

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, December 17, 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:

None presented.

Meeting Minutes:

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 abatement matter. Morgan made a motion to seal the minutes. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 12/10/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session & Non-Public Session held on 12/10/2018. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/15/2018 in the amount of \$38,840.70. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/10/2018 in the amount of \$859,346.16 including accounts payable of \$50,592.66, payment made to the Fire Precincts of \$103,141.00, payment made to the School District of \$627,117.00, and payment made to the Health Agencies of \$78,495.50. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 12/10/2018 was in the amount of \$4,485.01. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the check vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan commented that each invoice is reviewed and coded by the appropriate Department Head, turned into Finance, and then reviewed by the Selectmen before it is approved in a manifest total.

Review of Red Folder:

A Cemetery Deed for a lot purchased in Grant Hill Cemetery was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the deed. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received correspondence from the Lakes Region Planning Commission regarding cell phone coverage testing that was completed in several communities throughout the State, including Ossipee. White explained that the study was to determine areas where cell phone coverage can be expanded through current providers Verizon and US Cellular as well as Sprint and T-Mobile. A letter addressed to the NH Delegation, Public Utilities Commission, and other interested parties reviews the service coverage disparities which has been determined to be overstated by major carriers and needs to be corrected by way of advocating for more accurate coverage and better cell service was presented

for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from David Wiswall and Linda Kent for the property located at 36 Stoneview Road (Map 272, Lot 20). The Assessor completed a review of the property and noted several changes to the house which he recommends reducing the value by \$10,900 resulting in a refund/abatement of \$254.30. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Permanent Application for Property Tax Exemption was received from Tammy Brooks for the property located at 5 Mason Drive (Map 135, Lot 8). The Assessor recommends denying the application as it is for the Solar Energy Systems Exemption which the Town has not adopted. Morgan made a motion to deny the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Henry S. & Christine F. Maxfield for the property located at Route 16 and Pine River Road (Map 101, Lot 1). The intent is to cut 24 acres from the 28.85 acre parcel and the logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for the All Veteran's Tax Credit was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant meets all qualifications for the All Veteran's Tax Credit and recommends its approval. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Stephen Eisenhaure, Land Use Coordinator for UNH, for the properties located on Pine Hill Road (Map 39, Lot 1; Map 41, Lot 17; Map 209, Lot 2). The intent is to cut 30 acres from the combined total of 400 acres and the logger listed is Larry Bolstridge. The properties are tax-exempt and there are no cemeteries noted. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notification from the State of NH Department of Environmental Services acknowledging the Town's eligibility to receive grant funds toward invasive species control at a 25% match for a total of up to \$5,546.

The Board received a copy of an email received from the State of NH DOT requesting load rating forms and as-built plans for Bridge #110/220 that was replaced with a new concrete rigid frame. Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, stated that he also received a copy of the email and forwarded the documents they were looking for.

The Board received a letter from the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs acknowledging the continuation of designated Economic Revitalization Zones (ERZ) along the Route 16 Corridor and in Ctr. Ossipee Village. White stated that the areas are reviewed every five years to determine whether the ERZ should remain in effect.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 12/15/2018.

The Statistical Revaluation Contract with Granite Hill Municipal Services was presented for review. Morgan stated the cost to complete the Town-wide revaluation is \$95,000.00. White confirmed the Revaluation Capital Reserve account has a current balance of \$83,476.96. Morgan made a motion to sign the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

The Payroll Reimbursement Request in the amount of \$3,237.54 for the week ending 12/15/2018 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 \$286.18 for service charges was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$13,656.00 for hauler fees was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

New Business:

None presented.

Old Business:

None presented.

Morgan stated that there will be no Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, 12/24/2018, but there will be one on Monday, 12/31/2018.

Public Input #2:

Ash Fischbein reported that the Economic Development Council (EDC) is meeting tonight at 6:00 PM at the Main Street building.

Morgan questioned if there were any more planned round table discussions specifically related to Mount Whittier. Fischbein stated that the EDC has worked diligently to inform property owners of the options available to them but he is unsure what the plan is for the property.

Morgan announced the promotion of Ossipee Police Officer Jason Baker to the rank of Corporal.

Fischbein commented on the tree removal currently in process for the Route 16 bridge replacements.

Morgan stated the Budget Committee is not meeting again until 1/16/2019 but stated that the budget is coming along while the warrant articles and projected revenues are next on the agenda to review.

Non-Public Session:

The next meeting will take place on Monday, December 31, 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 4:35 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 12/31/2018