

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 28, 2013

Present: Chairman Smith; Selectmen Darcy; Ebbighausen; Rideout; Schill; and TA Collins.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order.

Selectmen reviewed manifests of January 21 & January 28, 2013.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013 and January 21, 2013, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve the collection of yield tax in the sum of \$968.40 for the property of Jeffrey Benoit, Tax Map/Lot #0007-0005, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion sign the agreement with Underwood Engineers for \$2,800 for design review of Tractor Supply, second by Darcy. Discussion: The \$2,800 has been received from Tractor Supply and has been placed in an escrow account. Vote taken: Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve the Town Hall Rental Request submitted by HASP for the use of the auditorium starting February 26th through March 2nd for rehearsal and performance, second by Ebbighausen. Discussion: Rehearsal time will begin after office hours at 5:00 p.m. Vote taken: Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve the Town Hall Rental Request submitted by the Class of 2013 to hold a semi-formal in the auditorium on February 16, 2013, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve the water commitment for the fourth quarter of 2012 in the amount of \$106,020.18 and to approve the sewer commitment for the fourth quarter of 2012 in the amount of \$73,637.01, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign the abatement for Beverly Bernier fourth quarter water bill in the amount of \$39.17, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill asked if the tax deeded properties are ready for review. TA Collins stated they are, and due to the weather, they will be reviewed next Monday.

6:15 p.m. Chairman temporarily closed the regular meeting to open the public hearing.

6:43 p.m. regular session reconvened.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the manifest of January 14th & 21st, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the MS5, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Darcy – abstained; Ebbighausen – I; Rideout – I; Schill – abstained; Smith – I. Motion passes.

Karen Johnson informed the board that the circulation motors for the heating system need to be repaired. She is waiting for an estimate.

The Selectmen moved the meeting to TA Collins' office in order to set the tax rate.

The Selectmen reviewed the unofficial tax rate setting form used by DRA. There is currently \$996,353 in the unassigned fund balance. There were two warrant articles approved at town meeting to use \$20,500 from the unassigned balance, therefore \$975,853 is remaining. The suggested amount to be retained in unassigned fund balance is \$500,853. Selectmen made a motion to use \$475,000 of the unassigned fund balance to be placed against the tax rate, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously. The unofficial tax rate is \$24.781, DRA will round up.

7:20 p.m. Selectmen Ebbighausen made a motion to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (a) hiring of personnel, second by Schill. The vote was as follows: Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Rideout – I; Schill – I; Smith – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:25 p.m. The Selectmen returned to their regular meeting.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to hire Charles Johnson as a Police Officer at the suggest rate of pay and increases, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

7:25 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator