

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Monday, December 8, 2014**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Robert Freeman, and Franklin Riley, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 12/1/2014 Selectmen's Workshop. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes from the 12/1/2014 Selectmen's Meeting. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 11/29/2014 in the amount of \$475,095.78. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 12/6/2014 in the amount of \$146,171.29. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notification that Elaine Sherman, Finance Manager, has completed Level II of the Leadership Institute through Antioch University of New England and Property-Liability Trust. Morgan requested that a congratulatory letter be sent to her.

A Request for Abatement of Timber Tax was received for the property located on Map 231, Lot 19. Susan Simpson, Timber Clerk, stated that the tax was calculated using prices effective 10/1/2014 and should have been calculated using the pricing effective through 9/30/2014. The result will be abatement in the amount of \$1,066.64. Morgan made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan read the Public Notice for the Regional Selectmen's Meeting that the Board of Selectmen will be attending on Thursday, 12/11/2014 at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room at Town Hall for discussion on proposed regional ambulance service.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Sandra Chase requesting use of the gym on 12/14/2014 from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM. The schedule was verified and approved by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from UNH Cooperative Extension requesting use of the Freight House from 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM on various dates to hold nutrition classes. The schedule was verified and approved by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Starting Point requesting use of the Freight House on 12/13/2014 from 8:00 AM-4:30 PM for volunteer training. The schedule was verified and approved by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director. Morgan made a motion to approve the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department work log was received for the week ending 12/6/2014.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$920.26 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Veteran's Credit was received for the property located on Map 34, Lot 6. All requirements having been met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A second Application for Veteran's Credit was received from the second owner of the property located on Map 34, Lot 6. All requirements having been met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A revised Request for an Abatement in the amount of \$68.00 was submitted for a property eligible for an Elderly Exemption. An error found on the previously approved request was corrected. Morgan made a motion approve the revised request. Riley seconded. Majority vote carried.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 9, Lot 18. The request in the amount of \$1,283.00 is to abate taxes due by Donald F. Robinson III and Jennifer J. Robinson who the property was incorrectly conveyed to. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Warrant in the amount of \$1,283.00 was presented for signatures. The warrant is to invoice the taxes due on Map 9, Lot 18 to the correct owners, Richard J. McCarthy and Patricia J. McCarthy. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received for the property located on Map 20, Lot 9. The request in the amount of \$2,993.00 is to abate taxes due by Robert C. Mitchell who sold the property on 9/23/2014 to Donald F. Robinson III and Jennifer J. Robinson. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Supplemental Warrant in the amount of \$2,993.00 was presented for signatures. The warrant is to invoice the taxes due on Map 20, Lot 9 to the correct owners, Donald F. Robinson III and Jennifer J. Robinson. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Outdoor Event Application was received from the Green Mountain Conservation Group who will be hosting a "Bikers for Clean Water" display at the Window on the Ossipee Mountains property on 6/18/2015 from 2:00 PM- 6:00 PM. Previously approved by all departments, Morgan made a motion to approve the event. Riley seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The License & Service Agreement with Virtual Towns & Schools was presented for signatures. Morgan stated the agreement to be for the development and hosting of a new Town website to be billed in the amount of \$1,667 each year for three years. Morgan made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received the programming updates from Time Warner Cable.

The Recycling Center Daily Cash Log was received for the month of November. The total amount collected was \$4,161.65.

The Board received a copy of the minutes from the Governor and Executive Councilor meeting held on 12/1/2014.

#### Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Riley questioned the status siding and roofing questions that were asked at the joint meeting held at the bridge. Harriman responded that he thought the roofing color had been chosen by the last Board but he would bring the color chart in for review. He further discussed the option of replacing the siding of the bridge using wood from trees logged at Camp David then having them milled locally. Harriman will be obtaining an estimate of the amount of siding needed to get some quotes.

#### New Business:

Harriman reported that he was contacted by Laurence Brownell requesting that the Highway Department open up the entrance of the Chickville Church property to allow for fire access. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that this would not be allowed. Harriman will contact Brownell and let him know of the Board's decision.

Morgan announced that a workshop was held earlier to discuss the opt-out option for town employees eligible for health insurance coverage elsewhere. Morgan stated the discussion took place to incentivize this option during the current open enrollment period. Morgan made a motion to offer an opt-out option in the amount of \$2,000 to be paid semi-annually to employees who are able to provide proof of coverage elsewhere. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Morgan stated that adjustments may be needed in the Police Department and Selectmen's Office budgets to reflect the increase.

This concluded the business portion of the meeting and Morgan opened the meeting to public input.

#### Public Input:

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski thanked the Board for the workshop held on 12/1/2014 with the Water and Sewer Commissioners. He further stated that he is drafting a motion to eliminate the commercial user fee to be acted upon at the next Commissioner's Meeting. He further stated that the Town will be charged for actual usage including new charges for two hydrants and water usage at the Grant Hill Cemetery in the amount of \$100.00 per year. Morgan thanked "Ski" for addressing the Board's concerns and making corrections. Freeman questioned if the user fees would be increased as a result. "Ski" answered that they were able to make cuts in the Water and Sewer budget to absorb the \$28,000 shortage in projected revenue. Morgan requested a copy of the minutes once the formal motion has been approved so budget adjustments can be made as necessary.

Condict Billings questioned the status of the road in front of the old Diprizio building. White responded that Highway Foreman Bill Eldridge visited the property and found a no-thruway sign in place and there will be additional signs installed as well. Billings questioned if it was a town-maintained road. Harriman responded that it is not.

"Ski" questioned why some Class VI roads are plowed by the Town. Harriman answered that he is not aware of any. Discussion took place on abandoning certain Class V roads such as Thompson Mill Road.

Morgan reported that four amendments to zoning were discussed and approved at last week's Planning Board meeting. He added that the amendments are needed to help in the area of economic development and if successful may attract new businesses to Town.

Morgan polled the Board for a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Morgan made the motion to enter a non-public session at 4:45 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Roll call vote was taken. Morgan answered yes, Freeman answered yes, and Riley answered yes. Morgan made a motion to adjourn the non-public session at 4:56 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Public session reconvened at 4:56 PM.

Morgan announced that the next Regional Selectmen's Meeting will take place on 12/11/2014 at 6:00 PM in the upstairs Conference Room and the next Budget Committee meeting will also be on 12/11/2014 at 6:30 PM at the Freight House.

Morgan also announced that the Board met with the Town Attorney earlier today to discuss the Lievi case.

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

Adjourned at 4:57 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 12/15/2014