

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 16, 2017

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator. The meeting was held at the Freight House Annex, 1 Moultonville Road, due to the gymnasium floor replacement.

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:

Judy Casey, Camp Sokokis camper, Haverhill, MA resident, questioned the results from the evaluation of the parcel of land proposed as donation for a town beach. Morgan responded that there was no plan to evaluate it.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session held on 10/2/2017. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/2/2017. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/4/2017. Martin seconded. Morgan abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 10/11/2017. Freeman seconded. Martin abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 10/7/2017 in the amount of \$135,456.93. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 9/30/2017 was in the amount of \$13,200.57. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 9/30/2017 was in the amount of \$9,810.72. The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 10/14/2017 in the amount of \$37,567.91. The Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 10/7/2017 was in the amount of \$682,077.15 including accounts payable of \$76,405.32, payment to the Fire Precincts of \$110,117.83, and School District payment of \$495,554.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 10/7/2017 was in the amount of \$7,393.06. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan commented that the Board reviews each invoice after it has been through the appropriate Department Heads and then the Finance Office.

Review of Red Folder:

A Raffle Permit Application was received from the Friends of Ossipee Public Library for a raffle being held on 12/18/2017. Morgan made a motion to grant the permit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reviewing the quotes received to supply salt. The quotes received from Granite State Minerals and Morton Salt were for \$58.85/ton delivered. Harriman recommends awarding the contract to Granite State Minerals, the supplier for the past 12+ years. Morgan made a motion to approve Harriman's recommendation. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Propane and Fuel Bid Specifications were in the folder for review. Morgan made a motion to advertise the bid requests immediately. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for Proposals and the specifications for the brush clearing at the Window on the Ossipee Mountains property were presented for review. Morgan made a motion to advertise the request for proposals. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Bob Gillette, Lakes Region Planning Commissioner, reviewing the updates on the electrical purchasing cooperative and the calculation of the dues for 2018. Morgan noted the dues will be \$4,375, an increase of \$94.00. White questioned whether the dues are to be included in the Selectmen's Office budget for 2018. Morgan confirmed. Morgan stated that the dues have been traditionally paid out of the Planning Board budget but a change was made this year since the services provided primarily benefit the Public Works Director.

The Board received a letter from CarePlus Ambulance in response to an issue with the ambulance service in the Town of Freedom. The issue has been resolved following a meeting held between the provider and Town of Freedom. Morgan noted that Ossipee was copied on the correspondence as one of the town's in the multi-town agreement for ambulance service.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 10/14/2017.

The Board received a copy of a letter from a resident of White Pond requesting police presence at the White Pond boat launch. Morgan stated the issues have been conveyed to the Police Department for action.

An Application for Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots was received from Chocorua Forest Lands. White reviewed the information provided and stated that further information is needed. Morgan made a motion to table the application for further information. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Roy Barron stated that lots in the Roland Park area were merged in the early 1980's.

A Contract for Use of Facilities previously denied to the Mountain View Condo Association was resubmitted for consideration of renting the facility. Morgan made a motion to deny the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources with updated staffing contacts for the department.

Three Wetlands Permit Applications were received for the properties located at 16 Old Broad Bay Road, 68 Leavitt Road, and 100 Leavitt Road.

Discussion took place on the NH DES request for an after-the-fact Dredge and Fill Application for the work performed in the area of the White Pond Boat Ramp. Harriman reviewed the work that was completed including swale repair, installation of a channel lined with erosion stone and grading of the ramp. Morgan made a motion to issue a letter to NH DES stating that the maintenance was completed in conjunction with town maintenance of its right-of-way which abuts Fish & Game property and further to

contact NH Fish & Game to have them fulfill their responsibility of maintaining the boat ramp. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 10/11/2017.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$310.12 for recycling.

The Board received a copy of the Watershed News from Green Mountain Conservation Group.

