

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, October 1, 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.

Morgan stated that the Board held a non-public session earlier pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter, and RSA 91-A:3, II (c) for a tax matter. Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public Input:

Daymond Steer, Conway Daily Sun Reporter, questioned if the Board had prepared a letter to State Representatives regarding the recent fatal accident that occurred at the intersection of Routes 28 & 171. Morgan responded that a letter has been prepared addressed to NH DOT Commissioner Victoria Sheehan and proceeded to read it aloud. He stated that several other local and state officials are copied in the letter as well. Morgan made a motion to sign and send the letter. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that he does not propose to have all the answers but is maddened that it has taken this long to get corrective action on the problem intersection. Steer questioned whether the proposed emergency meeting on 10/4/2018 will be open to the public. Morgan confirmed. Morgan reviewed the details of the Town's interactions with NH DOT over the past several years leading up to the plan for a roundabout to be constructed in 2020. Further discussion ensued.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, commented on the local action that has been taken such as the installation of a sign on a State highway reminding motorists to cancel their turn signals when entering Route 28 from Route 16, and the allowance of stop signs at the intersection that are not normally allowed. Other options were also discussed including the installation of rumble strips, and signs with flashing beacons alerting motorists to the intersection approaching. Martin commented on the lives that are impacted by these accidents, not only including those who lives are lost but those who were involved in the accidents who survived and the first responders on scene. Morgan stated that the efforts they are looking for immediately will be piece meal until a long-term solution can be constructed.

Mellisa Seamans, Carroll County Independent Reporter, reviewed the motor vehicle accident statistics that have occurred in the intersection and questioned the various figures that are being disclosed by various agencies. She stated that Mike Dugas from NH DOT has confirmed that federal funds in the amount of \$1.2 million are set aside and they are proceeding forward with the final design of the roundabout to be complete in the first quarter of 2019, followed by another round of public hearings, and construction to commence in mid-2020. Morgan stated that the numbers are fluid, the fact remains that too many accidents will continue to occur in the meantime. He added that the last three fatalities originated from the Courthouse Square side of Route 171 and discussed the site line issues with the intersection. Seamans commented on the feedback that is being presented on social media and throughout the community including the question of why the Town is not doing anything to correct the intersection. Morgan responded that the intersection concerns have been a weekly topic on the Selectmen's Agenda for several years and he feels they are doing everything

in their power to keep on top of the State to get correction action. Morgan suggested people reach out, call their local representatives, NH DOT, and participate in the meetings. Morgan stated that he believes the roundabout is the only option to cause all directions to slow down which will not eliminate the issue but will definitely reduce the occurrence of high-speed multiple vehicle accidents.

Seamans announced a Celebration of Life for Ramsie Taylor will be held at the Kingswood Art Center from 12:00-4:00 PM on 10/14/2018 as well as a benefit fundraiser at Harley Jacks on 10/26/2018. Morgan expressed condolences to the family and all involved.

Several other solutions to the intersection were discussed. Joe Deighan questioned if reports could be pulled to analyze how the accidents happened. Morgan responded that the reports have already been reviewed as part of the road safety audit that was completed by the Lakes Region Planning Commission who started the groundwork on this project. Deighan discussed the problem with the turn lane from Route 16 entering onto Route 28 not being sharp enough to cancel the turn signal. Morgan responded that this is already in the State's plan for reconstruction.

Deighan questioned the status of the brush clearing at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains property. White responded that two proposals were received and are scheduled to be opened during this meeting. Deighan commented that the road at the Windows property requires grading and questioned if the expense will come out of the Conservation Commission budget. Morgan responded that it is part of the highway department's budget.

Deighan questioned the status of the sidewalk project. Morgan responded that it is being held off until spring due to a pending maintenance agreement with NH DOT, and the awarding of bids to complete the work. Deighan presented an option for street lighting to be forwarded to Brad Harriman, Public Works Director.

