34 and \$64.79 for water usage due to having to run water so the pipes would not freeze. Morgan reviewed a memo issued by Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, who confirmed that the issue is not on the water system side. Morgan made a motion to deny the abatements. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check received from the State of NH in the amount of \$35,256.79 for the Highway Block Grant.

The Board received a memo from Craig Brady, Recreation Director, recommending the hiring of Colt Avery for the Summer Camp Counselor position opening in the Recreation Department. Morgan made a motion to hire Avery as recommended. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$30.15 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A check voucher in the amount of \$564,686.65 was presented for signatures. Morgan stated this voucher is for the amount of liens to be filed for collection for the 2016 tax year. Morgan made a motion to sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Joe Deighan for the property located on Map 101, Lot 10. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$24,500 resulting in an abatement/refund of \$512.00 to correct the assessment to a rate per structure rather than per sign face. The billboard sign assessment would be changed from (6) sign faces to a total of (3) 12x41 structures. This abatement continues to be tabled until wording is corrected by the Assessor.

The Board received a request from the Mount Washington Valley Economic Council requesting the appointment of a representative and alternate to the Board of Directors. Morgan suggested reaching out to Ash Fischbein to see if he has any interest in serving as Ossipee's representative and also Donna Sargent as an alternate.

The Board received notification from Charter Communications regarding the calculation of the franchise in the amount of \$9,068.15.

A Cemetery Deed for a cemetery lot in the Chickville Cemetery was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of the transcript from the NH DOT on their recent hearing held on the Route 16 Bridge Repair & Replacement Project.

The Board received notification from the NH Department of Revenue Administration with the final 2016 equalized value in the amount of \$6,802,893.80. Morgan noted this amount to be an increase from last year following the Town-wide revaluation and should be helpful when setting the tax rate.

The Board received a letter from Conservation Commission member Ronald Larrivee announcing his resignation from the Conservation Commission. Morgan made a motion to accept Larrivee's resignation. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan requested a letter of appreciation be prepared for next week's meeting.

Review of Water & Sewer Folder:

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$364.04 for water & sewer charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$6,180.00 for water & sewer charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll and Accounts Payable Manifest for the week ending 4/29/2017 in the amount of \$5,843.22 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the manifest. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

ZBA Members – Morgan reported that members are still needed to fill the openings on the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Cemetery Lot – White reported that she has forwarded the information to Cemetery Trustee Rick St. Jean for further research as the deed provided by Ms. Fullerton was not recorded at the Registry of Deeds and she was unable to find out the original purchase price.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Greg Howard questioned the status of the bridge replacement and asked what provisions will be put in place for parking once the bridge is put back over the river. Morgan reviewed the current status of the engineering phase and mitigation being required by the NH DES. Discussion ensued on public access and right-of-way access in addition to the lack of area to allow parking on the eastern side of the bridge.

New Business:

Rick St. Jean, Cemetery Trustee, reported that a utility easement has been abandoned at the Chickville Cemetery opening up availability for an additional 100 cemetery lots. St. Jean requested permission to seek quotes for survey work that is needed at the cemetery. The Board agreed.

Morgan questioned if the Cemetery Trustees had considered planting some trees in the cemetery. St. Jean responded that it has been an issue with maintenance and upkeep in the past.

St. Jean provided the Board with a response he wrote in regard to Town matters discussed in articles in the Carroll County Independent.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan opened the meeting back up for public input.

Public Input continued:

None presented.

Non-Public Session:

None.

Morgan announced the Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 5/3/2017 at 6:30 PM at the Freight House.

Morgan also announced the job openings for the position of Finance & Benefits Administrator and Laborer/Attendant at the Camp David Sewage Lagoons will close on Wednesday at 4:30 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2017 at 4:15 PM.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 5/8/2017