

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, August 20, 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:**

Jon Smith stated that he has been unable to attend Selectmen's Meetings lately but has been watching the recordings on governmentoversite.com. He questioned whether a tax cap legislation that was put into effect in 2011 and revised in 2015 would apply to the School District tax. Morgan responded that he was unsure but if it is possible, it would have to apply to the district as a whole. Morgan stated the current funding formula is the issue that resulted in the Town of Ossipee's portion of \$900,000 of the overall \$1.5 million School District budget increase. Smith reported the dates the Finance Committee will be meeting are 11/13, 11/14, and 11/15/2018. Morgan read a letter received from the GWRSD School Board announcing a meeting to be held at the Skylight Dining Room at the High School's Tech Center on 9/6/2018 at 7:00 PM to review the budget process, funding formula, and to answer any questions.

Smith questioned if a decision has been made on the Transfer Station fees. Morgan responded that there has been no decisions made.

Smith questioned the status of the water meter replacement. Wayne Eldridge, Water & Sewer Supervisor, responded that he has approximately 30 left to install. Morgan stated that Eldridge and Water & Sewer Operator Jim Champagne have been able to complete the replacement without having to subcontract the service not only saving money but also enabling the project to be completed in just over a year rather than over three years as they originally thought.

Smith questioned why the request for proposals for the work at the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery had been removed. Morgan responded that the Board has met with the tenants several times and conducted quite a lot of research leading up to the renewal of a lease agreement for the property and the consensus of the Board is that they no longer want to be in the rental business. Morgan stated that it remains unclear how or why the town ended up with the property and the agribusiness being run does not benefit the taxpayer or the town. Morgan stated that the State of NH will be given first refusal, and if they are not interested, the property will likely be sold. Smith questioned the value of the property. Morgan responded that they will be working on obtaining an appraisal of the two parcels comprised of 130 acres; 5 acres of which are used for the fish hatchery.

Susan Marks, representing Ossipee Lake Alliance, informed the Board of a public meeting to be held on the rebuilding of the Ossipee River Dam Saturday, 8/25/2018 at 10:00 AM to review the scope of work and how the dam reconstruction will affect the lake and water levels during the construction. Morgan stated the importance of the dam which creates Ossipee Lake and its bays. Ed Comeau questioned who owns the dam. Morgan responded that it is maintained by the Ossipee Lake Dam Authority who acts under the NH Dam Bureau.

Comeau stated that Ossipee's portion of the School District increase was a result of an increase in the average daily membership and the decline in adequacy grants the District receives.

Comeau announced a discrepancy in the article published in the Carroll Independent which alleges the County Delegation disregarded State law. A correction to be published in the next edition will note that it is the County Commission, not Delegation.

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 8/13/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Non-Public Sessions & Work Session held on 8/13/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

#### **Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/18/2018 in the amount of \$44,057.67. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 8/13/2018 in the amount of \$147,526.71. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 8/18/2018 was in the amount of \$5,836.51. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

#### **Review of Red Folder:**

Morgan announced that they thought the generator testing was the cause of the alarm in the fire system going off during the Selectmen's Meeting but that apparently was not the cause. He apologized to those present for the sound of the alarm in the background.

Morgan announced the draft audit has been received and was reviewed in the earlier Selectmen's Meeting. Morgan made a motion to sign the approval of the draft audit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reviewing quotes received for a zero turn mower for the Water & Sewer Department. The quotes received are as follows:

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| North Country Tractor | \$11,428.94 less trade -\$2,200 for net purchase price of \$9,228.94 |
| MB Tractor            | \$11,669.00 no trade allowance                                       |

Harriman's recommendation is to complete the purchase through North Country Tractor. Morgan questioned if there is money in the budget to make the purchase. Harriman and Eldridge confirmed. Morgan made a motion to proceed with the purchase through North Country Tractor. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,842.20 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,032.59 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located at 110 Nichols Road (Map 29, Lot 1, Sub Lot 269) owned by Chester and Linda Brown. The request in the amount of \$8.22 is due because the

camper was removed last winter and the site was vacant as of 4/1/2018. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of a letter sent by Ash Fischbein summarizing action items from the joint meeting of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment on the 80 Route 16B property.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$1,318.15 for scrap metal and baled fibers recycling.

