

Selectmen's Public Hearing Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2016

Present: Chairman Gallagher, Selectmen Darcy; Diorio; McCosker; Rideout; and TA Collins.

6:00 Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to approve the manifests for March 31st and April 9th, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes of March 28th, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the Veteran's Exemption for Client #04112016-1, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the Recreational Campground Permit for Mountain Side Camping, 87 McDonald Drive, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Seasonal Sport Director, Carl Anderson, joined the meeting. Anderson would like to see the town take over the girls' softball league in order for the program to be insured through the town. Discussion took place regarding revenue and expenses. Anderson will put together an income and expense report for the Selectmen before any further action is taken.

Anderson spoke about the improvements that need to be made at the Prentis Taylor Field. A new shed needs to be installed for equipment and there is a need for electricity. Anderson will get together with Highway Supt., Frank Podlenski, to come up with a formal plan for improvements.

Anderson would like to start a middle school basketball league during the summer. In order to do so, there are needs for improvements to the basketball courts – painting of lines and moving the basketball hoops in order to make two courts. Anderson will get together with Podlenski to come up with a plan.

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing opened.

6:36 p.m. Public Hearing closed.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to sign the Comcast Franchise Agreement Renewal, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

6:40 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into non-public meeting under RSA 91:A-3, II, b. hiring, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Diorio – I; Gallagher – I; McCosker – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:07 Regular Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to seal the minutes, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Diorio – I; Gallagher – I; McCosker – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to sign the revised Mutual Aid Agreement for the Police Department with Northfield, MA, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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Ann Diorio, Chairman of the Community Center/Recreation Committee, was present. She had a concern regarding potential seasonal camp employees not being interviewed by an earlier date in order for them to participate in the CPR/First Aide training class which is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. TA Collins stated the interviews have been set up for May 18th between 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and the Police Department can do the CPR/First Aide training for the new hires.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the collection of excavated material taxes for Tim Halliday, Brattleboro Road, Map & Lot #19/19 in the amount of \$0, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to excavate material for Tim Halliday, Brattleboro Rd, Map & Lot #19/19, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the Notice of Intent to excavate material for Corse Excavation, Meetinghouse Rd., Map & Lot #30/70, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the certification of yield taxes assessed for Zachary Benkowski and Kathleen Arcellana, 223 Oxbow Rd., Map & Lot #33/2 in the amount of \$203.00, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the following appointments: Ken Howe, Alternate for ZBA; Peter Zavorotny, Deputy Treasurer; Maria Shaw, Deputy Tax Collector, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy – No; Diorio – I; Gallagher – I; McCosker – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes. Selectman Darcy wanted it noted for the record his No Vote had to do with the town's nepotism policy and voted against Peter Zavorotny because of the policy.

A tax abatement request from Evergreen Communities (Thicket Hill) was reviewed. The abatement was requested for 8 Pine St. & 3 Springbrook St. It was noted that the ownership of transfers were done on March 19, 2013 and October 5, 2011. Evergreen has owned these properties for several years and decided not to pay taxes on these properties. Selectman Darcy made a motion to deny the abatement request, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the Application for the SRF Loan I the amount of \$80,000 for the meter replacement project of which some of the principal will be forgiven, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectman reviewed the letter to NH Solar Gardens and made some changes to the 1st paragraph. TA Collins will present the revised letter to the board at the meeting of April 12th. Selectman Darcy made a motion to sign the amended letter, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to abate \$1,181.17 in interest for the 4th quarter 2015 taxes to various tax payers that were charged interest due to a wrong date, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen reviewed the delinquent taxes with James MacDonell, tax collector.

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Selectman Rideout discussed a goal he omitted at the last meeting and that is monthly water billing and accepting credit card payments in the future.

Selectman Diorio attended the Board Meeting; the Highway Department did a great job of fixing the road leading to the pavilion; and would like to move toward doing a monthly newsletter in the future.

Selectman Darcy found the legislative delegation meeting in Keene interesting. Selectman Darcy made a motion to have Kathryn Lynch set up a time with Mollie Kaylor of DRED to visit area businesses, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy would like to see Kathryn Lynch as the point of contact for economic development; the Bridge Committee should begin meeting again in order to keep up on the Hinsdale/Brattleboro Bridge activity; a committee should be formed to investigate the island so a plan can be put in place; and the Website needs to be revamped to make it more business friendly.

Chairman Gallagher informed the board that SWRPC is performing a traffic study in regards to the Complete Streets Program.

TA Collins informed the board about the BTLA hearing that took place on Friday for Hinsdale Real Estate, LLC vs. the Town of Hinsdale.

8:30 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Collins
Town Administrator