

Selectmen's Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2015

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 approve the minutes from the 1/7/2015 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/12/2015 Selectmen's Meeting. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes from the 1/12/2015 Selectmen's Workshop. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 1/17/2015 in the amount of \$410,753.15. 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 1/24/2015 in the amount of \$44,328.36. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Highway Department Work Logs were received for the weeks ending 1/17/2015 and 1/24/2015.

Morgan announced that the Accounts Payable Voucher total for the week ending 1/10/2015 was \$114,536.49 and the Payroll Voucher total for the week ending 1/17/2015 was \$34,711.25.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Kathleen Maloney for the property located on Map 241, Lots 20 & 24. The intent is to cut a total of 20 acres between both properties and the logger listed is Michael Merrow. The taxes are paid and there is no cemetery noted on the property. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Martin Van Hof, Peter Van Hof, David Van Hof, and Judith Peabody for the property located on Map 263, Lot 15. The intent is to cut 70 acres of the 112 acre parcel and the logger listed is Jesse Duplin. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on the property. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A request to the Trustees of Trust Funds for the withdrawal of \$18,869.56 from the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve for reimbursement of employee wages and benefits paid on 1/6/2015 and 1/12/2015 was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Ronald K. and Bonita J. White for the property located on Map 138, Lot 8. The Assessor recommended a reduction in value of \$7,000, resulting in a total refund of \$140.28. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Ralph D. Floria of the Floria Revocable Trust 1998 for the property located on Map 37, Lots 19 & 28. The Assessor recommended a reduction in value of \$81,300 for tax year 2013 and \$26,100 for tax year 2014, resulting in a total refund of \$2,151.31 to settle the BTLA Appeal. Morgan stated that he would like to set up a meeting with the Assessor to review his recommendation.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Lisa Hall for the property located on Map 87, Lot 47. The Assessor recommended a reduction in value of \$9,200, resulting in a total refund of \$179.12. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Alexander Bakman for the property located on Map 35, Lot 15. The Assessor recommended a reduction in value of \$15,200 for tax year 2013 and \$15,700 for tax year 2014, resulting in a total refund of \$590.97 to settle the BTLA Appeal. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from Douglas and Colleen Ridge for the property located on Map 261, Lot 30. The Assessor recommended a reduction in value of \$21,200, resulting in a total refund of \$424.84. Morgan made a motion to grant the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to Douglas Manufacturing in the amount of \$1,786.60 for the purchase of new election booths was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Purchase Order payable to Granite State Minerals, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000 for road salt for the 2015 winter season was presented for signatures. Morgan made a motion to sign the Purchase Order. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a copy of Executive Councilor Kenney's Consent Calendar Agenda from the meeting held on 1/14/2015.

A Raffle Permit Application was received from the Main Street Program for a raffle they will be holding on 2/15/2015 at 3:00 PM during the Joe Skehan Fishing Derby. Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Starting Point requesting use of the Freight House for volunteer training on 1/31/2015 and 2/7/2015. The schedule was verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Slow Food Carroll County requesting use of the gym for a potluck and movie showing on 2/15/2015. The schedule was verified by Waugh and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from the Ossipee Old Home Week Committee requesting use of the gym for a penny sale on 3/14/2015. The schedule was verified by Waugh and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Jennifer Shackford requesting use of the gym for a birthday party on 2/14/2015. The schedule was verified by Waugh and the applicable deposit has been received. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the request. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for a Veteran's Credit was received for the property located on Map 91, Lot 59, Sub lot MH. All requirements having been met, Morgan made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Lakes Region Humane Society Shelter Agreement was presented for review. Morgan stated that there was language in the agreement that left the Town liable for expenses the pet-owners were unwilling to pay. Morgan stated that they have struck the language from the agreement. Morgan then made a motion to sign the agreement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan announced that the position for Boards & Commission Secretary is now being advertised with an application deadline of 2/13/2015 at 4:30 PM. Morgan made a motion to approve the job description for the Boards & Commission Secretary position. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Statistical Revaluation Contract prepared by Todd Haywood of Granite Hill Municipal Services was presented for signatures. Morgan stated that the contract has been thoroughly reviewed by the Board of Selectmen, NH Department of Revenue Administration and the Town Attorney. Morgan made a motion to approve and sign the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a letter from Shawn Bergeron of Bergeron Technical Services acknowledging that the Town's account is paid in full.

The Board received the programming updates from Time Warner Cable.

Incident Reports were received from the Dog Officer for the period of 12/22/2014-1/9/2015.

The Board received a copy of a check received from NRRA in the amount of \$141.80 for recycling.

The Board received a copy of a check received from the Ossipee Public Library in the amount of \$5,000 for the return of excess appropriations from 2014.

The Board received a letter from the State of NH Highway Safety Agency informing them of federal highway safety funds for the community. Morgan requested the information be sent to Police Chief Eldridge for review.

The Board received emails from PSNH and NH Electric Co-Operative in preparation for potential outages from the incoming storm.

Morgan announced that the Town Offices and Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, 1/27/2015.

Morgan acknowledged Jim Fitzpatrick in the audience and informed him that they reviewed the figures for the milfoil Warrant Article. Morgan stated that a motion will be made to increase the Warrant Article amount from \$2,000 to \$6,000. Fitzpatrick agreed with the increase.

The Board then reviewed the Warrant Articles for vote:

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for Town building improvements in the amount of \$25,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the Water Bond payment in the amount of \$59,300. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Computer Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for contract ambulance service in the amount of \$434,781. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the discontinuance of the One Moultonville Road Property Expendable Trust Fund. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Conduct Billings stated that \$88.00 remains in the fund.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the purchase of new tasers for the Police Department in the amount of \$10,500. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for the purchase of two new police cruisers in the amount of \$67,300. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Benefit Pay Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$20,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Invasive Species Control Fund in the amount of \$6,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article for Town road repair and improvements in the amount of \$350,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$30,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Morgan made a motion to recommend the Warrant Article to add to the Highway Building Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$75,000. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Brad Harriman, Public Works Director, reported that there is no work going on this week due to the weather.

Sidewalks – Harriman stated that he is waiting for additional information from Jim Corrigan regarding the project's status.

New Business:

Morgan announced the promotion of Brewster Vittum to the Transfer Station Supervisor position.

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

Public Input:

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if there was any update on the Freight House case. Morgan answered that they are investigating whether a claim can be filed against the insurance.

Paulo Litwinczuk asked if the police cruisers are being added or replaced. Morgan answered that they are being replaced. Litwinczuk asked what happens to the old cruisers. Morgan answered that one will replace the Zoning Enforcement Officer's vehicle and the other will be sold by sealed bid in the summer.

Litwinczuk asked for clarification on the pricing for the ambulance service. Morgan answered that the 2014 contract price was \$562,000 and the 2015 contract price is \$579,900 but the Selectmen are in the process of negotiating a six-town agreement that will result in a price of \$399,000 for 2015 if passed at Town Meeting.

“Ski” questioned if the Warrant Article for Town building improvements included the Water & Sewer buildings need for a new roof and electrical upgrades. Morgan answered that the Warrant Article is for all Town Buildings and not limited to those listed.

Litwinczuk asked if the Selectmen retrieved the Police report he requested. Morgan referred him to speak with the Police Chief.

Morgan announced the Budget Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, 1/28/2015 at 6:30 PM at the Freight House. He also announced the Public Hearing for the 2015 Municipal Budget is scheduled for Wednesday, 2/4/2015 at 6:30 PM in the Town Hall Gym.

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

Adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Richard H. Morgan, Chairman

Robert C. Freeman

Franklin R. Riley

To be approved 2/2/2015