

Selectmen Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2014

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

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

Selectmen reviewed the Manifest and Meeting Minutes.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve Manifest of March 4, 2014 and Manifest of March 11, 2014, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the Selectmen Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2014, Public and Non-Public, Selectman Gallagher second. Selectman Ebbighausen abstained. Motion passes.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Alcohol/Open Container Permits for the following, Selectman Ebbighausen second:

- 2004 Reunion held on June 28, 2014 at Heritage Park Pavilion, from 10am to 5pm.
- Brattleboro Food Co-op Staff Picnic held on May 26, 2014 at Heritage Park Pavilion, from 12pm to 5pm
- Norman Whittle, 50th Anniversary Party held on July 12, 2014 at Hinsdale Community Center, from 11:30am to 6:00pm.

Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Alcohol/Open Container Permit for Hinsdale Fire Department, for leisure time activities only, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen and TA Collins went over the Warrant Articles and who would speak on behalf of which Articles.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen she has prepared a write up for the Monument Road Project. (Article 2) Selectman Ebbighausen will be available to discuss Article 2, along with Frank Podlenski, Highway Superintendent; point to be addressed:

- Monument Road is a multi-purpose road.
- Retired debt.
- Low bonds.

The Selectmen discussed Article 17. Chairman Darcy will be available to discuss Article 17; points to be addressed:

- Salary item line (\$17.40 per hour)
- Combining the salary and fees to make Town Clerk salary a, this was suggested by the auditors.

- All Town Clerk fees will come to the Town and Town Clerk will receive a salary, per RSA 41:25.

The Selectmen discussed Article 3.

The Selectmen discussed Article 6 – Police Chief Faulkner and Dr. C will be available to discuss at Town Meeting, which will also be in the Keene Sentinel and Brattleboro Reformer. Points to be addressed:

- The split of salary between the Town and School.
- Various things the SRO will be handling, i.e. inventions, disciplinary actions (unless criminal), workshops for parents and students, getting the Explores program going again.
- SRO being hired is highly trained.

The Selectmen took a break from going over the Warrant Articles.

Karen Johnson joined the Selectmen for discussion on the Hinsdale Community Center.

Mrs. Johnson has concerns on the amount of keys that are being given out by the Hinsdale Community Coalition. Other programs that have possession of the keys to the building sign and contract regarding the keys and are to return the keys when the contract is up. The Selectmen suggested to Mrs. Johnson sending out a letter to programs that use the facility to let them know the locks will be and new keys and contract will be available by a certain date, due to this being a security issue and no keys are to be duplicated. Also, policies should be set up regarding use of the facility.

The Selectmen continued reviewing the Warrant Articles.

The Selectmen discussed Article 7. TA Collins will have a write up prepared regarding the Backhoe and Dennis Nadeau, Water and Sewer Superintendent, will be available for discussion.

The Selectmen discussed Article 10. Police Chief Faulkner and Selectman Gallagher will be available to discuss. Points to be addressed:

- The older Police Cruisers and how continuing to repair them is using up most of the repair item line in the budget.
- CIP is behind on replacements.
- If Warrant Article passes, the Police Department will not be looking for a new cruiser for another 5 years.

Selectmen briefly touch base on Article 11 and 12.

Selectmen discussed Article 13. Jay Matuszewski will be available for discussion.

Selectmen discussed Article 14. Selectman Rideout and Darcy will have documents and handouts available for the discussion.

Selectmen discussed Article 15.

Selectmen discussed Article 16.

Selectmen discussed Articles 16 thru 21. Kathryn Lynch, Property Records, will have a handout available for the discussion.

TA Collins discussed with the Selectmen there are two town employees that will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with the Town and one town employee that will be celebrating his 30th anniversary with the town, which will be recognized at Town Meeting next year.

The Selectmen and TA Collins discussed the ballot counters for Town Meeting.

TA Collins has a recommendation from the Interview Committee, for Construction Manager for the Police Station Project; Ingram Construction.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to hire Ingram Construction as Construction Manager for the Police Station Project, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins has a recommendation for the Selectmen to hire Phil Howe as the new Parks Superintendent, who is currently employed with the Town as one of the Crossing Guards.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to hire Phil Howe as the new Parks Superintendent, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen she will be advertising for the Cemetery Grounds Keeper position soon.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen the Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting with them on March 17, 2014.

Selectman Morel asked who could go to the School Board Meeting, if it was being held on March 12, 2014. Selectman Gallagher said he could attend.

7:20 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia Marshall
Secretary