

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2016

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

6:00 Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the manifests of 7/5/2016 & 7/11/16 and the public and non-public minutes of 6/27/16 and 6/29/16 with corrections to the non-public minutes of 6/27/16, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins mentioned that the swearing-in of officers posted on the Agenda would take place at the Police Department and only the paperwork would be acted on this evening.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to have Chairman Gallagher sign the final Ford Lease Documents for the Ford F550 to be used by the water department, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to sign the Vendor Permit for Richard Willette, Pop's Dawgs, to be located at TNT Fireworks, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to sign the 2016 Tax Abatement for Brittany Young on a mobile home formerly located at Freedom Acres, and now at 24 Oxbow Road, second by Rideout. Discussion followed. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a motion to sign, under duress, the Tax Abatement for Hinsdale Real Estate Development LLC for the year 2012, in the amount of \$28,627.48 plus interest. This motion was seconded by Rideout. Discussion followed and it was noted that BTLA decision was solely based on year 2012.

The vote is as follows: Darcy-No, Diorio-I, Gallagher-I, McCosker-I, Rideout-No. Motion passes.

T.A. Collins had appointment papers for two new police officers Bryan Jalava and Melissa Hetrick. Selectmen Darcy made a motion to sign the appointment papers. There was discussion to table the matter until after the non-public part of the meeting.

Selectmen took comments from the public:

Sean Leary will plan to collect the cameras from the Select Board next week.

James O'Malley from the School Board mentioned a recent meeting with the State Legislators re: funding opportunities. He had questions re: dog licensing and will discuss them with the Deputy Town Clerk when she is in the office.

Dominick Amaru from Oak Hill Acres came in regarding the extension of the park permit. T. A. Collins noted that it was her understanding that all required work was done except for the road. Mr. Amaru stated that they received four bids on the road and will have a meeting on the 15th. They are hoping for completion by mid-August. He said the other issues were taken care of and they have one eviction in process.

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Selectman Darcy made a motion to issue a temporary 120-day permit, second by Rideout. Motion passes.

P.J. Braun attended the meeting to ask a question about the Town Clerk position. She indicated that she had sent in an application recently. T.A. Collins noted that the Deputy Town Clerk position was advertised in the newspaper for three days in May and was posted website for over a month. On June 22nd interviews were conducted with six candidates. The top three candidates were interviewed by the Selectmen and were available for Town Clerk position and a decision was made for the interim Town Clerk until next elections. Discussion followed noting that the position of Town Clerk was not advertised, that it is an elected position and she was urged to get on the ballot in January for the March election next year if she wished to run for the Town Clerk position.

Selectman Rideout noted that he will be on vacation next week. He went to Winchester to register his boat recently and had the opportunity to speak with the Winchester Town Clerk about the Avitar program they use. The Winchester Town Clerk extended an invitation there for after hours to view their process. Selectman Rideout stated it seemed to be a much easier process, with ability to use credit card with 1.50 charge. He also would like to make it easy for employees and residents to make payments.

T. A. Collins noted that there would be a large initial investment to change software programs, all departments would need to change software, and she has heard of likes and dislikes on that particular system.

Selectman Darcy indicated that he was not opposed to Mr. Tetreault educating the Board on their process.

Robert Hayden with Standard Power discussed working with New Hampshire schools and towns to help save money on electricity costs. He noted that Tom O'Connor at the school suggested he call. He presented the Board with information on cost savings stating that we are now paying approximately 10.9 cents per kilowatt hour and they could definitely provide us power for 8 cents per kilowatt hour from New Hampshire hydro plants. If we do what the school did, we would receive a quarterly reimbursement check. They could offer a term contract which would be for one or two years. Questions and discussion followed. He stated that their rates have never been higher than Eversource. He stated that he could offer a fixed rate of 8 cents per kilowatt hour through a hydro program (which would be out of Marlow). If we were to use a third-party supplier, he could look into that and get back to us.

Sean Leary mentioned that a two-year contract was done with the school and they were happy with it. It has worked out well so far.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into a two-year contract using the New Hampshire hydro program at 8 cents per kilowatt hour, authorizing Town Administrator Collins to sign, seconded by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio commented on the Complete Streets demonstration being very nice and presenters did a good job.

Chairman Gallagher stated that the crosswalks were useful; the calming islands restricted vision, however they did slow traffic.

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Selectman Darcy noted that he agreed that Complete Streets demo went well. He also noted that he was approached by a member of the West River Rail Trail. They are interested in attempting to connect the old railroad trestle bridge to trails and eventually going under the new bridge. A NH Entity would need to ask for NH grant money. The bike trails would include snowmobile access.

T.A. Collins mentioned JB Mack of SWRPC is organizing a bridge committee meeting. She and Selectman McCosker are on the committee. Kathryn Lynch will be serving on the committee too. There is suggestion of having a subcommittee off of a bridge committee to look into the islands so everyone is working together.

Selectman Rideout questioned whether permission has been granted to place banners on poles. T.A. Collins noted that, according to Lindsay Blake, we have permission. T.A. Collins has a bill for the banners. There needs to be a public hearing in order to accept payments.

T.A. Collins informed the Board that she has been in touch with Avenet re: website improvements. Selectmen should check the site design page and look at custom designs for ideas.

James MacDonell updated the Board on the tax payment status and delinquencies.

7:26 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into non-public meeting under RSA 91:A-3, II, a. personnel, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I, Diorio-I, Gallagher-I, McCosker-I, Rideout-I, Motion passes.

7:30 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

Selectman Darcy made a motion to have the board sign the appointment papers for police officers, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

7:32 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into non-public meeting under RSA 91:A-3, II, c., reputation, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I, Diorio-I, Gallagher-I, McCosker-I, Rideout-I, Motion passes.

7:48 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

7:49 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary