

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 16, 2013

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

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

Selectmen reviewed the Manifest and Meeting Minutes.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2013, Public and Non-Public 1 and 2, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve Manifest of December 17, 2013, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that the tax rate has not been set yet. Estimate if the town uses designated balance is \$25.89. Other town's tax rates are high; Hinsdale is maintaining its tax rate. Overall Hinsdale's equalized assessment for the tax year 2013 is 100.6%.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion for Chairman Darcy to sign Voluntary Merger of tax map 47, lot 15 (10 and 12 Main Street), Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that the water pipe at the old historical society broke over the weekend and the water is now shut off. TA Collins has been trying to contact members of the Grange to let them know the building cannot be used. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to send a letter to the Grange requesting removal of any of their items and to close down the old historical society building, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed where they stood with the Budget Committee and to set up a time to meet with them again to tentatively approve the budget. The Budget Committee is meeting again on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, to finish going over the budget. The numbers look good in the budget. The Selectmen discussed possible Warrant Articles for Town Meeting in March 2014. There will be a Warrant Article for a back hoe, but there is some money in reserve that will help the purchase. The Fire Department would like to see \$80,000.00 set aside in the capital reserve for a new fire truck and new fire station in 2018. The Fire Department got a new utility truck but need a brush truck, which they have some money set aside for and are looking to purchase in 2015-2016.

The Police Department would like a Warrant Article for two new police cruisers.

The Highway Department will need a Warrant Article for the Monument Road project.

The Parks & Rec Department will need to resurface the tennis courts.

TA Collins could prepare a table to show the impact in \$10,000.00 increments, along with an overall impact of Warrant Articles.

6:30 p.m. Police Chief Todd Faulkner joined the Selectmen to further discuss the Police Department's budget.

The Selectmen and Police Chief Faulkner discussed the budget line item of vacation pay and over-time pay. They discussed the possibility of over-time being reduced now that the Police Department will have a full staff. Police Chief Faulkner estimates 100 hours of over-time per officer. The SRO might be able to help reduce over-time as well. They agreed to leave the over-time line item as is and revisit next year when there will be a better idea will full staffing, along with revisiting the holiday pay once they see the effects.

The Selectmen discussed with Police Chief Faulkner having information prepared for Town Meeting regarding the SRO.

The Selectmen discussed, depending on the amount of Warrant Articles, having a joint meeting with the School Board.

Police Chief Faulkner discussed with the Selectmen reimbursements for the Police Department's training. The Police Department receives \$9,000.00 from the Task Force for training, but the Town has to pay up front, and then gets reimbursed. TA Collins will have to create a revenue line for this.

7:57 p.m. Dennis Nadeau, Water and Sewer Superintendent, joined the Selectmen, to discuss the Water and Sewer Department's budget.

Mr. Nadeau and the Selectmen discussed that the roof on the well on Glenn Street will need to be replaced. The item line amount of \$7,000.00, but Mr. Nadeau received an estimate of \$5,600.00. The Selectmen and Mr. Nadeau discussed increasing the stationary/office supplies item line to \$2,100.00 and increase to electric item line to \$32,000.00. Tools item line should actually be \$500.00. The Water and Sewer Department's budget bottom line at \$445,058.00

Mr. Nadeau and the Selectmen discussed training classes that are coming up that are required. The EPA is not giving as much money for training as they have in the past.

Mr. Nadeau is working on received quotes for a new back hoe/tractor.

The Selectmen and Mr. Nadeau discussed looking into on-call pay, gas mileage and cell phone stipend. Number of cell phones that would be needed is not enough to obtain a corporate cell phone account.

Selectman Morel made a motion to tentatively approve the Water and Sewer Department budget at \$445,058.00, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel mentioned she attended a School Board meeting, in which they discussed their budget. Their bottom line is slightly lower, coming in at \$11,985,367.00. The School Board had a long

discussion regarding a position at the school and if a Warrant Article would be needed for said position, the answer being no. Selectman Morel informed the School Board there would be a Warrant Article on the ballot to ratify the Board of Selectmen acceptance of the grant for the SRO position.

Chairman Darcy mentioned there will be a Budget Committee Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 and hopefully will have tentative approval on the overall budget.

7:27p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to go into Non-Public meeting, per RSA 91, A; 3-II (c), Reputation, Selectman Gallagher second. Vote was as follows: Chairman Darcy – I; Selectman Ebbighausen – I, Selectman Gallagher – I; Selectman Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passed.

7:45p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to come out of Non-Public Meeting, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

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

7:45 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to go into Non-Public meeting, per RSA 91, A; 3-II (a), Personnel, Selectman Morel second. Vote was as follows: Chairman Darcy – I; Selectman Ebbighausen – I, Selectman Gallagher – I; Selectman Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passed.

8:10 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to come out of Non-Public Meeting, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

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

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to pay Police Chief Todd Faulkner, this one time due to special circumstances in the Police Department, 40 hours of vacation pay and roll over 30 hours of vacation pay, from here on out, if he does not use his vacation time, then he will lose it, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

8:10 p.m. Selectman Gallagher 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.

8:10 p.m. The Selectmen excused TA Collins and Alicia Marshall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia Marshall
Secretary