

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 3, 2016

Present: Chairman Gallagher, Selectmen Darcy, Diorio, McCosker; Rideout; and TA Collins.

6:00 Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to approve the manifests dated October 3rd, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of September 26th, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve veteran's credit for case #100316-a, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the open container permit for Kerry Nolan's Family Reunion scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd at the Community Center from 1 pm to 6 pm, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Police Department Garage was discussed. Chief Faulkner has been unsuccessful with obtaining bids. At this point there is a firm bid from George Newman Construction in the amount of \$65,500. Ingram bid was \$80,000 and American Construction was \$75,000 – he is requesting that these be considered. Darcy asked what the procurement practice is. Collins stated that an informal bid process should take place between \$50,000 and \$100,000. Selectman Darcy made a motion to make an attempt to receive additional bids, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously. If additional bids cannot be obtained, the Selectmen will revisit the one bid.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the plot deed for E. David Kinsman at Pine Grove Cemetery, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to approve an additional \$100.00 for the cash drawer of the Town Clerk's Office, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Collins informed the Board she had a conversation with Richard Johnson regarding the tree which was cut by the cemetery boundary which was on the Johnson property. The Town has received the Forestry Report and the report indicates the tree had been struck by lightning 2 to 3 years prior and had seriously degraded in its health along with its use & value as lumber. The second and third logs were each degraded a third by rot due to the lightning strike. The Forestry outlined the remaining physical attributes and gave the gross stumpage value of \$108.00. Collins offered two options to Mr. Johnson – a payment of \$108.00 or a tree to be planted on his property by the town along with the removal of the remaining tree. Collins informed Johnson that David Mann will be placing pins to mark the boundaries of the cemetery. Mr. Johnson is considering the offer and will get back to TA Collins.

Collins spoke with Northfield's Town Administrator, Brian Noble, regarding the tractor and brush hog they have for sale. Noble stated in Massachusetts, if a community is interested in the purchase of equipment from another community, the town can offer the purchase at the minimal bid without having to go through the bid process. The minimum bid price is \$10,000. Selectman Diorio made a motion to purchase the tractor, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Rideout wanted to discuss the maintenance of the field buildings and who is responsible. It was suggested that this be a non-public meeting because the discussion of staff will take place.

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Diorio stated the whiskey barrels look very nice; project graduation almost sold all the pumpkins at the Farmer's Market; pick up day was very successful; the project graduation fund raiser on Saturday was a success; and there will be a community forum at the school on Wednesday to discuss elementary school improvements.

McCosker stated the Beautification Committee event of clean-up day collected 740 lbs. of trash.

Megan Basset was present and stated that there is a need for smoker stations at the river park and there is a picnic table that needs repair. The Board and Megan discussed striping on School Street. The Board informed Megan that School Street is a future complete street project.

Tax Collector, James MacDonell, stated he generated a list for potential properties to be deeded. There is \$470,000 of tax revenue that has not been paid by mobile homes. Discussion took place to request park owners to attend a Selectman's meeting.

6:25 pm Selectman Diorio made a motion to enter into non-public meeting under RSA 91: A-3, II, c. reputation second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I, Diorio-I, Gallagher-I, McCosker-I, Rideout - I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Daniel Changala, Ranger Solar, LLC gave an update on the solar project – continuing with abutter work; environmental has been completed; process of filing permits; sharing pilot with Sansoucy's Office; and would like to do a public presentation in late October or early November.

6:35 p.m. Darcy made a motion to enter into a non-public meeting under RSA 91:A, II, a. personnel, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I, Diorio-I, Gallagher-I, McCosker-I, Rideout - I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:20 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman McCosker made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I, Diorio-I, Gallagher-I, McCosker-I, Rideout - I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:20 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator