

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 19, 2021

Present: Chairman, Steve Diorio; Selectmen Mike Carrier; Richard Johnson; Meghan Kondrat; Bernie Rideout; and TA Collins.

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

Chairman Diorio talked briefly about the Auction for Tax Sale properties and how successful it was. There was between 40 to 50 people in attendance. Some of the properties had a bidding war.

Rod Lawrence, Building Inspector/Deputy Health Officer was invited to join the meeting. Discussion to place regarding the training and position of Health Officers in New Hampshire. Rod has been the Deputy because he was not a resident and the Chairman has been the Health Officer for several years. The change is that he can be given the title of Health Officer now. There is a form that will need to be completed. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to appoint Rod Lawrence as Health Officer and Steve Diorio as Deputy Health Officer, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins Presented the Purchase & Sales agreement for Tax Deed Properties. Discussion took place regarding 11 Jackson Drive with a bid of \$26,000. The bidder did not sign the Purchase & Sales agreement and submit the buyer's deposit. The auctioneers to contact the bidder and will be stopping in by 12:00 pm on Tuesday with the deposit. TA Collins will like to get tentative approval of the Purchase and Sale Agreement so that the Chairman of Board Selectman can sign the agreement once the bidder signs the document and submits his buyer's deposit. Carrier **made a motion** to tentatively approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement and to have the Chairman sign upon receipt of the signed Purchase & Sale Agreement and the buyer's deposit, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

TA Collins verbally listed the remaining properties:

12 Oak Hill Road – Brad Hunter, \$90,000;

33 Plain Road – April & Harve Prater, \$44,000;

Brattleboro Road (Commercial Property) – Ravikumar Patel, \$70,000;

Monument Road – Robert Connelly, \$13,000;

45 Canal Street – A & H Properties, \$5,500.

Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to approve slate of Tax Sale property bids and to have the Chairman sign the Purchase and Sale Agreements, second by Kondrat. Motion pass unanimously.

TA Collins stated the next steps are to contact the bidders and set up closing dates.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to accept the Petition Letter for changes to the poles and conduit licenses and to hold a public hearing on Monday, August 9th, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to enter into the agreement with Accura Construction in the amount of \$695,555 for the construction project of sidewalks along Brattleboro Rd, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion** approve Change Order #1 with Accura which changes the time schedule of the contract, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

James O'Malley was present as a representative for the School Board. Discussion took place about having a joint meeting between the School Board and Selectmen in September. O'Malley will discuss it at the next School Board Meeting and will get back to the board.

6:25 p.m. Selectmen Carrier **made a motion** to enter into a non-public meeting under RSA 91A:3, II, (a) personnel, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Carrier – I; Diorio – I; Johnson – I; Kondrat – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:11 p.m. meeting reconvened.

Selectman Johnson made a **motion to seal the minutes**, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: Carrier – I; Diorio – I; Johnson – I; Kondrat – I; Rideout – I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to accept the following slate hourly rates which include the COLA & Merit for the FY 2021-2022:

Rick Carrier – \$22.37; Bradley Lawrence - \$14.90; Rod Lawrence - \$25.13; Kathryn Lynch - \$27.93; Kim Worden - \$17.82; Robert Johnson - \$33.24; Sarah Hudon - \$21.75; Charles Rataj – \$79,991.86 Yearly Salary; Jack White - \$31.45, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout discussed a meeting with Next Era regarding the Solar Array. They will be coming into see the Planning Board in September or October.

Selectman Johnson would like the Tax Collector to attend the meeting of June 26th.

Selectman Carrier had a Library Trustees meeting and would like to show appreciation to the Fire Department; Water Department; and Highway Department in some form for their dedication and effort for the last two weeks between the water main break and the fire. The Board discussed an few ways of showing appreciation.

7:33 pm Selectman Rideout made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Collins
Town Administrator