

**Selectmen's Meeting & Public Hearing**  
**Monday, January 28, 2019**

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:**

Joy Gagnon questioned if the Board received the invitation to attend the Round Table Discussion on 2/9/2019. Morgan confirmed receipt and stated that he is unable to attend. Eldridge stated she would be able to attend and Martin is unsure at this time. Gagnon stated that the purpose of the discussion is to open up communication about the community amongst community leaders and others.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 1/14/2019. Martin seconded. Eldridge abstained from voting (absent). Majority vote carried.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session held on 1/14/2019. Eldridge abstained from voting (absent). Majority vote carried.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:**

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/19/2019 in the amount of \$38,292.66. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/14/2019 in the amount of \$690,494.16 including accounts payable of \$42,397.74, payment made to the Fire Precincts of \$110,660.42, and payment to the School District of \$537,436.00. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 1/19/2019 was in the amount of \$3,753.87. The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/26/2019 in the amount of \$57,465.16. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/22/2019 in the amount of \$158,027.41. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 1/22/2019 was in the amount of \$27,314.82. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that these are only the batch totals; each individual invoice goes through a multi-tier review before it is approved in the manifest total.

**Review of Red Folder:**

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 1/19/2019 and 1/26/2019.

A Petition and Pole License was submitted by Eversource for the installation of a pole at the intersection of Routes 28 & 171. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the license. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was submitted by Eversource for the installation of a pole at Courthouse Square. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the license. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Petition and Pole License was submitted by Eversource for the installation of a pole at the intersection of Routes 28 & 171. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the license. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Raffle Permit Application was received from Mother Earth's Creations, LLC for a raffle drawing during the Native American Powwows scheduled for this summer. Morgan made a motion to grant the permit. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Decision was received from the Zoning Board of Adjustment acknowledging the acceptance of an Administrative Appeal filed by William Dawson, Jr.

The Board received a letter from Granite Apollo identifying the Town as a potential fit for a large-scale solar project.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from Henry Gelinas for the Native American Powwows to be held at Mother Earth's Creations, LLC 7/6-7/7, 8/10-8/11, and 9/14-9/15. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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

Reports were received from the Dog Officer for calls she has responded to.

The Board received a copy of a check from Northeast Resource Recovery Association in the amount of \$316.80 for scrap metal recycling.

Programming updates were received from Charter Communications.

The Consent Calendar Agenda was received from the meeting of the Governor and Executive Council held on 1/23/2019.

A copy of the Legislative Bulletin publication produced by the NH Municipal Association was presented for review.

The Board received a copy of a check from the State of NH in the amount of \$36,716.86 for the Highway Block Grant Aid.

**Water & Sewer Red Folder:**

The Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 1/19/2019 was submitted in the amount of \$3,203.52. The Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 1/26/2019 was submitted in the amount of \$3,374.93. Morgan made a motion to sign the requests. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Water & Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$542.88 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 \$500.00 for hauler fees was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located at 79 Main Street (Map 92, Lot 8). The request in the amount of \$86.27 is due because the meter is currently under water and the bill needs to be estimated until the meter can be corrected. The request has been recommended by the Water & Sewer Supervisor. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

#### **New Business:**

Morgan announced that the Board will be moving forward with a warrant to be approved at Town Meeting to authorize the sale of the property containing the Sumner Brook Fish Hatchery. Morgan stated that the Town obtained the fish hatchery along with 161 acres of conservation land from the State of NH in the 1980's. The consensus of the Board is that there is no reason why the Town is in the rental business and it would be more appropriate to offer the fish hatchery property to the tenants that have been running the business for more than 20 years. Guidance received from the Town Attorney advises the Board on how to proceed with the process at Town Meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

Ed Comeau, State Representative, reported that the County Delegation Meeting scheduled for this morning was canceled so they were unable to vote on the appropriation required to relocate the water system utilities for the roundabout installation. Comeau stated that the vote has been rescheduled for 2/1/2019.

Comeau stated that there will be one public hearing related to the Petitioned Warrant Article pertaining to a Budget Committee for the School District, but multiple public hearings have been scheduled for the Petitioned Warrant Article related to a 2% tax cap. The Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, 2/2/2019.

Morgan questioned the appropriation that needs to be voted on by the County Delegation and clarified if it is to move the water utilities. Comeau confirmed and stated the amount is estimated to be \$25,000-\$30,000. Morgan stated the project has been expedited for bidding this April and completion of construction by the end of the construction season this year.

Krystal Eldridge informed the Board that she has resigned her position on the Conservation Commission but will continue to attend the meetings. Morgan thanked her for her involvement and interest. Morgan then made a motion to appoint Eldridge as an Alternate to the Planning Board. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

#### **Public Input #2:**

Gagnon questioned if there has been consideration of the Recreation Department purchasing a passenger van to assist with Recreation programs such as skiing. She stated that it is often difficult

for working parents to transport their children from school to a program and then have to have arrangements for pickup after.

White reported that Victoria Chase from NH DOT will be in during next weeks' Selectmen's Meeting to provide an update on the Route 16 & 41 improvements that are in progress.

**Non-Public Session:**

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 4:15 PM.

Morgan made a motion to recess at 4:41 PM. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

**Public Hearing:**

Morgan called the meeting back to order at 5:00 PM. He then proceeded to open the Public Hearing.

Morgan then read the Public Notice for the Meeting followed by the first proposed ordinance on No Through Trucking. Morgan explained that the ordinance has been proposed following comments that were received over the past few months from several residents on Granite Road. Morgan explained that the road is narrow by nature and there is a significant amount of tractor trailers using the road as a shortcut to get from Maine to Route 16.

Carl West, Granite Road, stated that those people that spend time in a truck have a different outlook as taking longer routes requires additional time and fuel consumption. Morgan responded that the roads on the Wakefield side are already posted as no through trucking. West disagreed and explained the additional time that it would take for someone to get from Ossipee Aggregates to Bonneyman Road in Effingham. He also discussed the issue with the excessive rates of speed on Granite Road.

Being no further comment, Morgan proceeded to read the second proposed ordinance to regulate the use of engine brakes on Duncan Lake Road. Morgan stated that this ordinance was proposed following complaints received from several residents on Duncan Lake Road.

West stated that every vehicle is equipped with an engine brake including fire trucks and oil delivery trucks. Morgan stated that fire and emergency vehicles are exempt from the ordinance.

West stated that engine brakes are important for slowing a truck down without the additional wear and tear. Morgan responded that they are aware of their importance but their use is not necessary on Duncan Lake Road which is a relatively flat road from end to end.

Carol Badolato stated that her husband drives a 22' trailer and has never used the engine brake. She stated that the trucks traveling Duncan Lake Road are traveling too fast and using the Jake brakes regularly. West stated that they should not be called Jake brakes or Jacob's brakes as those are manufacturer terms for mechanical brakes.

Loretta Sims voiced her support of the ordinance.

Being no further input, Morgan made a motion to close the Public Hearing at 5:13 PM. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to adopt the Engine Brake Ordinance. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

White stated that she will prepare final copies of the ordinances for signatures at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Morgan made a motion to adopt the proposed No Through Trucking Ordinance. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

West questioned if the ordinance only restricts through trucking. Morgan confirmed stating that they do not want to restrict people from receiving deliveries. The ordinance is strictly to prohibit trucks from using the roads as a shortcut.

**Adjournment:**

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

Adjourned at 5:15 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 2/4/2019