

**Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, March 11, 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:

None presented.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Manifests:

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 3/9/2019 in the amount of \$43,945.16. The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 3/4/2019 in the amount of \$35,984.35. The Water & Sewer Accounts Payable Voucher submitted for the week ending 3/4/2019 was in the amount of \$4,819.37. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the vouchers. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Meeting Minutes:

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

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting and Public Hearing held on 2/25/2019. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session held on 3/4/2019. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 3/4/2019. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Work Session & Non-Public Sessions held on 2/25/2019. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Review of Red Folder:

A Request for an Abatement was received from Alexander Bakman, Trustee of the Alex Bakman Irrevocable Trust, for the property located on Map 35, Lot 15 (12 Old Broad Bay Road 1). The Assessor recommends a reduction in value from \$398,600 to \$383,800 resulting in a refund/abatement of \$331.08 to account for a 5% condition adjustment due to the property being located on a Town road that is not maintained. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Joseph and Carol Puffer for the property located on Map 35, Lot 12 (18 Old Broad Bay Road 1). The Assessor recommends a reduction in value from \$379,500 to \$364,500 resulting in a refund/abatement of \$335.55 to account for a 5% condition adjustment due to the property

being located on a Town road that is not maintained. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the 4H Leadership Team requesting use of the Freight House on 4/3/2019 from 4:00-8:00 PM for a legislator dinner. The schedule has been verified by Craig Brady, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Log was received for the week ending 3/9/2019.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Carroll County Attorney's Office requesting use of the Freight House on 3/28/2019 from 1:30-3:00 PM for a Sexual Assault Resource Team Meeting. The schedule has been verified by Ellen White, Town Administrator, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve the contract. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Christine F. Maxfield for the property located on Map 101, Lot 1 (Route 16 & Pine River Road). The intent is a supplemental to cut an additional 600 tons of chips and the logger listed is Wadsworth Woodlands, Inc. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Elderly Exemption was presented for review. The Assessor has determined that the applicant meets all requirements of the exemption and recommends its approval. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a report from Steve McConarty, Zoning Enforcement Officer, acknowledging a total of 11 permits that were processed in February totaling \$565.20 in permit fees.

A letter written to Gary Wallace in appreciation for the donated Pineland Hall Movie Theater Posters was presented for signatures. Morgan read the letter then made a motion to sign it. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Leo Maestranzi for the property located on Map 8, Lot 18 (50 Route 25 West). The intent is to cut the 8.9 acre parcel in its entirety and the logger listed is Western Maine Timberlands, 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 Outdoor Event Application was received from the Lakes Region Repeater Association for an Amateur Radio Field Day to be held at Constitution Park on 6/22/2019-6/23/2019. Previously reviewed by all applicable department heads, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from John Jeddrey for the property located on Map 244, Lot 2 (16 Polly's Crossing Road). The intent is to cut 5 acres of the 106.1 acre parcel and the logger listed is Tom Fadden. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Governor Christopher Sununu acknowledging the dedication of \$6.8 million in one-time funds in his budget to repair several red-listed state dams to include the reconstruction of the Ossipee Lake Dam.

The Board received a copy of the Watershed News publication from the Green Mountain Conservation Group.

Morgan read an email received from Budget Committee Member Jonathan Smith stating that he withdraws his support of the Warrant Article to impose a tax cap. Smith believes the best path is to manage the budget as has been done in the past and into the future.

The Board received a list of proposed paving projects to be completed in 2019 from Public Works Director Brad Harriman. Martin stated she will add this list to the Town's website, along with other department-specific reports as they are received.

Morgan discussed the arbitrary cuts to a few department budgets that made by the Budget Committee and followed up with a memo the Board received from Harriman reviewing items that would have to be eliminated to come up with on \$56,500 of the proposed \$70,000 reduction. Morgan reviewed the budget setting process and the review process that each Department Head endures to present a responsible but educated guess for the services the Townspeople have become accustomed to. Discussion ensued.

Martin thanked the Police Department for their efforts in dealing with a second threat made to the Ossipee Central School. Martin commented that there was police presence over the weekend and all day to ensure the safety of the students and staff.

Martin thanked Morgan for his 6-years of service to the Town as Selectman. She stated that Morgan has a phenomenal memory, great sense of knowledge of the operation of the Town, and has been a great boon. Morgan acknowledged this meeting as his last and stated that he has enjoyed it more than he has disliked it. He did reiterate that the duties of a Selectman are not for the faint. It requires a lot of decisions that are not often easy to make and it requires much more time than what is completed in a weekly meeting; often the meetings begin as early as 1:00 in the afternoon and that does not include the phone calls, consultations, or other meetings that need to be attended throughout the week.

Water & Sewer Red Folder:

The Payroll Reimbursement Request for the week ending 3/9/2019 was submitted in the amount of \$3,591.88. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

None presented.

New Business:

None presented.

Public Input #2:

Ash Fischbein questioned how the proposed budget cuts will impact the Town in terms of valuation. Morgan responded that the impact on the Highway Department alone may mean that roads may not be maintained or improved the way they were anticipated to be. There is no net benefit to the value but it will result when figuring in the larger picture such as in home sales and the desirability of certain areas that may be impacted

by delayed improvements. Morgan compared Ossipee to the Town of Effingham which currently has three closed roads and several red-listed bridges that they have been working on solutions for over several years. The Town of Ossipee is good shape, the roads are good, the tax rate is stable, there is no long-term debt, etc.

Craig Rollins commented that the \$30,000 proposed reduction in the Transfer Station budget could negatively impact the Town by eliminating free dump days which may cause people to dispose of items in the woods and on the side of the road – an effort that the Selectmen have been trying to work toward cleaning up by offering a time to safely and properly dispose of items.

Morgan commented that the Departments Heads are responsible in making educated guesses on what they need for funds to provide services to the residents of Town. Many do not want the tax rate to increase, but they also expect a certain level of service that comes with a cost.

Morgan announced the Town Election is tomorrow, Tuesday, March 12 from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM, and Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 PM, and encouraged all to attend.

Martin questioned when the roads are to be posted. Discussion ensued. Morgan made a motion to post the roads effective 3/25/2019 with the caveat that Harriman may post them earlier if weather dictates. Martin seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Ed Comeau, State Representative, announced the School Board will meet at Carpenter School tonight at 7:00 PM.

Non-Public Session:

Not applicable.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 4:15 PM.

Adjournment:

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

Adjourned at 4:54 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Sandra P. Martin

Martha B. Eldridge

To be approved 3/18/2019