Comeau suggested setting up the intersection of Routes 28 & 171 as a construction zone with a temporary light, signs, speed notifications, etc. and also suggested an increase in police patrols of the area. Comeau suggested the abutting property owners be invited to attend Thursday's meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 9/24/2018. Eldridge seconded. Martin abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on 9/24/2018. Eldridge seconded. Martin abstained (absent). Majority vote carried.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/29/2018 in the amount of \$93,340.96. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 9/24/2018 in the amount of \$14,211.19. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 9/24/2018 was in the amount of \$5,954.99. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that all invoices are reviewed before they are approved in the weekly manifest totals.

Review of Red Folder:

A Supplemental Tax Warrant in the amount of \$189.00 for the property located on Map 80, Lot 4 (Route 16B) 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 on Map 17, Lot 1, Sub Lot C20 (115 Newman Drew Road). The request in the amount of \$73.00 is due because the camper was registered but proof was not provided prior to the issuance of the tax bills. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 16, Lot 15, Sub Lot 13 (330 Newman Drew Road). The request in the amount of \$80.00 is due because the camper was registered but proof was not provided prior to the issuance of the tax bills. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for a Clerical Abatement was received for the property located on Map 104, Lot 14003, Sub Lot G (1 Terrace Pines Road). The request in the amount of \$68.00 is due because the camper was registered but proof was not provided prior to the issuance of the tax bills. Morgan made a motion to approve the abatement request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of September. The total collected was in the amount of \$9,255.05.

A Jeopardy Tax Warrant in the amount of \$113.00 for the property located on Map 29, Lot 1, Sub Lot 80 (110 Nichols Road, Site #80) was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received programming pricing updates from Charter Communications.

A Raffle Permit Application was received from Miss Karoly's Dance Factory Dance Team for a calendar raffle to be held in November. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from a taxpayer claiming he has had difficulty purchasing a cemetery plot from the Cemetery Trustees. Morgan stated that the Cemetery Trustees are separately elected and are not under the auspices of the Board of Selectmen. He then suggested the letter be forwarded to the Cemetery Trustees along with a request for a response so the complaint can be responded to.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

A Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 9/29/2018 in the amount of \$3,573.66 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 \$84,052.36 for fourth quarter water & sewer billing was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

Martin commented that she is very proud of the staff at Town Hall stating that all pulled together to assist during a medical emergency that occurred last Friday.

Morgan announced the passing of two Ossipee residents; Mark Wright, owner of Terrace Pines Campground, who served on the Budget Committee for several years, as well as managed the water dam at Dan Hole Pond until his health no longer allowed him to. And Ervin White, a lifetime resident, who had served part-time on the Police Department and also on the Center Ossipee Fire Department.

Morgan announced that a retirement party was held on Saturday for Police Chief James Eldridge along with a luncheon at Town Hall last Wednesday honoring the retirement of Eldridge and promotion of Joseph Duchesne to Police Chief.

Open Sealed Bids: Brush Removal at the Windows on the Ossipee Mountains Site – Morgan announced two bids were received and are as follows:

Thibodeau Brush and Excavation, LLC	\$9,800.00
Coyote Mountain Farm, Inc.	\$4,500.00

Morgan requested that Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, obtain the appropriate insurance information. He then made a motion to award the contract to Coyote Mountain Farm, Inc. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None presented.

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

Public Input #2:

None presented.

Morgan announced the Free Fall Cleanup Day will take place at the Transfer Station this Saturday, 10/6/2018.

Steer questioned if there are any additional household hazardous waste cleanups scheduled. Morgan responded that Ossipee only hosts one per year in the month of August.

Martin informed Highway Foreman Bill Eldridge of some downed birch trees at the end of Thurley Road.

Morgan stated that the emergency meeting requested for Thursday on the Route 171 & 28 intersection has been requested with a time to be determined.

White stated that there will be no meeting next Monday due to the Columbus Day holiday.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

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

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 10/15/2018