

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 7, 2012

Present: Chairman Smith; Selectmen Darcy, Ebbighausen, Rideout, Schill; TA Collins

6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to accept the April 23, 2012 Selectmen Meeting Minutes, second by Selectman Darcy. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to accept the May 5, 2012 Selectmen Meeting Minutes, second by Selectman Rideout. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to accept the manifest of April 30, 2012 and May 7, 2012, second by Selectman Darcy. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to accept the Forrest Fire Report/Bill, property off Monument Road (a brush fire) total expense \$619.60, Billed for no permit, second by Selectman Darcy. Motion passed unanimously.

A letter from the Community Development Director, Kathryn Lynch, was presented to the Selectmen regarding the Thicket Hill Campground, Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve with the change of one or one to one or more, second by Selectman Ebbighausen. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Tax Abatements Applications for the follow properties were granted, as per the Selectmen's meeting dated, April 30, 2012:

Kohler, 56 Emerson Drive, \$225,700.00 to \$200,000.00.

Basset and Crow, 18 Spring Street, \$35,000 to 30,000.00.

Hinsdale Real Estate Development, 676 and 688 Brattleboro Road/ Oak hill Road,
40 Brattleboro Road, \$187,500.00 to \$16,819.00, TM19, Lot 15
\$2,030,000.00 to \$451,345.00, TM24, Lot 59
\$22,200.00 to \$4,936.00, TM 24, Lot 60
\$59,600.00 to \$76,800.00, TM 24, Lot 2-4

Denials as follows:

Wing, 150 Oxbow Road

Irwin, 15 Pond Road

Blake, 147 Oxbow Road

Lombardi, 95 Brattleboro Road

Symington, 8 Snow Avenue

Symington, 807 Plain Road

Good, 11 Cream Pot Hill Road

Balduf, 60 Monument Road

Delano, 7 Sargent Street

Estate of Andrea Walker, 76 Highland Avenue

Pike, 185 River Road

Selectmen approved the following tax abatements:

Crave-Bassett, 18 Springbrook Street, the amount of \$140.40 for the fourth quarter
Kohler, 56 Emerson Drive, the amount of \$648.20 for the fourth quarter

Selectman Darcy suggested that the Selectmen sit down with Hinsdale Real Estate Development.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve an Excavation Tax for Corse Excavating, off Meeting House Road, in the amount of \$117.86, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to approve the follow water abatements, Selectman Schill second. Motion passed unanimously:

US Bank National Association, Breezy Knoll, water fee was charged after the water was turned off, in the amount of \$50.00

Cornelius McCarthy, 12 Meeting House Road, water fee was charged after the water was turned off, in the amount of \$25.00.

John Palloni Sr., 45 Northfield Road, water fee was charged after the water was turned off, in the amount of \$91.00.

Duff Delano, 6 Highland Avenue, water fee was charged after the water was turned off, in the amount \$176.00.

Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion to accept Sewer Rents in the amount of \$75,970.58 and Water Rents in the amount of \$101,754.91, Selectman Schill made a motion to second. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to approve Sarah Bomba as an alternative to the Conservation Committee, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passed unanimously

Selectman Schill made a motion to have Chairman Smith sign approval the SHOC Movie Night at the Town Hall on May 18, 2012, from 5:30-10:30, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passed unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented a letter to the Selectmen from DOT regarding possibly disconnecting some street lights in town to save \$650,000.00 in savings.

T.A. Collins prepared a letter for the Selectmen to approve, to William Lambert, Traffic Engineer/Bureau Administrator, regarding continuing the Beacon Light Route 119 and Plain Road. The intersection continues to be problem due to poor visibility of traffic.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign a letter to the Town Clerk, Tammy-Jean Akeley, requesting her to meet with the Selectmen on May 21, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the position of Deputy Town Clerk, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Schill made a motion to sign a letter to Donna Minckler regretfully accepting her resignation, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passed unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Selectmen that Lieutenant Faulkner contacted her to discuss DVD systems, one is at the Police Department, wanted to know if the Selectmen would be interested in having one at the

Town Hall. Selectman Rideout suggested looking into Homeland Security to see if they might offer grants for security cameras.

Chairman Smith shared a letter from DOT regarding the former Wal-Mart lights needing to be removed. Chairman also shared a letter from NER with the Town's sticker enclosed for paying our dues. Chairman Smith received a letter from Department of Environmental Services regarding the backflow device inspection.

A member of the public came before the Selectmen with a complaint about the Tax Collector and a discrepancy with how much was owed and receiving a refund for his overpayment. Chairman Smith informed the gentleman that the Selectmen would look into the issue. Selectman Rideout asked the gentleman how he was treated, and he replied that the Tax Collector would not listen to him, just said he owed on his taxes.

A member of the School Board came before the Selectman to discuss the agreement with Dr. Christafuli regarding the use of loam, when needed. Dr. Christafuli would like to desist the use, there is a question regarding how much is being used.

She also wanted to invite the Selectmen to the end of year school events that are coming up. DARE, High School Graduation and the 5th Grade Graduation.

Committee Reports: Selectman Schill discussed the Conservation Committee and Killburn dam. Suggested a letter of direction be prepared regarding what needs to be done. Selectman Rideout suggested because the dam sits in Winchester but Hinsdale owns the dam, the Town of Hinsdale should prepare a letter to Winchester advising them on the work that is going to be performed.

Selectman Ebbighausen discussed the HCC and that 7 or 8 individuals dropped off the Prescription Drug Collection Center and coming up with a better way to get the word out. The HCC also discussed a pool party on Saturday, June 30th, in an attempt in trying to revitalize the July 4th activities. The HCC was wondering if a couple of the Selectmen would be interested in flipping burgers between 3p.m.-5p.m.

Selectman Darcy discussed the Police Department Building Team's meeting. They toured the Tempstat building on the 26th. There was no impression of a must or must not use the building for a possible Police Department building site. A consistent comment was that the building was big. Thursday they will be looking at the Boy Scout Camp and River Road as possible building sites.

Selectman Darcy asked if someone could have the Town Highway Department pick up the green up day bags that are over by the Brattleboro Hinsdale Bridges.

Chairman Smith discussed the ZBA meeting and Area Variance. There will be encampment on the 19th, some will leaving Saturday and some will be leaving Sunday morning.

Selectman Ebbighausen discussed the HCC is looking for community activities for High School Seniors.

T.A. Collins wanted someone, when they see Lisa Bomba, to mention that we need the left over bags back from Green Up Day.

6:50 p.m. Selectman Ebbighausen made a motion for Non-Public Meeting, Selectman Schill second.

Non-Public RSA 91A-3 (2) (A) Hiring and Personnel

Smith I, Darcy I, Ebbighausen I, Rideout I, Ebbighausen I

7:55 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to come out of Non-Public Meeting, Selectman Schill second.

Motion passed unanimously. Selectman Darcy made a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passed unanimously.

7:55 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Ebbighausen second. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia Marshall
Secretary