

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 14, 2013

Present: Vice Chairman Darcy; Selectmen Ebbighausen, Rideout and Schill; TA Collins. Chairman Smith was absent.

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

Selectmen reviewed the manifests.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the manifests of January 14, 2013, Selectman Rideout second. Selectman Schill abstained. Motion passes.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes, Public and Non-Public, of January 2, 2013 and January 7, 2013, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to sign conveyance of cemetery plots 7, 8 and 9 at Oak Lawn Cemetery to Arnold Dixon Jr., Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to have Vice Chairman sign a Facility Rental Request at the Town Hall for the Open Mic Night, being held by the Hinsdale Community Coalition, on January 25, 2013, from 5pm to 8:30pm, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to have Vice Chairman sign a Facility Rental Request at the Town Hall for the Movie Night, being held by the Hinsdale Community Coalition, on March 1, 2013, from 5pm to 9:30pm, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to have Vice Chairman sign an Open Container/Alcohol Permit for the Fire Department Picnic, being held on August 24, 2013 at the Heritage Park Pavilion, from 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins presented a proposal of Acceptance for Peter Tennant, Wallace Architect in the amount of \$10,000.00 to include meetings, conceptual designs, square foot project estimate, schematic presentation of floor plans, and 3D exterior view and attend 2013 town meeting and the two public hearings.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to have the Vice Chair sign the funding resolution regarding State Aid Grant programs eligibility for deferred projects, Select Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed the Highway Safety Committee and them meeting on a quarterly basis.

The Selectman discussed Police Chief Faulkner applying for grants regarding the police department and extra patrolling. The committee would have to approve the plans.

Selectman Ebbighausen said he would serve on the Highway Enforcement Committee.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to accept the manifest of Marvin Smart's work on the 8-10 Main Street, boarding up windows and covering the roof, Selectman Rideout second. Selectman Schill abstained. Motion passes.

TA Collins discussed bids for the Town Report. Whitman's bid was the lowest.

6:30 p.m. School Board joined the meeting to have a general discussion regarding their meetings.

Frank Podlenski, Highway Department Superintendent, had concerns regarding the dirt/loom piles on the school property. There was some back and forth issues whose piles were whose. The School Board said they would discuss the issue at their next meeting in February.

The Selectman and the School Board discussed the School Boards proposed Warrant Articles. They also discussed sharing Town Meeting Day and the time frame.

6:50 p.m. Vice Chairman opened the floor to the public.

A member of the public spoke regarding reporters of the Brattleboro Reformer attending the School Board meeting only. The Selectmen were aware and the Keene Sentinel reporter was sick and that is why they did not attend.

The Selectmen discussed that legal notices were publicized at T-Bird, outside the Town Hall, on the Town's website and in the Keene Sentinel. They also discussed the costs of publicizing with the Keene Sentinel and the Brattleboro Reformer.

7:00 p.m. Alfreda Tedford, of the Grange, joined the Selectmen for discussion regarding the use of the old Town Hall (Historical Building).

They discussed modifications to the building and concerns of coming into compliance. The Selectmen discussed that when they agreed to letting the Grange use the building the building was "as is". Tedford discussed meals they would like to put on for the public and the Selectmen suggested other locations in town where the Grange could do so. Tedford also discussed the Grange looking into grants that would help fund future activities that they would like to hold.

7:15 p.m. Peter Tennant and the Police Department Building Team joined the Selectmen to discuss the Police Departments possible new location.

Peter Tennant went over the 4518 square foot plans and the 4311 square foot plans with the boards. He had asked, prior, Police Chief Faulkner for points of view on the plans and what the building would need to fit the needs of the Police Department.

The boards and Peter Tennant discussed coming up with a figure to bring to the public for Town Meeting.

The boards discussed the plans Peter Tennant presented and the needs of the Police Department. The boards discussed that January 28, 2013 there would be the first bond hearing and that February 11, 2013 would be the second bond hearing. February 4, 2013 the Selectmen would like to review the Warrant Article and approve.

The boards also discussed having an informal meeting on January 28, 2013 and have the Police Department there speak about their needs and the public can ask questions.

The boards further discussed the need for a training room and the possibility of bringing in out of town Police Departments to train and the need for a garage for storage of the police vehicles.

The boards want to make sure that the public is well aware of the costs of construction and the need for the new Police Department building.

8:20 p.m. TA Collins discussed with the Selectmen about budget season and to have a workshop on January 21, 2013 for a refresher of the budgets they previously reviewed and also to start reviewing Warrant Articles.

The Selectmen had a discussion regarding the review of the new water and sewer rates and having a comparison of 2011 and 2012 rates.

The Selectmen discussed the bond hearing on January 28, 2013 at 6:15 p.m.

TA Collins is hoping to have the MS-5 taken care of by next week. The tax rate is usually set in late November early December.

Selectman Rideout announced that there will be a Budget Committee meeting this Wednesday. Last Thursday he and Police Chief Faulkner attended a press release, in Portsmouth, for recognition from ICAC of the incident on Plain Road, Hinsdale, with Senator Ayotte.

Selectman Ebbighausen attending the School Board meeting and they discussed the after school program and the budget numbers being tight.

Selectman Schill mentioned the revenues are down and wanted to make mention regarding Selectman Ebbighausen's comment at the meeting. Someone mentioned it came across as him saying the school should give money back to the town. That is not what Selectman Ebbighausen meant.

Selectman Darcy mentioned there is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow, January 22, 2013 and the Tractor Supply representatives will be attending.

8:45 p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia A. Marshall
Secretary