

Selectmen Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2014

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

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

The Selectmen reviewed the manifests and minutes.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve the manifests of January 6 & January 30, 2014, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve the minutes of December 30, 2013, second by Rideout. Motion passes. Selectman Ebbighausen abstained.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the open container application from Roxanne Leclair for a birthday party to be held on January 18, 2014 at the Community Center, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the abatement for the 2011 & 2012 tax lien in the amount of \$178.16 on property located at 15 Freedom Acres Drive owned by Bernard & Betty Warren, second by Ebbighausen. Discussion, the manufactured home was demolished January 6, 2011 and the lot is empty. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the application for Retail Sales of Permissible Fireworks for Fantasy Fireworks, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the application for Retail Sales of Permissible Fireworks for TNT Fireworks, second by Morel. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to ratify the approval of the MS 5, second by Selectman Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to ratify the approval of the tax rate, second by Rideout. Discussion, the tax rate is \$25.85 – \$6.43 Town; \$3.20 County; \$13.74 Local School; and \$2.48 State School effort. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed On-Call pay for the various departments. An increase from \$500 annual stipends to \$650 a year and the need to review the stipends on an annual or at least bi-annual basis was discussed. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to increase the On-Call pay from \$500 to \$650 annually and to leave the vacation time as is in order to phase out the extra vacation week as people retire, second by Ebbighausen. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen will be meeting on Monday January 20, 2014 for a workshop to review warrant articles starting at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Gallagher stated he attended the Conservation Committee meeting. The committee would like to know the balance in their account. Collins will forward a copy of the statement to Gallagher.

Chairman Darcy discussed the budget committee meetings he attended last week. He noted the budget committee has two more budgets to tentatively approved, but action needs to take place by the Selectmen first.

6:30 p.m. Mike Vignale from KV Partners joined the meeting to discuss the final design of Monument Road.

Vignale reviewed the final design speaking about the cross section; the result of the borings which demonstrated poor soil; the high water table; the poor drainage; and the need to elevate the road.

He further discussed using reclaimed materials in order to keep the cost down on the project, the need to obtain at least two permanent easements for drainage and the need to obtain construction easements from abutting properties.

The project was shown in two phases: Phase I – Old Brattleboro Road to Meetinghouse Rd. The estimated cost is \$1,294,373 for the road and \$671,000 for the water line, totaling \$1,965,373; Phase II – Meetinghouse Road to Plain Road. The cost is \$1,416,687.

Further discussion took place on additional phasing of the project. It was pointed out the more phasing that is down can cause additional costs.

The Selectmen discussed the current bond debt and the feasibility for the TIF to contribute toward the bond debt if the project is approved. The Selectmen would like to add Monument Road to the agenda for Monday night and invite the Budget Committee to the meeting and the Planning Board. TA Collins will get some amortization schedules from the bond bank.

7:20 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91:A-3, II, a – personnel, second by Gallagher. Vote as follows: Darcy – I; Gallagher – I; Ebbighausen – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:35 p.m. The Selectmen returned to regular session.

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

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to allow Chief Faulkner to carry over 3 holidays into 2014 due to extenuating circumstances and that all time needs to be used this year or the time will be lost, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

7:40 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91:A-3, II, e – consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation, second by Gallagher. Vote as follows: Darcy – I; Gallagher – I; Ebbighausen – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:45 p.m. The Selectmen returned to regular session. Selectman Rideout made a motion to seal the minutes, second by Gallagher. Vote as follows: Darcy – I; Gallagher – I; Ebbighausen – I; Morel – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:47 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins, Town Administrator