

Selectmen's Meeting
07/29/13

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

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on July 15, 2013. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken..

The payroll voucher for the week ending 7/20/13 was submitted in the amount of \$47,337.57. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 7/20/13 was submitted in the amount of \$38,305.77. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The payroll voucher for the week ending 7/27/13 was submitted in the amount of \$50,230.48. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The accounts payable voucher for the week ending 7/27/13 was submitted in the amount of \$233,343.15. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Cemetery Trustees submitted a memo to the Board. They have tried to reach one of the trustees by mail and phone. They have received no answer, and they asked the Board to declare the position vacant. The Board stated that they will attempt to reach this person. If they are unable to contact them, they will then declare the position vacant.

The Board received the work logs from the Highway Dept. for the weeks ending 7/20/13 & 7/27/13.

The Board received a copy of a check from NRRA in the amount of \$1,283.11 for recyclables.

An application for a raffle permit was received from Jim Fitzpatrick for the Old Home Week Committee. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this application. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board signed a letter to the Lakes Region Humane Society clarifying the amount that will be paid for dogs taken to the shelter.

The Board reviewed and signed the application for Reimbursement to Town and Cities in which Federal & State Forest Land is situated.

The Board received updates from Time Warner Cable TV for the past two weeks.

A contract to have White Mountain Survey complete the right-of-way work to be done for the proposed sidewalks on Main St. was submitted for review. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Jeopardy Tax Warrant in the amount of \$394.00 was submitted. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received and reviewed from Priscilla Davis to cut ten (10) acres of a twenty (20) acre parcel of land located on Walker Hill Rd. Map 125 Lot 5. The Logger listed is Jeff Libby. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut was received and reviewed from Brian Krafon to cut fifteen (15) acres of a thirty-nine (39) acre parcel of land located on Dorrs Corner Rd. Map 90 Lot 11. The Logger listed is Joe Sargent II. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this intent. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received an invitation from Jane Hubbard in reference to training for Emergency Management Plan. Freeman stated that they have received this invitation and they are all set.

An application for an abatement (settlement request) was received from David & Judith Felder for property located at 8 Elm St., Map 123 Lot 7. With the information provided the assessor recommended approval of the request. Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from Jennifer & John Barrett for property located at 3 Knox Mountain Rd., Map 75 Lot 2. With the information provided the assessor recommended approval of the request. Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from Anne Broussard for property located at 95 County Farm Rd., Map 133 Lot 38. With the information provided the assessor recommended approval of the request. Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from Dennis & Julie Connors for property located at 12 Bearcamp River Rd., Map 27 Lot 20. With the information provided the assessor recommended approval of the request. Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from John Whalen for property located at 28 Logan Way, Map 5 Lot 21. With the information provided the assessor recommended approval of the request. Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from Kenneth & Debra Hoyt for property located at 12 Knox Mountain Rd., Map 75 Lot 54. With the information provided the assessor recommended denial of the request. Merrow made a motion to deny this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from William Petrocelli for property located at 38 Fox Run Rd., Map 6 Lot 9. With the information provided the assessor recommended denial of the request. Merrow made a motion to deny this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An application for an abatement was received from Elaine Meyers for property located at 345 Pine Hill Rd., Map 57 Lot 22. With the information provided the assessor recommended approval of the request. Merrow made a motion to approve this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan read the attached letter from Todd Haywood, CNHA in reference to 80 abatement requests (see attached list). Morgan made a motion to approve these abatement requests. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that forty (40) abatement requests were presented for denial. The taxpayers did not respond to the requests to view the property and the assessor recommended denial of the applications. Morgan made a motion to deny the requests. Merrow seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan stated that he hopes that the idea of honoring volunteers is still being thought about.

Sam Martin showed the Board some updated cemetery maps she is working on.

Freeman asked what is happening with the flower garden work. Harriman said he is in touch with the curbing company and waiting for a time from them.

Merrow opened the meeting to Public Input.

Roland Cherwek of 20 Cassie Cove Rd. addressed the Board and expressed concern in reference to the assessments placed on the land for the lake front properties.

Cherwek reviewed the steps they have taken to get the Town to realize and do something about the unfair treatment of the lakefront property owners regarding their assessments. He stated that for the Board to deny forty (40) abatement requests was not fair, that 20% of the owners did not receive a notice for inspection. Morgan made a motion to withdraw the motion to deny the forty (40) applications. Merrow seconded. The Board agreed to have another mailing sent out and their request would be reviewed on the 12th of Aug.

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if the Board has looked into the administrative fees that are being charged by UNH regarding the scholarship fund. Merrow said they are waiting for the last timber cut to be processed and see how much of that goes towards the scholarships.

Ronald Adams, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, came in to talk to the Board in reference to a parcel of land they are contemplating purchasing on Duncan Lake Rd. They will be doing further research and return to talk to the Board at a later date.

John Bent, resident on Bay Point Rd., asked the Board to have Bay Pt. Rd. paved. Public Works Director, Brad Harriman stated that he does not have this listed on the current list for paving, but will look at the request.

Harriman announced that Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Aug. 3, 2013.

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

Adjourned at 5:30 pm

Harry C. Merrow, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 08/12/13