

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 13, 2012

Present: Chairman Bellville; Selectmen Darcy, Ebbighausen; Schill, Smith and TA Collins.

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

Selectman Darcy made a motion to accept the minutes of February 6, 2012 and February 8, 2012, Chairman Bellville second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to accept the manifests of February 13, 2012, second by Selectmen Smith. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign the following abatements for Water and Sewer, second by Selectman Smith:

46 High Street, LLC, \$85.00, 4th Quarter 2011, motion passed to abate unanimously.
Mike Darcy, \$60.00, 4th Quarter 2011, motion passed to abate, Selectmen Darcy abstained.

Selectman Smith made a motion to have the chairman sign the application for open container for the Fire Department's Summer Picnic, August 25, 2012, second by Selectman Schill. Motion passes unanimously.

Rental request for use of the upstairs main hall made by GYDA (Guiding Your Destiny Along, a non-profit organization) for a Free Family Dance on April 14, 2012 from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Selectmen asked for the representatives from GYDA to come in and speak with them about the organization before they make their decision.

TA Collins discussed Selectmen's Report and Dedication for the Town Annual Report. The Selectmen suggested a paragraph be added to the Selectmen's Report about the Building committee moving forward with the PD Building and will have recommendations for the Police Department.

Selectmen had a discussion regarding the Candidates running for open office.

Selectmen Smith was approached by a group starting a New Grange in Hinsdale for Winchester, Ashuelot and Hinsdale. They are interested in renting the Old Town Hall, meeting on Sundays, twice a month from 3-6 p.m. There are people on the board willing to make improvements. HCC has also shown some interest in using the Old Town Hall.

6:30 p.m. Chairman Bellville opened the public hearing.

6:40 p.m. Return to regular session.

Selectmen Smith proposed motion to be accepted changes to the Water & Sewer Ordinance, Selectmen Schill second. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectmen Darcy discussed seeing a longer historical look to get a better judgment in preparation of the budget in the future. TA Collins keeps a hard copy of the past budgets back ten years. Selectmen suggested five years would be adequate historical look in preparing future budgets.

Selectmen Smith spoke about the old oak table located at the Historical Society building that he would like brought down for the Town Hall.

Chairman Bellville received a complaint regarding Canal Street, LLC cutting trees and using as filling for the gullies. Gardner has fill that is getting moved due to excavating that is being preformed.

SB2 hearing is on February 27, 2012.

Selectmen Darcy discussed about the tires on Brattleboro Road DES should be coming to investigate.

6:46 Chairman Bellville proposed a motion to adjourn until 7:00, Selectmen Schill second.

6:58 Chairman Bellville called meeting back to order.

Chairman Bellville shared Maria Shaw's thank you card.

Public Hearing Notice for the HTC are scheduled for February 23, 2012 at Lincoln Public Library, Lincoln, NH and February 23, 2012 at New Hampshire Local Government Center, Concord, NH.

7:00 Brad Wiggins, Senior Director of the CCA Facility Support Center, Ben Shuster and David Collins spoke with the Selectmen regarding the potential development on Route 119.

CCA is a privately owned company that constructs and manages Correction Facilities. CCA is a strong contributor of communities where the facilities are located. CCA participates in volunteer programs and charitable events.

Hinsdale proposal entails a secure facility financed, constructed, owned and managed by CCA, with a 20 year contract with the State, located on a 193 acre property located 2 miles east of Wal-Mart on Route 119. Facility bed capacity would be approximately 1500-2000 inmates, with a possible expansion in the future. Cost of Construction would cost between 100-120 million dollars. Facility would be created to replace the State Concord facility and would house the inmates currently designated there. Facility would house part-time inmates and inmates in the New England area.

Brad Wiggins discussed the benefits this facility could bring to the town, including employment benefits during construction and when in operation. There would be 300 construction employment opportunities in a 24 month period and 250-300 full time, diverse employment opportunities with benefits. There would be tax benefits because the assessment of the facility's property would be between 100-120 million dollars. The Warden appointed for the facility would be in direct communication with the Police Department and meet with the Police Department and Selectmen on a quarterly or month basis.

CCA would not sub-divide the property of land they are interest in. Their hope would be to hook up the facility to the town's water and sewer and would be will to sign a development agreement to incur the additional costs for the town's system to be able to handle their needs. There would be no inmate work crews.

Information needed for construction and operation of the facility will be fully provided to the town and the Police department, as needed, by CCA.

Next steps suggested by the Selectmen to CCA are to informally meet with the Planning Board and the Local Community to discuss the facility and to get their input and feelings on the facility.

8:50 p.m. Selectmen Bellville made a motion to adjourn. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia A. Saunders
Secretary