

The Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 30, 2014

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

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

Selectmen reviewed minutes and manifest.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the Manifests of June 24, 2014, and June 30, 2014, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014 and June 23, 2014, Public and Non-Public Meeting Minutes June 23, 2014, Selectman Gallagher second. Selectman Morel abstained from Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins discussed with the Selectmen CDBG Items for Oak Hill Acres Project. Selectman Morel made a motion to accept CDBG Code of Ethics, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passes unanimously. Selectman Morel made a motion to approve the Financial Management Plan, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passes unanimously. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to sign Signature Card for Payment Requests, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed the Meetinghouse Road paving.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that Sharon Smith contacted her regarding the Hinsdale Historical Society needing \$3,000 for the principal payment due in July. The Town has a mortgage on the property currently and can raise the monies through the CDBG revolving loan fund. TA Collins drafted copy of the conditions and recommendations for the Hinsdale House. Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve the request, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the Wage/Salary increases for 2014-2015, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passes unanimously. The increase will take effect June 29, 2014.

TA Collins discussed with the Selectmen the fuel bids that came in. TA Collins' recommendation is to award Barrows the Heating Fuel contract for 2014-2015. Selectman Darcy made a motion to award Barrows the Heating Fuel contract for 2014-2015, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that Kathryn Lynch will be in tonight to discuss abatement applications. The Selectmen will need to go into a non-public regarding litigation with Kathryn for a discussion with Skip Sansoucy re: Vernon & PSNH.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen she will be going over Selectman Morel's Unfinished Work sheet at the next meeting.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen there is a BTLA hearing scheduled for July 30, 2014 regarding the post office. TA Collins will be on vacation that week.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to give Selectman Morel the authority to negotiate at the hearing, Selectman Darcy second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to extend the Greyhound Park abatement application until August 1, 2014, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to approve Amanda Sweester and Karen Hammon as volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Committee, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

The Parks and Recreation Committee accepted the Farmers Market as a sub-committee. They really liked the idea of a Scarecrow festival.

Selectman Darcy informed the Selectmen the Farmers Market is aiming for July 13, 2014, from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

TA Collins discussed with the Selectmen possibly hiring MRI to perform the salary study. MRI does an extensive evaluation. MRI would meet with department heads and staff. MRI will review all job description and prepare job ratings, comparative to Towns of the same size. MRI will also train TA Collins so she can perform such evaluation in the future. The cost to hire MRI to perform the salary study is \$8,750.00.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into a contract with MRI to perform the salary study, encumbering funds from the fiscal yearend 2014, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins discussed with the Selectmen the Vermont Yankee meeting she attended. VY has requested employees that are relocating to place their properties on the market at fair-market value and if they do not sell in 60 days, a firm contracted through VY (Fidelity) will be purchasing the property.

6:30 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to enter into Non-Public under RSA 91:A-3, II, (e) – Litigation, second by Selectman Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Gallagher – I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:45 p.m. Selectmen returned to regular session.

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

Kathryn Lynch reviewed with the Selectmen tax abatement application recommendations from George E. Sansoucy, PE, LLC.

Selectman Morel made a motion to deny the following tax abatement applications, Selectman Gallagher second:

- Hinsdale Real Estate Development
- Northern New England telephone
- Public Service of New Hampshire
- TranCanada

Motion passes unanimously.

Kathryn Lynch reviewed with the Selectmen tax abatement recommendation from Vision.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to deny the following tax abatement applications, Selectman Gallagher second:

- Thicket Hill MHC LLC
- Patchwork Realty

Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to deny tax abatement application for Timothy Akeley, 15 Yeaw Road, not enough comparables, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a motion to deny tax abatement application for Calvin and Lynn Lowe, 5 Charles Drive, no comparable submitted, application is incomplete, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve the following tax abatement applications, Selectman Darcy second:

- Kathy Bolster, 27 McGregor Drive
- John Galvin, 5 McGregor Drive
- Howard Smith, 16 McGregor Drive

Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins informed the Selectmen that the boring for the Police Department building site will be taking place on July 8, 2014. The Highway Superintendent will be present. Hoping to begin construction of the Police Station in August 2014 and completed by April 2015.

TA Collins and the Selectmen discussed the salary study further. It will take at least four months for MRI to complete the salary study.

Selectman Morel informed the Selectmen the Planning Board did not meet.

Selectman Darcy discussed the Library Trustees meeting. They discussed how to get the area painted where a panel was replaced. TA Collins will have the Town Hall Maintenance paint.

Selectman Darcy discussed looking into downtown planning grants that may be available.

TA Collins discussed having an employee cookout sometime in September.

7:20 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to enter into Non-Public under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a) – Personnel, second by Selectman Darcy. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Ebbighausen – I; Gallagher – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:30 p.m. Selectmen returned to regular session.

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

7:30 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a motion to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alicia A. Marshall
Secretary