Four letters welcoming new businesses: Technicoil, Kingswood Auto Sales, Ossipee Tailor Shop, and Route 28 Self Storage were presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign and send the letters. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Timber Clerk Susan Simpson reporting that a total of 43 Intents to Cut Wood or Timber were received for the period of 4/1/2017-3/31/2018. The memo also reports that all Reports of Cut due on 8/15/2018 have been received and completed on time.

A Contract with CAI Technologies for the GIS Service required for hosting the online mapping and assessment data was presented for signatures. Morgan noted the cost for this service is \$600 and there is no change from the previous year. Morgan made a motion to sign the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of an email sent by the Carroll County Commissioners requesting action be taken with a property owner on County Farm Road who has placed small diameter posts in the drain ditch which has narrowed the road to the point two cars cannot pass. Harriman discussed the history stating that the section of the road is narrow by nature anyway and the property owner disputes the Town has shifted the road onto his property. He will be verifying the Town's right-of-way and may have it surveyed to establish and determine the lines if the dispute continues.

The Board received Notices of Decision from the Planning Board on the following cases:

18-11-V – Rand Realty, LLC (50 Leavitt Road) – Variance Granted

18-1-EWDR – Allen Cummings c/o McConkey & Associates – Equitable Waiver of Dimensional Requirements Granted

The Board received a Notice of a Public Hearing for Regional Impact from the Gilmanton Planning Board for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility being applied for on Shannon Road in Gilmanton.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 8/18/2018.

**Water & Sewer Red Folder:**

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 8/18/2018 in the amount of \$3,492.22 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Old Business:**

Duncan Lake Beach – Harriman reported that the application to add sand to the beach has been submitted and he is just waiting for the decision.

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

Sidewalks – Harriman stated that the meeting with the abutters is on schedule for tonight at 6:00 PM.

Whittier Covered Bridge – Harriman stated that the Construction Easement has been executed and the Right-of-Way Certificate was signed this afternoon and submitted to Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, and NH DOT. Harriman noted these items to be the last items needed for the final phase of the project to go out to bid.

Transfer Station Fees – Nothing new to report.

**New Business:**

Open Proposals - Hauling and Disposal of MSW and Demolition Materials – Morgan opened the proposals received and the results are as follows:

North Conway Incinerator Service, Inc.:

Transportation fees - \$300 single haul/\$600 tandem (increasing by \$10 each year of contract)

Rental fees – Compactor: \$280/month for two; 40-yard cans \$400/month for all six

Disposal Rates for MSW & Demo - \$54.00/ton

Waste Management:

Transportation fees - \$385 single haul/\$312.50 double haul (increasing each year)

Rental fee - \$250/month per container

MSW - \$74/ton; Demo \$80/ton (increasing incrementally each year of contract)

Morgan made a motion to have Harriman review the proposals and provide his recommendation for next week. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Open Proposals – Brush Clearing at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains Site – No proposals were received.

Eldridge proposed a letter of thanks be drafted to the Garden Club for their upkeep with the flowers. White added that Maria Moulton weeded the retainer wall garden at Town Hall.

Morgan reviewed a complaint received a few weeks ago about tractor trailers using Granite Road as a shortcut. He stated he has asked the Police Chief to look into the matter to determine whether the road should be posted for a weight limitation or no-thru trucking. Harriman stated that he discussed this with White earlier and he is unsure what can be done, being unaware of the RSA's. Morgan stated that the road is in good shape and the plan is to keep it that way.

Harriman reported that road striping will commence tomorrow.

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

**Public Input #2:**

Smith questioned if a date has been arranged for a regional Selectmen's Meeting to discuss a Budget Committee for the School District. Comeau responded that a date has not been set yet. Morgan offered the Town Hall as a venue for the meeting but just verify the availability when a date has been set.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 27, 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 4:49 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Sandra P. Martin

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Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 8/27/2018