

The Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 22, 2014

Present: Chairman Rideout; Selectmen Darcy; Gallagher; Morel; and TA Collins.

6:02 p.m. Chairman Rideout called the meeting to order.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to appoint John Smith as a Selectman to fill in for open position until March Town Meeting, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

John Smith was sworn into office by Chairman Rideout.

Selectman Smith joined the board.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to table the minutes until the next meeting of December 29<sup>th</sup>, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the manifest of December 15<sup>th</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup>, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectmen Darcy made a motion to move forward with hiring an animal control officer, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to pay for the underground utilities to the new police station up to \$5,500 with CDBG revolving loan funds, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to appoint Roberta Cook as an alternate to the Planning Board, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

The board discussed a memo from Rod Lawrence regarding 108 Indian Acres. The board would like to see the matter turned over to Legal for an opinion.

Selectman Morel stated the planning board accepted the Master Plan and the board will be visiting the site for the solar array.

Chairman Rideout state the HCIDC met and discussed solar arrays. A handout was provided at the meeting and he will forward it to TA Collins.

Tax Collector James MacDonell informed the board that a petition will be submitted to change the tax collector position from 1 year to 3 years.

TA Collins discussed the success of this year's holiday giving. The town received a contribution of toys; along with funds for Feed the Thousands; and donation of clothing.

The Budget Committee joined the meeting. John Hartnett discussed the importance of finding a new revenue stream.

Peter Zavorotny discussed the need to keep the budget at 1% and made a few suggestions:

- Have a Warrant Article for the Animal Control Officer;
- Cut Dental Insurance;
- Place Community Events as a separate warrant article;
- Review the fire budget and summer programs for additional cuts.

The board was asked what they would cut to help reduce the proposed budget. Curbside pickup was discussed. Selectman Darcy stated the Selectmen need to go through the whole budget to see where we are at.

The Selectmen reviewed the following budgets:

**Election** - Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce EL Printing from \$700 to \$500, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to tentatively approve the Election budget in the amount of \$51,121 second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

**Financial Administration** – Tax Collector salary was reduced from \$25,500 to \$22,007. Selectman Darcy mad a motion to tentatively approve the FA budget in the amount of \$118,629, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

**Parks** – Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce the Part-time Salary line item to \$12,000, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to reduce the gasoline line item to \$1,600, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce equipment to \$1,500, second by Gallagher. Motion pastes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to tentatively approve the Parks Budget in the amount of \$39,440, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

**Cemetery** – Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce Part-time Salaries to \$7,200 second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to reduce gasoline to \$1,000, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to tentative approve the Cemetery Budget in the amount of \$20,781, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

**Fire Dept.** – Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce the FD Salaries to \$80,000 second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to reduce Gasoline to \$3,000, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce Breath Apparatus Test & Maintenance to \$5,000, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce heating to \$10,000 second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to tentatively approve the FD Budget in the amount of \$168,193, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

**Emergency Management** - Selectmen Darcy made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Budget in the amount of \$22,433, second by Smith. Motion approved unanimously.

**Health Agency** – Selectman Darcy made a motion to place the American Red Cross request for \$2,000 as a warrant article, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the Health Agency Budget of \$50,657, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

**Welfare** – Selectman Darcy made a motion to reduce the Salary line to \$14,217, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectmen Darcy made the motion tentatively approve the Welfare Budget of \$76,812, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

**Library** – Selectman Gallagher made a motion to tentatively approve the Library Budget in the amount of \$46,826, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel read her letter of resignation to the board, effective the end of the year. Letter attached to the minutes.

Selectman Smith made a motion to appoint Selectman Darcy as Vice-Chair to the Board of Selectmen, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy will service as the representative to the Budget Committee.

Selectman Smith will serve as the representative of the Bridge Committee.

8:33 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into non-public under RSA 91:A-3, II, b – hiring, second by Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Smith – I; Gallagher – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:35 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to hire Bill Byrne as a part-time employee on the condition that the position is seasonal and for plowing, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

8:36 p.m. Selectman Smith made a motion to enter into non-public under RSA 91:A-3, II, a - personnel, second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Smith – I; Gallagher – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:42 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectmen Darcy made a motion to seal the minutes, second by Smith. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Gallagher – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:43 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into a non-public under RSA 91:A-3, II (a) personnel, second by Smith. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Smith – I; Gallagher – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:55 p.m. Regular session reconvened.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to seal the minutes, second by Morel. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Smith – I; Gallagher – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

8:55 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins  
Town Administrator