

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, September 18, 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:

Tina Rollins questioned the beach that was offered by donation to the town. Morgan responded that the donation was offered after a verbal agreement to purchase the campground and beach area was already in place. Discussion ensued.

Morgan reported that the Board had a conference call with the owner of Westward Shores Camping Area & Resort for further discussion on bringing the property into compliance with FEMA regulations. This is the second call held and an on-site joint meeting with FEMA and the State Office of Energy and Planning will take place in the near future.

Morgan also reported that the Board met with its attorney in a non-meeting to discuss the cable franchise agreement.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 9/11/2017. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Finance Meeting & Department Head Meeting held on 9/11/2017. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 9/13/2017 at Camp Sokokis. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The minutes from the Ossipee Economic Development Committee Meeting held on 8/21/2017 were submitted for review.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/16/2017 in the amount of \$38,430.62. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 9/9/2017 was in the amount of \$244,650.64. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 9/9/2017 was in the amount of \$50,979.66. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Board received a letter from the NH DES regarding the inspections completed on the White Pond Boat Ramp and a request to file an after-the-fact Wetlands Standard Dredge and Fill application by 10/20/2017. Harriman was asked to review the letter for a response.

The Board received a letter from the Freedom Board of Selectmen regarding an ambulance coverage issue in violation of the Ambulance Contract. Morgan stated the Freedom Board of Selectmen will be meeting with CarePlus to review the violation and encourages other towns in the multi-town agreement to participate.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from William Conner, Trustee of the Maplehurst Farm Trust, for the property located on Map 261, Lot 12. The intent is to cut 20 acres from the 36 acre parcel and the logger listed is Mark Dubel. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Ann Johnson requesting use of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium on 9/23/2017 for a birthday party. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Erica Ames requesting use of the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium on 9/30/2017 for a birthday party. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 9/13/2017.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$3,241.14 for the week ending 9/16/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

FEMA Correspondence Received re: Winnepesaukee Watershed RMAP – Morgan stated that a response was received along with a map depicting a very small piece of Ossipee that is in the Winnepesaukee Watershed.

Morse Pit Reclamation – Planning Board Request of 8/7/17 – Nothing new to report.

Intersection of Routes 28 & 171 – NH DOT Improvements – Nothing new to report.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that he spoke with Sean James from Hoyle, Tanner and Associates last week and found that an abutter had not signed off on an easement request as part of the wetlands permit application but it has since been signed after a conversation with the landowner.

Water & Sewer Department Rules & Regulations – Martin reported that she has 3-4 pages left to do.

Town Beach – Morgan reported that the Board walked the area during their meeting last Wednesday. He stated that Jim Rines from White Mountain Survey was present to review the needs to complete the site assessment as required. Morgan also stated that notice of the vote to petition Superior Court for a Special Town Meeting have been posted as required with the intent to sign the petition during the 9/25/2017 Selectmen's Meeting.

New Business:

Morgan commented that they are meeting with the Union on Thursday to continue negotiating a contract. He stated that they were not able to come to terms with everything this past year resulting in a one-year contract but he is hopeful for a three-year contract this time.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan re-opened the meeting to Public Input.

Public Input #2:

Wayne “Bo” Eldridge, Water & Sewer Superintendent, stated that the water line repair under Route 16 has been scheduled for 10/10/2017.

Eldridge reported that the camera detection of the sewer lines found some issues on Moultonville Road where valves are cracked 18’ down. He is awaiting estimates for the repair.

Eldridge stated that the Mill Pond was drained last week for repairs this week and should be back up to level by the end of the week.

Eldridge also stated meter readings will occur this Thursday or Friday.

Harriman commented that the camera detection of the sewer lines went very well and they were able to add another day allowing the completion of Main Street to Route 16B with the remainder of Moultonville Road, Dore Street and Dorrs Corner Road left to be viewed.

Eldridge stated the meters on the 2” lines are scheduled to be replaced on 9/26/2017.

Lois Sweeney questioned why it was decided to go with new meters. Morgan responded that the old meters are 25-years old and are not reading accurately the actual consumption. Eldridge added that the new meters use newer technology for better readings and also allow readings to take place from the street. Sweeney stated she is not a fan of technology.

Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, announced the Free Fall Cleanup Day will take place on Saturday, 10/7/2017. Morgan stated this is the third year the Town has hosted this second cleanup day of the year.

Discussion took place on beaver issues and the serious damage that can be caused to roads by dams they create.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, stated that Wednesday is the deadline to submit a legislative service request and there is a list available online of the 250 that have been requested so far. Comeau stated he is a sponsor for a change of the tax code for the apportionment for the school. Morgan discussed this topic as a minor voice in a major school district and the tax impact on the various attributing towns in our school district.

Comeau also discussed the DHHS Bureau of Adult and Elderly Services division where a request for a full audit of bills submitted to provide services has been made. Legislation has appropriated additional funds to the agency to fund a shortfall.

Comeau reported that Government Oversight will be filming future meetings of the Governor Wentworth Regional School District. Harriman confirmed that Wolfeboro TV’s recording of the meetings is available through Metrocast.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 4:15 PM.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:42 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 9/25/2017