

**Selectmen's Meeting  
Monday, March 28, 2016**

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

Riley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting held on 3/21/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to approve the minutes from the Selectmen's Department Head Meeting & Workshop held on 3/21/2016. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Payroll Voucher was submitted for the week ending 3/26/2016 in the amount of \$42,972.45. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Accounts Payable Voucher was submitted for the week ending 3/19/2016 in the amount of \$36,564.02. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the voucher. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken. Riley commented that the Board reviews each and every invoice prior to approving the manifest totals.

The Highway Department Work Log was submitted for the week ending 3/26/2016.

A Petition and Pole License was received from Eversource Energy and Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC for the installation of one pole to be located on Duncan Lake Road. Riley made a motion to approve the license. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received a memo from Public Works Director Brad Harriman reviewing the quotes received for a new pickup for the Highway Department. The quotes received are as follows:

Grappone Ford	\$37,143.00
Diprizio GMC	\$40,445.00
Central Dodge	\$40,905.00
Colonial Ford (State Bid)	\$35,014.00

Harriman's recommendation is to award the bid to Colonial Ford for the State bid price of \$35,014.00. Riley made a motion to approve Harriman's recommendation. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Raffle Permit Application was submitted by the Bearcamp Valley Garden Club for a raffle being held on 8/11/2016. Riley made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Request for an Abatement was received from the Edward W. and Marjorie L. Aleska Irrevocable Trust for the property located on Map 37, Lot 20. The Assessor recommends a reduction in value of \$31,000 resulting in a refund of \$649.76 for a correction made to the land condition to bring it in line with surrounding properties, and also for corrections made to the building's bedroom and bathroom counts. Riley made a motion to grant the abatement. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$1,164.20 was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$6,738.99 was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Excavation Tax Warrant in the amount of \$225.44 was presented for signatures. Riley made a motion to approve and sign the warrant. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for an Elderly Exemption was submitted for review. The Assessor has confirmed that the applicant meets all requirements for the exemption. Riley made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

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An Application for Conservation Restriction Assessment was received from Matthew T. and Cheryl M. Sawyer for the property located on Map 132, Lot 44. Riley made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Application for Current Use was received from James and Carol Rymes for the property located on Map 78, Lot 4. The application is to add one acre to the existing 18 acres in Current Use. Riley made a motion to approve the application. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Ernest M. Berry Jr. for the property located on Map 231, Lot 23. The intent is to excavate a total of 40,000 cubic yards of earth and the taxes are paid. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from John Jeddrey for the property located on Map 244, Lot 2. The intent is to excavate a total of 20,000 cubic yards of earth and the taxes are paid. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Excavate was received from Ambrose Bros., Inc. for the property located on Map 231, Lot 1. The intent is to excavate a total of 500 cubic yards of earth and the taxes are paid. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

An Intent to Cut Timber was received from Eastern Materials LLC for the properties located on Map 243, Lot 2 and Map 244, Lot 1. The intent is to cut a total of 200 +/- acres of the 403 acres total and the logger listed is Greenleaf Products Inc. The taxes are paid and there is a cemetery noted on Map 244, Lot 1. Riley made a motion to approve the intent. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

A Contract for Use of Facilities was received from Ossipee Main Street requesting use of the gym for an Economic Fair on 4/16/2016 with setup being on 4/15/2016. The schedule has been verified by Peter Waugh, Recreation Director, and the applicable deposit has been received. Riley made a motion to approve the contract. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

The Board received notice of the next Town Safety Committee Meeting which will be held on Thursday, 4/7/2016 at 1:00 PM in the upstairs Conference Room.

The Board received a copy of the Consent Calendar Agenda from the meeting of the Executive Council and Governor held on Wednesday, 3/23/2016.

Old Business:

Whittier Covered Bridge – Riley announced that the Board attended a meeting earlier with the Town's engineer, Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, and the Design-Build Team, Dubois & King and 3G Construction, to work through the change orders and open items in an effort to get the Bridge completed and passable to traffic.

Highway Garage Addition – Harriman reported that Bauen Corporation is in the process of compiling the specifications for putting the various phases of the project out to bid. The bids for the footings and concrete work will be requested very soon. Morgan commented that bids will be supplied to the Selectmen for review and selection.

Intersection of Routes 171 & 28 – Nothing new to report. Julie Rosiak questioned if a larger sign could be installed reminding travelers to cancel their turn signal when turning onto Route 28 from Route 16. Morgan explained that the sign was installed by the Town on Town property several years ago after the Town was informed by the State that there is no such State-approved sign available. Additional discussion took place on the accident history of the intersection including multiple fatalities.

Bub Avery Memorial Gymnasium Floor – Harriman stated that he has not pursued any information from the contractors provided by Bauen Corporation. Riley stated that he would like to turn the project over to Stephen McConarty.

Economic Development Committee – Morgan commented on the formalization of the Committee stating he is hopeful that it will be instrumental in increasing commercial development in Town. Scheduled meetings are to be determined. Dallas Emery expressed his interest in joining the Committee. He was referred to get in touch with Ash Fischbein or Rick St. Jean who have been appointed to the Committee. Morgan thanked Emery for his interest.

New Business:

New Employee: Riley reported that Stephen McConarty has been hired as the Town's Code Enforcement Officer. The current Code Enforcement Officer David Senecal will be retiring effective the end of March. Riley stated that 8 applicants out of 14 were interviewed, of which, the top 3 were from Ossipee. The Board congratulated McConarty and wished him well.

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

Public Input:

Rosiak questioned if there is an issue with the ambulance service provider not being able to staff according to the Ambulance Contract requirements and the potential of a reduction of service hours. Riley responded that they have not been made aware of any issues. He added that the three Fire Chiefs monitor the activity and report any concerns to the Selectmen.

Riley polled the Board to enter a non-public session at 4:40 PM pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) for a personnel matter. Roll call vote was taken; Riley answered yes, Freeman answered yes, and Morgan answered yes. Riley made a motion to adjourn non-public session at 5:15 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Riley made a motion to return to public session at 5:17 PM. Freeman seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

Carol Holyoake, Reporter for the Carroll County Independent, questioned the Warrants for the collection of the Timber Tax and Excavation Tax. The Board explained that it is tax revenue generated from the intents the Selectmen approve. Kellie Skehan, Town Clerk/Tax Collector, confirmed that 10% of the amount is kept by the Town for Timber revenue.

Holyoake questioned how Town Meeting went. Morgan responded that it went very well; a lot of support was shown and questions were asked. The Warrant Article to abolish the Water & Sewer Commission was contentious as expected.

Holyoake questioned the plan for the Water & Sewer Department. Riley responded that the Board will be coordinating a joint meeting with the Water & Sewer Commissioners and staff to help make the transition smooth. He added that the Selectmen have a lot to learn over the next several months.

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

Adjourned at 5:20 PM.

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Franklin R. Riley, Chairman

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Robert C. Freeman

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Richard H. Morgan

To be approved 4/4/2016