Morgan announced that the Court Hearing for the requested Special Town Meeting was held on Friday, 10/13/2017 and the Notice of Decision to proceed was received today.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

The Water & Sewer Department Rules and Regulations were presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the document. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for the Reimbursement of Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$3,311.11 for the week ending 10/14/2017 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

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

Town Beach – Morgan made a motion to proceed with holding the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, 11/28/2017. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that they have met the statutory obligations to have the meeting as the first step. There is also one required hearing to be held by the Budget Committee. Morgan suggested hosting a Public Information Night at which point conceptual drawings can be presented. Morgan stated his belief was that revenue could be generated from the remaining campsites to offset the cost of the beach purchase, but consistent feedback received has been that the beach is what is wanted not a campground. Morgan stated that the proposal is to proceed with the beach and no campground, the decision being based on recent conduct. Morgan stated that two respondents spoke in opposition at the Court Hearing, both of which are Nashua residents and part-time campers of Camp Sokokis.

Martin discussed the signs that have been distributed throughout town requesting people to “do the math” and her request to not hide behind the signs; to own responsibility for the opposition to the purchase. Martin then read the letter to the editor written by Harry Merrow reviewing the tax impact of the beach purchase. She further stated that if the Town can afford it there is no reason why everyone shouldn’t be able to enjoy Ossipee Lake.

Morgan encouraged all to come to the meetings, view them online, and hear the facts. He also clarified the fallacy that the town was unable to open Duncan Lake this year by stating it was open, but unstaffed by a lifeguard as the position has had no interest, and the portable toilets were misplaced and then removed by the rental company. Morgan then reviewed the reduction of the town-portion of the tax rate over the past several years and the ability to build a new highway garage without assuming any long-term debt, or tax increase. Morgan stated that campers can find another campground, but another beach is unlikely.

A Public Information Night will be scheduled for Monday, 10/30/2017 at 6:00 PM in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Morgan announced the start of the budget review:

- Conservation Agent – level fund at \$4,306.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Board of Selectmen – level fund at \$16,364.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Ossipee Lake Dam Authority – level fund at \$8,126.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Legal – level-fund at \$35,000.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Patriotic Purposes – level fund at \$2,000.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Trustees of Trust Funds – rescheduled to 10/30/2017.
- Cemetery Trustees - \$39,310.00. Cemetery Trustees Roy Barron, Rick St. Jean, and Cole Perry presented their budget request with an increase of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of completing a radar scan of unmarked cemetery lots. The trustees also reported on work being completed on cemeteries this year including the purchase of a stump grinder to assist with maintenance. Discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- Treasurer – level fund at \$11,030.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.
- General Assistance - \$55,270.00, an increase of \$1.00. Morgan made a motion to recommend the budget as presented. Freeman seconded. Martin abstained. Majority vote carried.

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

Public Input #2:

Ash Fischbein stated that he reviewed the purchase and sales agreement for the town beach property and questioned if there is intent to deed Gretchen Road. Morgan responded that it will be deeded if passed. Morgan reviewed the three requirements listed in the purchase and sales agreement.

Fischbein questioned what happens at the next revaluation of the Town. Morgan reviewed the loss in tax revenue by taking the property off the tax roll and the question of the operational costs as well as many other variables depending on what will be offered (playground, pavilion, etc.). Fischbein questioned if the Board has or will reach out to other communities to see what the impact was on taxes, values and ideas. Morgan stated this to be an investment that will increase the town's value, it's up to the people to determine if they are willing to make the purchase. Morgan stated that the Town Assessor had the properties valued at 1.2 million and the appraised value was the same. He also clarified that the town-owned portion of property value is not used to figure the tax rate.

Brewster Vittum, Transfer Station Supervisor, reported that 455 cars visited the Transfer Station during the Free Fall Cleanup Day, which is no reduction from past years, and traffic flowed steadily through all day.

Cole Perry questioned if the donated parcel for a town beach is included in the parcels that the Town is purchasing. Morgan responded that it is and it would never have been pursued alone due to its wet nature and meeting the needs of a town beach.

Ed Comeau reported that governmentoversite.com is now filming the NH Fish and Game Commission Meetings.

Comeau stated that he will be filming the School Board Meeting this evening at the Effingham Elementary School at 7:00 PM. He encouraged attendance at these meetings as the school has a large tax impact on properties.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, October 23, 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 5:23 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Sandra P. Martin

To be approved 10/23/2017