

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, March 10, 2014**

Chairman Harry Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Harry Merrow, Richard Morgan and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Merrow announced that the Board reviewed a total of 23 sealed non-public minutes of which 7 were resealed.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the 3/3/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow made a motion to sign a letter appointing Chief James Eldridge as liaison for the Emergency Notification System. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant was received in the amount of \$744.94. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for week ending 3/8/2014 was received in the amount of \$41,268.74. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for week ending 3/8/2014 was received in the amount of \$65,534.47. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department work log was received for week ending 3/8/2014.

Merrow made a motion to sign a letter appointing Dana Cullen Jr., Emergency Management Director, as the second liaison for the Emergency Notification System. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a programming update from Time Warner Cable.

The Board received a letter from American Veterans Traveling Tribute informing them that a replica of the Vietnam Wall is available for purchase to be placed permanently in our community. Merrow announced the cost of this to be \$300,000.

A Supplemental Intent to Cut Timber was received from Roger Reynolds for the property located on map 260, lot 6. The logger listed is Geoffrey Downing. All requirements being met, Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the supplemental intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notification from DOT that 1.6 miles of Brown's Ridge Road, from Young's Road in Wolfeboro northerly to the intersection of Trask Mountain, is in their project plan to rehabilitate the roadway surface.

The Ambulance Contract between the Town and CarePlus Ambulance was presented for signature. Morgan stated that the contract is subject to approval at Town Meeting. He also stated that there is a clause in the contract giving the Board the ability to renegotiate the contract if Effingham does not participate. Discussion was made about reports not being received from CarePlus. Freeman stated that he was informed that the reports were on their way. Morgan made a motion to sign the contract. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the updated Long-Term Variable Milfoil Management Plan submitted by NH Department of Environmental Services. Merrow announced that it will be available for review in the Selectmen's Office for anyone interested.

Merrow announced that the Ossipee Police Department made arrests of 9 dealers of heroin today. Morgan added that 2 of the individuals arrested were already on bail for dealing heroin. Morgan requested that White write a letter congratulating the Police Department.

Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, submitted a revised paving schedule that was updated due to the \$100,000 reduction in the road repair warrant article for this year. Morgan commented that the Highway Department has done a great job in sticking to the plan since it was implemented and thanked Harriman for his follow-through.

Morgan made a statement on the review of non-public minutes. He stressed the importance of having Merrow present during the review as he has been involved in most of the meetings that took place. He commented that the Boards have been good about doing as much business in the light of the public as possible and the minutes reviewed were appropriately sealed. He gave credit to the Board of past and present for keeping the records in order.

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

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski suggested the Board follow up with DOT on the intersections of Routes 28 and 171, reiterating the importance of a traffic light at the intersection. Morgan stated that the Board had sent correspondence as a follow up to the presentation. Harriman would follow up with an email.

Merrow stated that he would like to assign the discussion of the individual warrant articles for Town Meeting. The results are as follows:

Article # 6 – Harry Merrow  
Article #7 – Brad Harriman  
Article #8 – Brad Harriman  
Article #9 – Brad Harriman  
Article #10 – Harry Merrow  
Article #11 – Peter Waugh  
Article #12 – Jim Eldridge and Rick Morgan  
Article #13 – Kellie Skehan  
Article #14 – Rick Morgan  
Article #15 – Bob Freeman  
Article #16 – Harry Merrow  
Article #17 – Brad Harriman  
Article #18 – Ellen White  
Article #19 – Rick Morgan  
Article #20 – Rick Morgan and Bob Freeman

Merrow announced that he would be making a motion to move the Ambulance Contract Warrant Article as first to be discussed. Morgan stated that it was the last warrant article resolved and its placement was not intentional.

"Ski" commended the Board for recognizing the public during the business portion of the meeting. Morgan stated that it has been possible due to the small attendance at the meetings but might not always be the case.

Morgan commended Merrow on his involvement with the Town through his terms as Selectman. Morgan stated that when Merrow began his tenure with the Town the surplus was down to \$12,000 and they were swimming in long-term debt. With Merrow's financial knowledge and guidance, the Town has maintained a healthy surplus and no long-term debt.

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

Adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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Harry C. Merrow

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 3/17/2014