

Selectmen's Meeting

04/01/13

Chairman Harry C. Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were: Harry C. Merrow, Robert C. Freeman, Richard H. Morgan and Martha B. Eldridge, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Merrow made a motion to seal the minutes of a non-public session held this morning. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on March 25, 2013. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Merrow stated that they had received a letter from James Kazolias in reference to an incident that happened last week at the OCC building. Merrow did not read the letter and stated that they will forward it to the Police Dept. for a response.

The Board received a request from Paul Gelinas, Manchester Bass Club President, requesting help in finding additional parking space in October, when they will be fishing on Ossipee Lake. The Board asked Eldridge to give him a call and discuss their needs further.

The Board received the work logs from the Highway Dept. for the weeks ending 3/22/13 & 3/29/13.

Harriman updated the Board on the freight house, the sidewalks, and the Whittier Covered Bridge. The freight house is proceeding; he talked to J. Rines in reference to a couple of questions from the State, and the engineering work is on going for the Whittier Covered Bridge.

He also reported that the engineering for the Thurley Rd. Bridge has started.

An Excavation Tax Warrant was submitted in the amount of \$13.00. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant was submitted in the amount of \$522.04. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant was submitted in the amount of \$522.04. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate was received from Ossipee Aggregates on Route 16 to excavate 2,500 cubic yards. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate was received from Ernest & Eva Berry on Dorrs Corner Rd. to excavate 50,000 cubic yards. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate was received from Coleman Concrete, Inc. on Route 28 to excavate 1,000 cubic yards. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate was received from Pike Industries, Inc. on Route 16 to excavate 13,500 cubic yards. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board read and signed a letter addressed to Representative David Campbell supporting the move for DHHS from Conway to Ossipee.

An application for Current Use from Matthew Sawyer was received and reviewed. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this application. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received and reviewed an application for a highway safety grant. Merrow signed the application.

The Board signed two letters of appointment for Lynn Clarke and Robert Pratt.

The Board discussed the request from Rademacher Realty Trust gifting a parcel of land to the Town. The Conservation Commission expressed interest in the parcel as long as the boundaries are clearly marked. They were concerned about the access also. This will be looked into further.

The Board received an updated schedule from Raymond S. Burton.

The Board received a thank you letter from the Freedom Food Pantry for their support and approval of the warrant article passed at Town Meeting.

The Board received correspondence for the Antioch University informing them of the upcoming training program available to Selectpersons. Morgan and Freeman will be attending.

Morgan stated that he has been in touch with Sam Martin and she has opened a page on the web-site for Economic Development. Morgan stated that he will draft a statement for the Web-site.

Morgan stated that before the paving is done at the freight house property, some consideration needs to be worked on in reference to snow plowing. Issues arose last winter with the abutting restaurant and the snow machine trails on the railroad tracks.

Morgan also expressed the need to get something done at the Rte 171 and Rte. 28 intersection. Another accident took place today.

Harriman stated that a report was done on this area and he will pull the information he has.

The use of the gym was discussed. Groups are showing up to use the gym without scheduling with Peter Waugh, Recreation Director. Morgan stated that this should be handled by Waugh and asked to have him come in next week with some kind of a plan.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Merrow opened the meeting to Public Input.

Melissa Seamans asked the Board if they knew if Lydall was closing. They did not know about it closing. She asked if Lydall owned the building they are in. The Board didn't know that but agreed to find out. Seamans stated that maybe the DHHS would be interested in the building.

Seamans stated that in a 24 month period, 19 accidents have taken place near the Rte. 171 and Rte. 28 intersection.

Chester “Ski” Kwiatkowski asked if the Board had considered asking the Agape Food Pantry to be open on Saturdays to help the public. The Board said no.

Charlie Smith, resident on Granite Rd., stated that he is concerned about the heavy traffic on Granite Rd. He expressed concern about speeding on this road.

Smith commented that coming up Rte. 16, the Ossipee Windows Property is very attractive and just a little ways up the road the business at Murdawgs is a mess.

Merrow said he would have Dave Senecal look into this property.

Kwiatkowski asked if the Agape Food Pantry serves people from other towns. The Board stated that it does. Kwiatkowski asked if other towns give Agape funds. The Board said they believed they did.

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

Adjourned at 5:00 PM

Harry C. Merrow, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan
To be approved 04/08/13