

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2011

Present: Chairman Ebbighausen, Selectmen Stephens, Bellville, Schill, Smith & T. A. Collins.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Ebbighausen opened the meeting.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign the manifest, second by Selectman Smith, vote on motion as follows: Chairman Ebbighausen, Selectmen Stephens, Schill & Smith in favor, Selectman Bellville opposed, motion passes.

Selectman Stephens made a motion to accept the minutes of the Dec. 20th meeting, second by Selectman Smith, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Bellville made a motion to sign the pole license for 53/9 Indian Acres, second by Selectman Schill, motion passed unanimously.

Representatives William Butynski, Edwin Smith & Daniel Carr were present this evening to hear the boards concerns and recommendations . Chairman Ebbighausen explained that the town has worked hard to keep their budget down, he feels one of the larger concerns is the amount the town has to contribute to the NH Retirement System.

Rep. Butynski made the following recommendations the town continue to keep a lid on the budget, and also set up a capitol reserve fund.

Rep. Smith said he will work with the Local Gov. Center to find out their concerns.

Chairman Ebbighausen asked about the Hinsdale/Brattleboro bridge. Rep. Smith said perhaps it will be replaced in 2015. Chairman Ebbighausen explained that the town needs the new bridge to help the economy.

Rep. Butynski suggested that the members of the board attend some of the sessions and express their concerns etc. at these sessions.

Selectman Bellville explained that he has concerns with the fact that the Board of Land & Tax appeals seem to always favor the resident's tax appeals and not the assessment of the town. They explained that they do not feel the legislative body can do anything regarding decisions made by the Board of Land & Taxation.

Rep. Smith informed the board that he is working on the Pisgah Park decision regarding the continuation of staffing for the park. He said any decisions have been put off until Feb. He said he feels they will continue to have it staffed at least to one person.

Selectman Schill expressed his concern with the fact that the governor wants to release sexual offenders earlier, he stated he feels this will be an added expense to the town's police dept.

Chairman Ebbighausen thanked the representatives for taking the time to meet with them; he also suggested they meet with the school board. Rep. Butynski said they have arranged to meet with them in the next few weeks.

Jill informed the board that the budget comm... approved the following budgets: Municipal Pool, Summer Program & Health Agencies.

Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the health agencies budget, second by Selectman Stephens, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the municipal pool budget, second by Selectman Stephens, vote on motion as follows: Chairman Ebbighausen, Selectmen Stephens, Schill & Smith in favor, Selectman Bellville opposed, motion passes.

Selectman Bellville made a motion to tentatively approve the summer program budget, second by Selectman Smith, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the highway budget, second by Selectman Stephens, motion passed unanimously.

The board feels an article should be placed on the warrant for a new police station.

Selectman Bellville recommended Art. #7 read "up to \$125,000." the wording will be changed.

Selectman Bellville made a motion to delete "with appropriations" from the wording for the numeric tally article, second by Selectman Schill, motion passed unanimously.

The board would like to see an expendable trust set up for the backhoe (Art. #9) with a 50/50 from water and highway dept.'s.

Art. #10 Change the amount from \$50,000 to \$25,000. and form a committee to find a location etc. for the new police station. Selectman Bellville feels the board should be doing this rather than forming a committee.

Selectman Schill then made a motion to change the amount of Art. #10 from \$50,000. to \$25,000., second by Selectman Bellville, vote on motion as follows: Chairman Ebbighausen, Selectmen Bellville, Schill & Smith in favor, Selectman Stephens opposed, motion passes.

Art. #11 Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively recommend, second by Selectman Bellville, motion passed unanimously.

Art. #12 Selectman Stephens made a motion to tentatively recommend, second by Chairman Ebbighausen, vote on motion as follows: Chairman Ebbighausen, Selectman Schill & Smith opposed, Selectman Stephens & Bellville in favor, motion fails.

Art. #13 & 14 Fire Chief Johnson will be asked to attend next weeks meeting to discuss these two articles.

Art. #15 Selectman Stephens made a motion to tentatively recommend, second by Selectman Smith, motion passed unanimously.

Art. #16 Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively recommend, second by Selectman Schill, after some discussion on this article, motion fails.

Art. #17 Library parking lot, the board would like estimate cost from the highway supt., after further discussion Selectman Stephens made a motion to skip over this article for this year, second by Selectman Smith, motion passed unanimously.

Art. #18 Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively recommend, second by Selectman Schill, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to have the chairman sign the Engineering Services for Groundwater Management Zone Annual Report (2010) for the Hinsdale Landfill in the amount of \$2,200., second by Selectman Schill, motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Smith said the library has donated books and asked if they could be placed between the tax collector's office/town clerk's office requesting donations, which then would be given to the Hinsdale Lion's Club Eye Site Fund. The board is not in favor of this.

Selectman Smith said he spoke with George Sansoucy regarding the proposal from Fiske Hydro to sell power to the town. He stated Mr. Sansoucy does not recommend this.

Selectman Schill said that Dori Almann has offered her services to help Jill update the town web site. He said the Hinsdale Coalition Comm. would like to be included on the site.

Selectman Stephens asked if a letter had been sent to Michael Smith regarding the tire pile on his land, it was noted that they are not on his land. The board wishes to find out who owns the land and where the tires came from.

Chairman Ebbighausen stated he plans on attending the school board meeting on the 12th.

Angela Schill said she talked with Winchester regarding sexual assault cases and how they handle them. She stated she was told they received a grant for this and the police chief does the grant writing.

Money given town treasurer:

Selectmen – Credit HCC Rental	\$ 235.00
State of NH – Credit Rooms & Meals	191,268.08
Selectmen – Credit Sale of Trash Bags	2,400.00
Selectmen – Credit Transfer Station	117.50

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Money given town treasurer cont.

Hinsdale School District – Credit Gas	\$ 260.51
Hinsdale School District – Credit Park & Cem.	<u>2,300.00</u>
Total	\$196,581.09

9:20 p.m. Selectman Stephens made a motion to adjourn, second by Selectman Smith, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Shaw, A. A.