

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 6, 2017

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

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

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve minutes and non-public minutes of 1/25/17, and the minutes, public hearing minutes, and non-public minutes of 1/30/17, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 2/6/17 second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the Water Collection Warrant in the amount of \$103,733.69 for the 4th quarter of 2016 and the Sewer Collection Warrant in the amount of \$78,063.92 for the 4th quarter of 2016, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to have the Chair sign the Facility Rental Request for the Town Hall on March 11, 2017 for the School Board/Building Committee for an Information Public Forum, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion on a sewer connection application submitted. It was determined that the sewer was connected previously but connection was cut by another party. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to sign the Sewer Connection Application for Gordon Plante at 10 Snow Avenue, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins handed out updated Town Warrant and explained the need to revisit Article 12 & 14. There was added language for year-end undesignated fund balance. The purpose was to lower the projected tax rate increase from 1.12 to .94. Revenue increased due to SRO Officer and income estimated to be paid by the School District.

There was discussion on a tax abatement for Thomas Stetson of 402 Plain Road due to previous reading not transferring over. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to sign the Abatement for Thomas Stetson in the amount of \$38.28 for 2016 4th quarter, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion followed for a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Albert Hudson at 38 South Parrish Road covering 18 acres. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** for the Board to sign the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Albert Hudson, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins noted that James MacDonell will make the call in the morning as to whether or not Tuesday's meeting (Budget Committee, Selectmen Meeting, and Public Hearing) will be changed due to inclement weather.

Selectman Diorio informed the Board that the Bridge Committee had a really interesting first meeting. Introductions were made, there were slides and discussions. There were beautiful pictures and

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renditions of possibilities for the bridge. Discussions included sidewalks. Bidding is anticipated to be in the spring of 2019.

Selectman Darcy indicated that with Dennis being out and on the mend and anticipating Dennis' retirement in the future, he would like to see Jack White get more involved with the administration side of the water department. Discussion followed and all were agreeable.

Selectman Rideout mentioned that Frank should look at the timer with the lights at the park. Discussion followed re: any funds that might be needed for the planters and clarification was made.

Selectman Gallagher noted that he attended the last Conservation Meeting but there was no quorum.

Sean Leary indicated that the Building Committee was trying to reach out to people and asked if T.A. Collins could arrange a date for them to meet with the Meals Program attendees.

T.A. Collins discussed a letter received from MCVP requesting \$1892.83. Discussion followed as to the organization, their statistics on Hinsdale and late receipt of the request. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** that we notify MCVP that we need requests by November and for this year we would like to attempt to find requested funds at the end of fiscal year budget for welfare, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30 Present for discussion re: EMS Calls: Fire Chief Jay Matuszewski, Terry Zavorotny, Jon Roy, Phil Tirrell from Southwest NH District Fire Mutual Aid, Wayne Stires from Brattleboro Central Dispatch, Drew Hazelton from Rescue Inc., and Police Chief Todd Faulkner.

T.A. Collins indicated that there was question as to what goes on when these calls come in and what resolution is needed when tone comes in.

Drew Hazelton of Rescue explained that with the current system, the 911 call goes to the operating system then to Central Dispatch. They determine the priority of the calls. Brattleboro Dispatch tones out Rescue and PD.

Jay indicated that the Fire Department gets notified from the request of Rescue or the P.D.

There was question as to how the delay can be solved.

Phil Tirrell from Southwest NH District Fire Mutual Aid gave examples of how Putney (VT) is toned out. Drew Hazelton indicated that Hinsdale is the only town that does not go through Keene Mutual Aid. He also indicated that currently the tower is still functioning but they are still rebuilding radio infrastructure. There was concern if Rescue loses tower site.

Todd noted that he had no problem with 415 taking 911 calls. He said they took EMS Funding and designed the console and have the equipment to capture tone alert so that when Rescue is toned, PD

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would be toned, PD would sign on and if tied up (and can't go) someone else goes to the call. They have put a lot of money into it and made multiple requests from Rescue. In order for this to work right now, we have to establish tone alerts. Todd also has the understanding that the Fire Department does not want to respond to every call. Todd and Phil discussed that there could possibly be a second tone on fire frequency but only activated by tone. Phil thinks this can be worked around. Southwest has two full-time techs.

Todd indicated he has a tone alert ready to go, he needs approval from Rescue. 911 calls will go to 415 first (no more phone calls in between); this will allow Brattleboro Dispatch to hit tone (single button tones out Rescue and PD gets call). With this system, the Fire Department will be toned too (this will eliminate confusion). Todd can test the system tomorrow and do a letter.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to go forward with signing the letter to Southwest NH District Mutual Aid with the condition that Rescue approves the Police Department tone alert to go online, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Chairman Gallagher thanked all for coming in for this discussion.

7:00 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to enter into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:07 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:07 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary