

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 25, 2013

Present: Chairman Darcy, Selectman Gallagher; Ebbighausen; Morel; Rideout and TA Collins.

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

6:00 p.m. Selectmen adjourned to go into a Non-Meeting for discussion with town attorney.

6:30 p.m. Selectmen returned to regular session.

Frank Podlenski, Highway Superintendent, joined the Selectmen to go over the Highway Budget.

The Selectmen and Mr. Podlenski had a discussion regarding an increase in salary, due to cost of living increase and insurance increase. Discussion regarding overtime pay, which is due to the weather. Some overtime has been reduced due to the storms happen to be during the regular work week.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to tentatively approve the Highway Budget at \$597,264.00, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectmen reviewed the Manifest and Meeting Minutes.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve Manifest of November 25, 2013, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2013, with the following changes:

Page 1, 6th paragraph, last sentence change "no" to "not".

Page 2, 4th paragraph, after will add be, take out automatically, and add merged.

Page 2, 6th paragraph, second sentence change "split" to "splitting".

Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to sign Timber Tax Levy, property owner William Butynski, Map 0017, Lot 0003, in the amount of \$59.58, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen were invited to the Hinsdale Town Band Concert, held on December 1, 2013, from 12pm to 4pm at the Town Hall, upstairs main hall.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that Catamount finished the asbestos removal of the buildings on Main Street. Triple T will begin demolition and should be finished within a week or so.

The Selectmen discussed the Municipal Pool Budget. When previously reviewed a \$1,000.00 budget line for safety equipment was cut off the bottom of the page.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to tentatively approve the Municipal Pool Budget at \$29,664.00, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the Water Department Budget. Dennis Nadeau, Water and Sewer Superintendent, was unavailable to attend the meeting, but the Selectmen would like to touch base with him regarding his budget at some point.

The Selectmen discussed whether or not the electric item line should be increased or just have Mr. Nadeau keep an eye on the item line. Discussion regarding stationary, which paper for billing is split 50/50 with the Waste Water Department.

The Selectmen would like to meet with Mr. Nadeau on December 9, 2013 at 6pm to discuss the Water Department Budget further. They will meet with the Budget Committee at 6:30pm.

Selectman Morel made a motion to tentatively approve the Water Department Budget with the condition the TA will consult with Mr. Nadeau on any needed changes, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed the Police Department Budget regarding salaries, SRO salary, overtime, holiday pay. The revised budget is at \$972,354.00. The Selectmen would like to meet with Police Chief Faulkner to discuss the budget further. The Selectmen would like to see a breakdown of the budget so it is clear where the increase is. The SOA position is \$54,479.00 gross pay, including overtime and holiday pay. Selectman Rideout made a motion to tentatively approve the Police Department Salary at \$972,000.00, until the Selectmen speak with Chief Faulkner, Selectman Gallagher second. Selectman Morel votes no, until the Selectmen receive a response from the town attorney. Motion passes 4-1.

The Selectmen discussed Construction Management vs. General Contractor for the Police Station project. Selectman Rideout made a motion for Construction Management for the Police Station project, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins and the Selectmen discussed the Ban on Smoking in All Municipal Buildings, that was emailed for review and discussion at the meeting. It was discussed changing open windows in the handout to portals. There was a concern of who would be enforcing this ban. It was discussed giving a violator a verbal warning at first, then a written warning, then a fine if in violation a third time. The Selectmen would like the employees to discuss their thoughts and feelings on the possible ban. If this ban was passed, signs would be posted. The discussion of a timeframe for this ban. The distance was discussed, in the handout says 10 feet, possibly change to 25 feet.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to sign a letter to Police Chief Faulkner congratulating him on his completion of one year as Police Chief, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that the audit review went well. The auditors are still working on the Tax Department, which needs to be completed asap so the MS-5 can be completed and the tax rate can be set. TA Collins will ask the auditors to set up an earlier date for next year's audit.

Selectman Rideout has a Hinsdale Community Coalition meeting coming up, keys will be a discussion topic.

Selectman Ebbighausen would like to see the parking enforced at the School. It will be looked into what is states in the ordinance. The signs say "No Parking between signs". Possibly modify the ordinance if needed.

Chairman Darcy mentioned the Budget Committee will be meeting on December 4, 2013 to review the budgets and meet with the Selectmen on December 9, 2013.

7:40 p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to go into Non-Public meeting, per RSA 91, A; 3-II (a), Personnel, Selectman Rideout second. Vote was as follows: Chairman Darcy – I; Selectman Ebbighausen – I, Selectman Gallagher – I; Selectman Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passed.

7:55p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to come out of Non-Public Meeting, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to seal the Non-Public Meeting Minutes, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Darcy discussed having the Selectmen prepare TA Collins review to discuss at the next Selectmen's Meeting on December 9, 2013.

7:55 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia Marshall
Secretary