

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, June 4, 2018**

These minutes were recorded by Ellen White, Town Administrator. The meeting was held in the Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium at Town Hall.

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, Sandra Martin, and Martha Eldridge.

Public Input:

Jonathan Smith stated that the School District Agreement was very difficult to obtain; he filed a 91-A request and followed up with four phone calls to retrieve the document. The Board acknowledged they have not reviewed it yet.

Smith stated he was unaware that the dumping fees are the same for residents and non-residents until he did additional research. He voiced concern with seasonal campers having the ability to dump at will and suggested a two-tier system where residents are not charged a dumping fee and non-residents are charged to eliminate the chance for fraud and deception. Martin stated that she would like to see an increase in free dump days to once per quarter, no fees for the dump stickers and keep the existing fees in place. Morgan stated that no decision has been made and discussion will continue.

Barry Knight voiced his concern with an increase in the property tax that will result if the dump fees are eliminated and questioned where the lost revenue will come from. Morgan stated that the recycling revenue is approximately \$70,000 per year and it does not impact the operating budget for the department. Morgan stated that he is confident the town tax rate will not be impacted by removing the dumping fees. He stated that the Board has been cutting money out of budgets without any loss in service.

Knight welcomed Eldridge to the Board. He then asked each Selectman to state what they do and what each has done for the Town. Martin answered that no one Selectman has the authority to do anything alone. Morgan refused to respond as did Eldridge. Knight followed up with a request to be provided in writing by each Selectman stating what the responsibilities and duties are of a Selectman and how this benefits the Town. Morgan responded that the request would not be fulfilled.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan stated that a non-public session was held earlier with the Tax Collector to set up payment agreements with taxpayers who are delinquent on their property taxes. Morgan then made a motion to seal the minutes. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 5/21/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session & Non-Public Session held on 5/21/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The minutes from the meeting of the Ossipee Economic Development Council held on 5/21/2018 were presented for review.

Summary of Items Approved During the Week Ending 6/2/2018 (no meeting held on 5/28/2018):

- Payroll Voucher for week ending 5/26/2018 totaling \$45,489.43
- Accounts Payable Voucher for week ending 5/21/2018 totaling \$829,841.45 including a School District payment of \$803,369.00
- Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher for week ending 5/21/2018 totaling \$6,131.23
- Water & Sewer Payroll Reimbursement Request for week ending 5/26/2016 totaling \$2,827.63
- Intent to Excavate: Arnie Martel of Mar-Corn, LLC, Browns Ridge Road (Map 277, Lot 4) estimating to excavate 1,500 cubic yards of gravel, taxes are paid
- Intent to Cut Timber: Barbara Buesser and Fritz Heckel, Route 28 & Polly's Crossing (Map 124, Lot 25), logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. Taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted.
- Boat Agent Agreement authorizing Erin Donnelly of Melvin Village Marina of Ossipee to be added as a Deputy Boat Tax Collector
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Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll and Benefits Voucher was submitted for the week ending 6/2/2018 in the amount of \$101,571.59. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 5/28/2018 in the amount of \$26,955.51. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 5/28/2018 was in the amount of \$4,889.38. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the weeks ending 5/26/2018 and 6/2/2018.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of May. The total collected was in the amount of \$10,117.60.

A Letter of Ownership of Public Records was presented for signatures. Morgan stated this document is required as part of the Moose Plate Grant used to preserve Town records. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received from Shawn and Jenna McLaughlin for the camper located at 110 Nichols Road (Map 29, Lot 1, Sub Lot B08). The request in the amount of \$151.00 is due because the camper was removed from the site prior to April 1. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check from the NH DOT in the amount of \$26,175.26 for reimbursement of expenses paid on the Whittier Covered Bridge.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Roger and Aline LaCasse for the property located at 1 Old Broad Bay Road 2 (Map 35, Lot 20). The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$12,300 resulting in a refund of \$255.48 to account for corrections made to the sketch and finished/unfinished areas. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of an email sent by Tamworth Fire Chief Richard Colcord acknowledging his praise for assistance given by Officer Kim Hatch during a backup call for assistance on 5/31/2018. Morgan requested a letter of appreciation be drafted to Hatch for signatures next week.

The Board received complimentary copies of “On Common Ground” publication from the White Mountain Board of Realtors.

A Raffle Permit Application was received for a Benefit Spaghetti Dinner being held at the First Congregational Church on 6/8/2018. Morgan made a motion to grant the permit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$929.77 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Michael Wadlinger of WADCO, Inc. for the property located at 698 Browns Ridge Road (Map 279, Lot 12). The intent is to cut 60 acres from the 66 acre parcel and the logger listed is Arthur Wood. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from David Krygeris and Ed Vergato of Ossipee Mountain Estates Cooperative, Inc. for the property located at 7 Mountain View Road (Map 54, Lot 2). The intent is to cut 4 acres from the 26 acre parcel and the logger listed is Troey Dore. The taxes are paid and there is no 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 the Ossipee Concerned Citizens Childcare Center requesting use of the Freight House on 6/7/2018 for a preschool graduation. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Raffle Permit Application was received for a 50/50 Raffle being held by the Ossipee Old Home Week Committee on 6/23/2018 and 7/4/2018. Morgan made a motion to grant the permit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$1,243.26 for scrap metal recycling.

The Dog Officer Reports were received for the month of May.

The Board received a report of building permits issued in the first quarter from Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer. Morgan announced the total fees collected is in the amount of \$7,938.50.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 6/2/2018 in the amount of \$3,910.50 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$304.80 for service charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The updated Water & Sewer Department Cross Connection Control Rules and Regulations were presented for review and signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the document. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

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

Sidewalks – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, presented the updated plans prepared by White Mountain Survey reviewing where the sidewalks will be installed along with a plan for solar lighting to be installed in several locations to illuminate the sidewalks. Wayne “Bo” Eldridge questioned if any easements will be needed. Harriman responded that there are at least four construction easements that will be needed but he does not foresee there being any issues with obtaining them. Knight questioned the location of the solar panels sourcing the power for the street lamps. Harriman responded that they are located on top of the street lamps and out of the way of damage or vandalism. Maria Moulton, Librarian, questioned where the sidewalks will run in front of the Library. Harriman responded that they will be stepped into the stone wall and the steps in the front will be removed. Morgan made a motion to have Harriman proceed by sending the plans to the NH DOT for approval. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that once the easement has been signed it will be sent to the State.

Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery – White reported that one proposal has been received for both the siding and roofing and is hoping for another by the deadline of 6/8/2018 for comparison.

White Pond Boat Ramp – The Board requested the same letter of response be issued to NH DES acknowledging the Town will not be filing an after-the-fact wetlands permit application as requested.

Transfer Station Fees – Discussed earlier in the meeting.

New Business:

Morgan announced the Board has offered the position of Laborer/Attendant at the Camp David Sewage Lagoons to Joseph Duchesne, Sr.

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

Public Input #2:

Knight questioned what happens when a person fails to pay their property taxes. Morgan responded that the Town can take a property after three years, but the prior owner has the right to repurchase within three years. Knight questioned what the Town does with a property once it has been taken by tax deed. Morgan responded that it is normally sold during a tax auction. Knight questioned whether the Town is liable for cleaning up a property once it is taken. Morgan responded that it may be cleaned up to make it more saleable and confirmed that it would be covered under the Town’s insurance policy.

Smith questioned if the Laborer position is full-time. Morgan responded that it is a part-time, seasonal position.

Smith questioned if the Town Attorney will be reviewing the School District agreement. Morgan responded that he probably should. Morgan stated this year, the Town will send \$8.4 million to the School District. Discussion took place on the budget increase and questions of how the budget process works including how

the \$1.5 million increase is seen as an increase in Ossipee's payment alone totaling \$900,000. Morgan made a motion to send a letter to other towns in the District to see if they would be in favor of establishing a budget committee for the School District. Eldridge seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Thomas Kelley questioned the hiring process stating he was an applicant for the Laborer/Attendant position and was told that someone had already been hired to fill the position prior to the decision made today. Morgan responded that the position had not been filled, someone was filling in on a temporary basis until applications could be received and reviewed. He stated that there was no judgement on any applicant who applied.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, announced that the School Board Meeting will take place tonight at 7:00 PM at the Tech Center at the High School.

Morgan stated that the Board attended a Finance Meeting earlier with the Treasurer, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Town Administrator, and Finance & Benefits Administrator. The audit is in its draft stage and should be finalized shortly.

Harriman reported that the sewer line leak detection took place last week. Wayne "Bo" Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, stated that all but 600' of Dore Street and Moultonville Road were inspected. There was one area of concern but the rest is in good shape. Eldridge stated that he had to call in service of a vacuum truck but was able to at a reduced rate and may bring it back for a half day to complete the rest of the system detection. The leak detection on the water system is on schedule for the end of July.

Eldridge offered thanks to the Highway Department for the retainer wall that was installed along the parking lot at Town Hall. It is a nice addition to the complex.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 4:15 PM.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 6/11/2018