

The Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2015

Present: Vice-Chairman Darcy; Selectmen Gallagher; O'Malley; Smith; and TA Collins. Chairman Rideout excused.

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

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of January 5th, second by O'Malley. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to approve the manifest of January 5th; 6th; & 12th, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

6:03 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to enter into non-public under RSA 91:A-3, II, a - personnel, second by Smith. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Smith – I; Gallagher – I; O'Malley– I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:15 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

The Selectmen discussed 45 Canal Street. The property currently contains a vacant foundation. There is concern due to an accidental death which occurred last weekend by someone falling into the foundation. The property is owned by Jackelyn N. Ellis, whom could not be reached at this time. TA Collins has received information regarding the mother and stepfather of Jackelyn. TA Collins spoke to the Town Attorney regarding the matter. The Town Attorney informed Collins about RSA 155-B:13 Hazardous Excavations and the steps the town can follow in order to see the foundation is filled in. The Board discussed how to proceed. Collins will contact the Town Attorney, to start the process to in RSA 155 of having an order served on the property owner to rectify the situation, if the situation is not rectified as described in the order, the town can cause the excavation to be filled to grade or protected and the cost shall be charged against the real estate. The process can take at least two months.

Residents abutting the property did speak. Three residents (3) stated the property is not secured and the caution tape is no longer present. Chris St. Laurent, owner of 43 Canal Street wanted it noted for the record his concern for safety of his tenants and children.

Selectman Smith made a motion to move forward with the appropriate paperwork in order to have the foundation hole secured and safe, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the Timber Tax Levy in the amount of \$127.48 for Thomas Yeaw of 222 Monument Road, Map & Lot 24/83, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the 2014 Tax Abatement in the amount of \$151.26 for Norman & Mary Whittle, 25 Pond Road, second by Smith. The abatement is due to a clerical error. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Smith made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Rescue Inc. contract, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Andrew Madison from Granite State Rural Water Association and Water Supt. Dennis Nadeau joined the meeting. Mr. Madison stated that the town had an opportunity to have a Well Head Protection Study completed. A final detail report would be provided to the Water Dept. which would point out if there are any deficiencies in protecting the well heads and measures to correct the deficiencies. Granite State Rural Water will also assist in implementing zoning changes. The project would be from January through April, with the final report being presented in April. The project is grant funded and there is no cost to the Town.

Selectman O'Malley made a motion to move forward with the study, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

A committee will need to be formed which should contain a Selectman and members of the Conservation Commission; ZBA; and Planning Board. Selectman Smith as a ZBA member will bring this up at their next meeting. Selectman Gallagher volunteered to be the Selectman Representative.

Dennis further mentioned that the town with the assistance of grant monies can have a Region 1 EPA Flood Mitigation Study completed for its water supply. The Selectmen would like to have Dennis pursue this further.

The Following Budgets were reviewed:

Summer Program – Telephone was reduced to \$500; Supplies was reduced to \$2,500. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to tentatively approve the budget at \$44,072, second by Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Municipal Pool – Electricity was reduced to \$2,200; Water & Sewer was reduced to \$900; Snacks was reduced to \$1800. Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the budget at \$34,250, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Community Events – Selectmen Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the budget at \$28,305, second by O'Malley. Motion passes unanimously.

Highway Department – Gasoline was reduced to \$600. Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the Highway Administration budget for \$446,169, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously. Highway and Streets will remain the same. Total Highway Budget: \$621,919.

Hinsdale Community Center – Payroll lines were cut by \$2,299. Selectman Smith made a motion to tentatively approve the budget in the amount of \$56,189, second by O'Malley. Motion passes unanimously.

Financial Management – The Selectmen discussed having the extra hours for the tax collector as a warrant article. At this time they would like to leave the budget as is with the extra hours.

Budget Hearings have been scheduled for February 3rd & February 4th.

Collins will prepare the budget packets from tonight for the Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Selectman Gallagher mentioned the Conservation Commission is looking to schedule Earth Day's Roadside Clean-up for April 18th or 25th. He mentioned the Conservation Commission would like to look into an electronics amnesty program.

Selectman Darcy asked what the timeline is for election sign-ups. TA Collins stated January 21st through the 30th. Collins will send an email to the Selectman with vacancies and dates.

Joan Morel complimented the Highway Department for their plowing efforts.

7:40 p.m. Selectmen Smith made a motion to adjourn, second by O'Malley. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator