

Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 4, 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 February 4, 2013.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2013, second by Rideout.

Discussion: Selectman Schill noted some corrections. Page 2, first paragraph, fifth sentence "Selectman Schill" made the motion not "Selectman" and fourth paragraph, first sentence should be "suggested" not "suggest". Motion passes unanimously as corrected.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve the manifest, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve the Hinsdale Town Hall Facility Request application for the Hinsdale FD Children's Christmas Party scheduled for December 2, 2013, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign the abatement applications for John Edson, 93 Brattleboro Rd, second by Ebbighausen. Discussion: Mr. Edson received a tax bill for 93 Brattleboro Rd., which he does not own anymore. The 3rd quarter bill was for \$1,427.91 and the 4th quarter bill was for \$1,427.90. The error occurred during the merge process. A supplemental commitment will be issued and the bills will be sent to the correct owner. Motion passes unanimously to abate John Edson the 3rd and 4th quarter bills for 93 Brattleboro Rd.

Selectman Schill made a motion to abate Jeffrey Benoit's timber tax bill in the amount of \$968.40 due to an error in calculation, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to commit a timber tax bill for Jeffrey Benoit in the amount of \$533.93, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen were issued a copy of the Transportation Project Application being submitted by SWRP for the Hinsdale/Brattleboro Bridge.

TA Collins announced there will be a training drill for Emergency Management on February 13, 2013 at 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. here at the town hall. Graded exercise will be in June.

Collins announced an oral board for Police Officers will be conducted on Saturday, February 16, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Collins mentioned that she had a discussion with Joe Boggio regarding the field building or the library for use as a shelter for children on the playground in case of a lock down. The Selectmen thought this would be a good discussion with the school board.

The Selectmen opened discussion on Article #2 of the Town Warrant for the new PD. Collins reviewed the funding sources and discussed the impact of a bond of 773,000. The payments would be approximately \$53,167 a year, which is an impact of .15 cents to \$1,000 assessment per year or \$22.00 annually for a \$150,000 home. Collins reviewed the amount of retiring debt for the period of 2013-2014 which is \$105,025.62. The tax impact is about \$44.11 per year that will be retired on a \$150,000 home.

In 2014-2015, there will be an additional retirement of \$56,340.63, which is about \$23.66 per year that will be retired on a \$150,000 home. See attached estimated bond impact schedule.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to accept Article #2 as printed, second by Rideout. Discussion: Selectman Schill stated that he will be voting against this article because he feels the size of the proposed police station should be reduced. The vote is as follows: Smith – I; Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Rideout – I; Schill – opposed. Motion passes 4 – 1.

Other Town Warrant Articles reviewed:

Article #8 is to place additional funds into the New Police Station Fund in case Article 2 fails. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the article and to increase the \$50,000 to \$75,000, second by Schill. Motion passes, 5 – 0.

Article #17 is to appropriate \$19,150 for the purpose of adding to the Fire Department Personal Protection Equipment Fund. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve, second by Schill. Motion passes, 5 -0.

Article #18 is to appropriate \$16,000 for the purpose of adding to the Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve, second by Schill. Motion passes, 5 -0. The Selectmen would like to have the Fire Department reconfirm what has been spent to date.

#21 is to start a Welfare Expendable Trust in the amount of \$10,000 which will come for the unassigned fund balance of June 30, 2013 for the purpose of funding welfare direct assistance when the welfare direct assistance budget line in the general operating budget is over expended. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve, second by Schill. Motion passes, 5 -0.

#23 is to appropriate \$1,000 to support the Big Brother Big Sisters of Western New Hampshire. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve, second by Darcy. Motion passes, 5 -0.

The Selectmen discussed engineer selection. Mike Darcy made a motion to award the town engineering services to KV Partners, LLC, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously. The Selectmen would like to have a letter sent to Underwood Engineers thanking them for their years of service to the town.

The Selectmen reviewed the properties to be deeded and the following action was taken:

9 Linda Drive – Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

8 Keene Drive – Ebbighausen made a motion not to deed, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

532 Oxbow Road – Schill made a motion to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

40 Canal Street – Schill made a motion to deed, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

19 Freedom Acres – Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Chesterfield Rd – Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

11 Keene Drive - Ebbighausen made a motion not to deed, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

647 Plain Rd – Darcy made a motion to deed, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

11 Ferncroft Dr. - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

19 Cedar St. - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

33 Plain Rd. - Darcy made a motion to deed, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

48 Oak Hill Rd. - Ebbighausen made a motion not to deed, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

36 Cedar St. - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

6 Cottage St. - Darcy made a motion to deed, second by Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

105 Old Chesterfield Rd. - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

29 Hancock St. – Schill made a motion to deed, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

3 Warren Drive - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

7 Warren Drive - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

5 Starting Gate Lane - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

28 Highland Avenue - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

11 & 13 Northfield Rd. - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

9 Hillcrest St - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

15 Robbins St. - Darcy made a motion not to deed, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

21 Butler Avenue – Ebbighausen made a motion to deed, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

11 Starting Gate Ln. - Ebbighausen made a motion not to deed, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

25 Gateway Dr. - Ebbighausen made a motion to deed, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Brattleboro Rd. - Ebbighausen made a motion to deed, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously. The Selectmen requested a follow-up letter be sent to DES regarding the status of this property.

Selectman Rideout requested a letter be sent to DOT regarding the debris in between the bridges going to Brattleboro.

Selectman Ebbighausen would like to review getting new tables for the community room in the spring.

Selectman Schill asked if Ebbighausen could sit in at the CIP Meeting tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. Ebbighausen stated he could.

Selectmen discussed encumbering some of the legal budget at the end of the year for abatement hearings. If needed, a contract will be done with legal.

7:45 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator