

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

Chairman Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Present were Selectmen Richard Morgan, Franklin Riley and Robert Freeman, and Ellen White, Town Administrator, who recorded the minutes. Also present were Forest Fire Warden Adam Riley and Forest Ranger Steve Kessler.

Riley and Kessler provided an update on the Bayle Mountain forest fire reviewing all known expenses to date. Riley and Kessler also discussed the process for receiving reimbursement from the State on the expenses incurred.

Riley submitted the invoice payable to JBI Helicopter in the amount of \$81,215 for the two helicopters that added air support during the fire. The Board agreed to waive the processing time for the invoice and a check will be issued next week. Riley stated that he is not sure if there will be an invoice due for the Black Hawk helicopter that was provided by the Air National Guard, adding that if there is the charge, it will be approximately \$4,200 per hour.

Discussion ensued on how payment will be made for all personnel. Riley stated that Plymouth appears to be the only town who will be charging for their personnel, the rest will be handling it as mutual aid.

Riley reported that a total of 54 departments responded, not including the management team, staff from the State level or Red Cross. Mutual aid was not provided by Effingham, who did not have the staff available, or Wolfeboro, who did not respond at all. The Board expressed their disappointment in the Town of Wolfeboro for not responding as mutual aid is often given from Ossipee.

Discussion took place on how to properly express thanks to all who assisted with the fire including businesses and people who donated food and supplies. A list has been compiled of all known but there are still several anonymous.

Riley is working on a spreadsheet where he is inputting all costs of the wildfire, including all potential costs that will not be billed.

The Board thanked Riley and Kessler for their hard work and for keeping the communication open.

An after-action meeting will be planned for the agencies involved to discuss ways they can improve for future incidents.

Riley stated that no brush permits will be issued at this time; only limited campfire permits, adding that the fire danger is still high with no saturating rain in the forecast.

Riley stated that the Center Ossipee Fire Department Explorers team has visited the site during training and was able to retrieve some tools left behind and also confirm no additional flare ups.

Riley and Kessler were dismissed at 1:10 PM.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Matthew & Cheryl Sawyer for the property located on Map 252, Lot 19. The Intent is to cut 15 acres from the 18 acre parcel and the logger listed is Tim Nolin. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery. Morgan made a motion to approve the Intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Warren Harrington for the property located on Map 75, Lot 53. Jessi O'Blenes, Assessing Clerk, stated that this property was sold with two others but not transferred to the new owners and supplemental warrant will be submitted to the new owners. Morgan made a motion to grant the Abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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A letter addressed to Donna Gridley acknowledging her re-appointment to the Conservation Commission was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Ron Larrivee acknowledging his re-appointment to the Conservation Commission was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A letter addressed to Lilybug's Country Kitchen welcoming the new business to Town was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the letter. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion took place on the request received for reimbursement of uniform cleaning for the Police Department. The request was authorized for payment.

Discussion took place on the criteria for salaried positions.

Riley discussed his research conducted on how holiday pay is handled at the Police Department and has determined that the employees who work on the holidays should be paid overtime. The Board will be looking into this further.

White reviewed the nominations received for the 2014 Employee of the Year. Riley made a motion for a recipient. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. An appreciation luncheon will be scheduled for Monday, 6/22/2015 at 12:00 PM.

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

Adjourned at 1:20 PM.

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Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

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Franklin R. Riley

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Robert C. Freeman

To be approved 6/1/2015