

The Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 31, 2015

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

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

Selectman Nebelski made a motion to approve the manifest of August 31st, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to approve the public & non-public minutes of August 24th, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Andrew Kelleher, NH Solar Garden, and Skip Sansoucy, George Sansoucy, LLC joined the meeting. The topic of the meeting was Group Net Metering and a Pilot Agreement.

Mr. Kelleher handed out some information on how Hinsdale can lock-in its power costs at Today's low rates for the Selectmen to review. There were two options provided: Option 1 was 10 cent/kWh electric rate with a 3% annual escalation rate and Option 2 was 9.25 cent/kWh electric rate with the 3.5% annual escalation rate. Both options would be for 20 years.

Mr. Kelleher explained that the Town would continue to get billed through Eversource; in turn we would receive funds from NH Solar Garden for the difference in the rate. Kelleher demonstrated a Historical Data regarding Eversource price per kWh increases since 2002.

NH Solar Garden is currently working with Franklin; Milton; and Hillsborough with installing solar gardens and having pilot agreements.

A question regarding what happens if the inverter goes down was asked. If the inverter goes down, NH Solar Garden can swap out the inverter in one day.

Mr. Sansoucy had a concern that the rates may go down, therefore, Hinsdale would be paying a higher rate. There is a chance because of natural gas, the rates may decline, where if an agreement is signed with NH Solar Garden, the rates will escalate. Another concern is the Eversource currently charges 1 cent/kWh under the energy service. This 1 cent charge is in regard to the Bow Plant and the PUC is shifting this rate from energy service to delivery service, therefore, the energy rate will be reduced.

Mr. Sansoucy discussed the proposed pilot agreement. He pointed out some misleading information in the email sent out by Mr. Kelleher regarding tax exemption. The Solar Garden is taxable, and as the utility assessor, he would work with the Selectmen and DRA with a method of taxation for fairness to all parties.

James MacDonell, tax collector, joined the Board to discuss the deeding of properties. The Selectmen reviewed the list of potential deeding properties.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to abate \$80.56 on Robin Roberts, 30 Pierce Rd, Map/Lot 0024-0040, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to bring the assessment of James Mitchell's land located on Brattleboro Rd, Map/Lot 0045-0009 down to \$0.00 due to the DES lien on the property for tire dumping and other dumping, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to waive deeding of properties with payment arrangements and to revisit these properties in April to make sure payments are being made in a timely manner, second by Nebelski. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Nebelski made a motion to tentatively accept the deeding of the remaining properties and to finalize the decision to deed on or about October 5th, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Nebelski made a motion to approve the Manufacture Housing Park Certification for Raceway Park and Stearns Court, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

The Selectmen reviewed the updated estimated revenues for 2015-2016.

Selectman Nebelski:

- Contacted state regarding the blinking school lights. The Town now has two sets of keys, one for the Police Dept. and one for the Town Hall. If there are any problems with the lights and they need repair, the Town can contact 271-6862.
- Has a non-public under RSA 9:A for reputation.

Selectman Diorio:

- There is a sink hole on Route 119 near the Parkins' Property on the opposite side of the road by the parking lot for fishing.

Selectmen Rideout:

- The day camp building needs attention due to water seeping in. Frank Podlenski is looking at the situation and will come up with some suggestions;
- The soccer field needs to be considered in the upcoming budget process;
- The Returns at the pool needs to be addressed.

Selectman Gallagher:

- There is a Conservation Commission meeting this coming Wednesday.

9:05 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to enter into a non-public session under RSA 91:A-3, II, d. reputation, second by Nebelski. The vote is as follows: Darcy – I; Diorio – I; Gallagher – I; Nebelski – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

9:12 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

9:13 p.m. Selectman Nebelski made a motion to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator