

**Selectmen's Meeting**

**12/09/13**

**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, and Ellen White.**

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

**The Board received the weekly reports from November 25 thru Nov. 29 and December 02 thru December 06 from the Highway Department.**

**The payroll voucher for the week ending 11/30/13 was submitted in the amount of \$117,431.63. 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 11/30/13 was submitted in the amount of \$7,915.97. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The payroll voucher for the week ending 12/07/13 was submitted in the amount of \$47,396.20. 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 12/07/13 was submitted in the amount of \$67,503.20. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Sandy Ridge Estates/Community Loan Fund to use the meeting room on 12/20/13 for a community meeting. Merrow made a motion to approve this contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The Board received a memo from the Main Street Organization, "December Happenings on Main Street". Merrow read the memo and asked that it be posted in the hallway.**

**A copy of a check from NRRA in the amount of \$250.65 for recycling materials was received.**

**The monthly Recycling Center Daily Cash Log for the month of November was received in the amount of \$3,693.90.**

**A request to the Trustees of Trust Funds to issue a check from the Whittier Covered Bridge Expendable Trust Funds in the amount of \$1,043.61 payable to Hoyle Tanner & Associates, Inc. for milfoil treatment was received. Merrow made a motion to sign this request. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The Board received a letter from Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. assuring them that they are confident that CAP's future is sustainable, and that they will continue to provide essential services for the residents of Ossiipee. They thanked the Board for their ongoing confidence in CAP and support.**

**The Board received an update from Time Warner Cable TV.**

**The Board reviewed and signed a letter of support for a grant proposal for the Homeland Security Grant Program through the NH Dept. of Safety.**

**The Board received a report from Yerhot Environmental Solutions, LLC, after testing was done at the Town Hall because of concerns about an odor and indoor air quality. Air Sample Results: Four non-viable air samples were taken in the property. The samples were taken in the tax collectors office, bookkeeping office, the main hallway, and outside. The results from the samples indicated no elevated levels of airborne mold spores in any of the samples as the mold spore count in each sample was comparable to or lower than what was found in the sample taken outside and considered well within acceptable limits for an indoor environment. Improving the ventilation is planned for these areas.**

**The Board received a response from Michelle Marshall, from the State of NH DOT, in reference to plans for two long term strategies to improve the intersection located at Rte. 28 & Rte 171. The Board is reviewing the plans and asked Eldridge to schedule a time for the plans to be discussed at a future meeting.**

**The Board received and reviewed the 2014 Tax Map Maintenance Contract from CAI Technologies. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The Board received a copy of the “Watershed Happenings”.**

**William A. Day Jr. & Sons, Inc. wrote to the Board to inform them that they will be cutting property adjacent to Town property in the future and asked if they are interested in having them look at this property for harvesting. The Board said no at this time.**

**A Tax Collector’s Warrant for Property Tax Levy in the amount of \$6,805,151.50 was submitted for signatures. Merrow made a motion to approve and sign this warrant. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The 2013 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate was submitted for signatures. Merrow made a motion to sign this certificate. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The Joint Milfoil Board of the Towns of Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro is now accepting proposals from parties interested in buying a Diver Assisted Suction Harvester unit or, in the alternative, leasing the unit for the 2014 season from May 1 through Oct. 30. The Board was not in favor of purchasing or leasing this piece of equipment.**

**CarePlus Ambulance Service, Inc. submitted the “Emergency Ambulance Service Contract Extension” to the Board for signatures. Merrow made a motion to sign this contract extension. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The Board received a thank you and letter of appreciation from the Medication Bridge Coordinator.**

**Kellie Skehan, Tax Collector/Town Clerk submitted a Grant Agreement from the State of NH Dept. of Cultural Resources New Hampshire State Library. The grant was for \$9,887.00 to conserve, microfilm and digitize Ossipee Town Records dated 1790-1847. Morgan made a motion to not support this grant application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**The bids for the ambulance contract were opened.**

**American Ambulance    \$450,000.00 for 1 year    \$428,000.00 w/o paramedic**

**CarePlus    2 ambulances & 2 EMT's    100,000.00 from Effingham (if Included)**

**1<sup>st</sup> year                    562,822.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> year                   579,707.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> year                   587,098.**

**Merrow made a motion to take the bids under advisement. Morgan seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.**

**Harriman reported that today he received the sidewalk plans. The Board will review these at a later date.**

**The Board asked Harriman what the status is on the card system for the back door in the Selectmen's Office. Harriman said he would check with Dave Senecal. The Board would like this done sooner not later.**

**The Board stated that the Transfer Station will be closed on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Jim Skehan, owner of Skehan Lumber, addressed the Board and stated that for the year 2010 his land value was \$155,000.00 and stayed at assessment for two (2) years and in 2013 the land value jumped to 543,000.00. He stated that this is outrageous. Merrow stated that he was a little shocked at some of the values, although some went down. Merrow stated that they have guidelines set by DRA and they keep the assessing in line. Merrow reported that the Assessors have been replaced and we have someone new doing the assessing and adjustments have been made. Morgan suggested that he make an appointment with the assessor and discuss the values with him. Morgan stated that the Board will be meeting with the assessor for further explanations. Morgan stated that they feel they have a very competent assessor and asked White to set up an appointment to meet with the Board.**

**Fritz Heckel came in to meet with the Board. He stated that he has the same issue as Mr. Skehan. His assessment has gone up roughly 30% annually and this year it doubled. He was told to make an appointment with the assessor.**

**Skehan and Heckel have made appointments at this time.**

**Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked the status of the lawsuit in reference to the freight house. Merrow stated that they are reviewing a settlement agreement that has been received from the County Attorney's office. Morgan stated that the town is looking to get restitution for the damages.**

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

**Adjourned at 5:05 pm**

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**Harry C. Merrow, Chairman**

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**Robert C. Freeman**

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**Richard H. Morgan**

**To be approved 12/16/13**