

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2015

Selectman Harry Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM. Present were Selectmen Harry C. Merrow, Robert C. Freeman, and Richard H. Morgan, and Ellen White, Assessing Clerk, who recorded the minutes.

Selectman Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 5/6/2013 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for website link was received from Kokopelli of New Hampshire. Selectman Merrow motioned to approve the application. Selectman Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from David Tyler for the use of 10 tables for a wedding to be held on 7/14/2013. Selectman Morgan motioned to approve the request. Selectman Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A memo was received from Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector, stating the Avitar Boat Registration Software is up and running. This service will be a convenience and also increase revenue for the Town Clerk's Office. She will be at Avitar on Wednesday to learn about a program for paperless billing and online tax bills. She also stated that the due date for the first half tax bill will be July 2, 2013.

Check vouchers for the week ending 5/11/2013 were presented in the amount of \$68,237.70. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve the vouchers. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter received from T² was read acknowledging and congratulating Brad Harriman on his achievement of Master Road Scholar. The Board congratulated Harriman also.

The Board received a memo from Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, regarding the Mill Pond and Park safety signage. The deck at the Mill Pond will be replaced, painted with red lines, and safety signage will be placed around the beach, and on fencing and the bridge. Selectman Merrow expressed his concern with the access to a pipe going back up to the sluiceway on the dam. A grate had been placed in years' past but is now destroyed. Selectman Merrow asked where the funding would come from. Peter Waugh responded that this is part of the \$10,000 Warrant Article for park maintenance. Selectman Morgan questioned the fencing to be installed below the dam as it is an area that is fished from often. Selectman Merrow stated he would like to go take a look at the area and will bring it back up for discussion next week.

A vacation request was received and approved.

The Board received the work log from the Highway Department for the week ending 5/11/2013.

The Board received an invitation to Tri-County Cap Resource Center's Open House to be held on Thursday, June 13th at 9:30 am. This is posted on the bulletin board in the Town Hall.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from Open Door Bible Church for a concert to be held 7/21/13 – 7/25/13. Selectman Morgan motioned to waive the request for a detailed plan since everything was provided in writing. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Selectman Morgan. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received from Jeffery Coombs of Chocorua Forestlands LLC. to cut 400 acres from 678 acres total located on map 201, lot 4; map 204, lots 3 & 6; and map 207, lots 3, 4 & 5 on Gilman Valley Road. The taxes are paid and property does not have a cemetery. Selectman Merrow made a motion to approve the intent. Selectman Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Freight House: Brad Harriman reported that a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning with Peter Lievi and Sean Bergeron to review the schedule, what is left to be done and monies remaining for completion.

Sidewalks: Brad Harriman reported that the right-of-way information has been emailed to the State as requested. There are no further updates at this time.

Emergency Management Trailer: Selectman Merrow asked if it had been washed yet. Selectman Freeman reported that it had not yet but they would be working on it.

Selectman Merrow reported that the Cemetery Trustee position is still vacant. Anyone interested in the position is encouraged to respond as soon as possible.

Wi-Fi: Mellisa Seamans verified the Wi-Fi in the Town Hall is now working. Selectman Merrow stated that Claire from Choice Computer is working with Brad Harriman on the Wi-Fi access for the Freight House. Brad Harriman stated that all offices and the conference room at the Freight House are hard wired for internet access.

New Business:

Selectman Merrow read a press release regarding the arrest of Curt & Alice Dow by Ossipee Police with assistance from NH State Police and Carroll County Sheriff's Office on 5/10/2013 as part of an on-going investigation. A routine security check on 5/12/2013 resulted in the apprehension of James Brooks of Rochester, who is still at large. Ossipee Police were assisted by State Police, Sheriff's Department and several surrounding departments. Selectman Morgan complimented the Police Department on their efforts and commented on the growing problem with heroin-use in Town. Selectman Merrow stated there will be concentrated efforts on drug enforcement by the Police Department.

Selectman Merrow asked Pat Jones if she knew anything about the access road put in on the Window on the Ossipee Mountains' Route 16 property for the logging being done on Van Dyke's property. She was unaware of the access road and suggested he contact Ralph Buchanan. Selectman Merrow stated he would be looking at the property this weekend.

Jim Hoenscheid, President of Club Motorsports came before the Board to discuss the 107-acre parcel of land they purchased in Sandwich as a mitigation parcel. In order to activate their State and Federal permits, they require a Conservation Easement holder from Town, State or Land Trust which is what he is seeking. Selectman Merrow questioned how the Town would benefit. Hoenscheid stated that restrictions and rights could be defined in the Easement. The trust would be in perpetuity and the

purpose is to ensure it is being handled properly. Selectman Morgan asked if he anticipated opposition from Tamworth and Sandwich. Hoenscheid confirmed. Selectman Morgan suggested that Club Motorsports prepare the documents and any further information, have the Town Attorney review it and also consult with our Conservation Commission. Hoenscheid stated he would prepare and try to get on next week's agenda.

Public Input:

Pat Jones stated she attended the Regional Collaborative meeting held on 5/7/2013. The groups involved include the MWV Chamber, Economic Council, and Housing Coalition. They will be seeking information to assist in economic growth and further sustainability. Surveys are being sent out to businesses who are members of the Economic Council. At the next meeting on 6/25/2013, they will be going over the results of the surveys received.

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if there had been response from DOT in regard to the intersection of Route 28 and 171. Brad Harriman stated that he had spoken with the Safety Engineer from DOT who handles the safety audits and it would be a few months for the design solutions from the consulting engineer. He will be following up with them on a regular basis.

"Ski" asked the status of the July 4th events. Selectman Merrow stated that as far as he knew, there was no update. Selectman Morgan stated that the Old Home Week Committee meeting announced in the Independent was incorrect and that it will be on Tuesday, 5/21/13. Jean Hansen asked if the Ossipee Lake Alliance had been notified. Selectman Morgan asked if she would be willing to contact them on the Board's behalf to notify everyone around the lake of the problem. Pat Jones stated that the time period for the application process with the State is closing in shortly. Selectman Morgan asked Jean Hansen and Mellisa Seamans to get the information out there.

"Ski" asked if it was possible for the Town to speak with Tuftonboro about the paving of Sawyer Road. Brad Harriman stated he had spoken with the Road Agent from Tuftonboro and it is not in their plans. Selectman Morgan stated that since the Warrant Article was turned down at Town Meeting, speaking with Tuftonboro will not accomplish much.

"Ski" thanked all who attended the Open House held by the Water & Sewer Department. It was advertised on a banner at the Town Hall and advertised in The Independent and Conway Daily Sun and on the radio but there was zero attendance.

Mellisa Seamans questioned how the transition from pavement to gravel back to pavement on Sawyer Road would not affect the integrity of the road. Brad Harriman reported that there are sections of road in Town with similar situations and as long as they are maintained they will hold up. Selectman Merrow confirmed that we have no guarantee that Tuftonboro will maintain the gravel section. Selectman Morgan stated that we would not be spending Ossipee Taxpayer money on another Town's road. Seamans asked how much the Town has invested in building up this section of road. Selectman Merrow answered that he was unsure but he did know that we cannot legally pave another Town's road.

Brad Harriman reported that he is working on getting the mutual agreements for road maintenance with other Towns on file. Lois Sweeney asked if it would make it difficult to grade the road. Harriman stated that there would be some dirt that would kick up onto the pavement.

Mellisa Seamans requested a copy of the Press Release.

Brad Harriman announced that LRP Household Hazardous Waste Day will take place on Saturday, August 3. The electrician has installed new LED lighting at the library and new parking lot lights will be installed over the next week.

Selectman Freeman announced that the new address signs available from the Center Ossipee Fire Department are being installed at all Town properties. Selectman Morgan commented on their visibility.

“Ski” questioned if there was a difference in the color of the signs. Selectman Freeman stated that it is the preference of departments.

Being no further input, Selectman Freeman motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Selectman Merrow. A unanimous vote was taken.

Adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Harry C. Merrow

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 5/20/2013