

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 20, 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 the manifests of 3/20/17 and minutes and non-public minutes of 3/13/17, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion followed regarding reorganization of the Select Board. **Appointments:** Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to nominate Steve Diorio as Chairman and Mike Darcy as Vice Chairman of the Select Board, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion followed as to interest in serving on which committees: Selectman Diorio will serve as Selectmen Representative on the Bridge Committee and Budget Committee and School Board. Selectman McCosker will serve as Selectmen Representative on the Capital Improvement Committee, Library, and TIF Advisory Committee. He will also serve as Rep. on the Beautification Committee until they become a 501(c). Selectman Gallagher will serve as Selectmen Representative on Cemeteries, Conservation Committee, and HCIDC. Selectman Rideout will serve as Selectmen Representative on the Community Center/Recreation Committee. Selectman Darcy will serve as Selectmen Representative on the Planning Board.

Appointment papers were presented for Ken Howe as Board of Adjustment member; James MacDonell as Board of Adjustment member; Megan Bassett as Budget Committee member; William Nebelski as Budget Committee member; James MacDonell as Budget Committee member; David Freitas as Cemetery Trustee; Alan Zavorotny as Town Treasurer; Peter Zavorotny as Deputy Town Treasurer; Terry Zavorotny as Fire Chief; Jo-Ann Handelman as Library Trustee; Karen L. Johnson as Library Trustee; Megan Bassett as Planning Board member; Thomas Woodbury as Planning Board member; Michael Darcy as Selectman; Steven V. Diorio as Selectman; Julie M. Seymour as Town Clerk; Mary McAlister as Deputy Town Clerk; and Mary C. Bourne as Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve the slate of appointments, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins reminded the Board that we will also need all of the Parks and Rec. appointments and all of the Conservation Committee appointments. T.A. Collins noted that some 2015/2016 figures in the Town Report were doubled resulting after a change was made and figures were recalculated. Selectman Diorio had pointed this out to her. Those Figures have been corrected.

T.A. Collins had the MS-232 for signatures. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the MS-232 Report, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented a Permit to Sell Permissible Fireworks for the Chairman to sign. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to have the Chair sign the Fantasy Fireworks Permit to Sell Permissible Fireworks, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins updated the Board that she has not heard back from Drew Hazelton of Rescue. She will email him again. Discussion followed.

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T.A. Collins discussed the information she had sent to Selectmen re: Fields being smoke-free. Jane Skantze from Cheshire Coalition for Tobacco Free Communities will come down and speak to Selectmen regarding possibly incorporating language into our policy. Discussion followed.

Selectman Rideout mentioned that he was happy with town meeting results.

Selectman Diorio was concerned that he has heard of more vandalism at the Sportsmen's Field. Discussion followed including the need to put more money into the building there.

Selectman McCosker questioned whether the arrows in the Walmart Parking lot mean anything. Discussion followed with Chief Faulkner. Signs need to be adopted by the Town in order to be enforceable.

Selectman Darcy attended the Library Trustees Meeting last Wednesday. There will be a joint meeting with the library from the middle school in the near future.

Chief Faulkner presented a drawing of the proposed shooting range. They want to be able to use the (old landfill) range again. It was unsafe and shut down last year. Chief Faulkner and Frank Podlenski have talked about getting it functional. Two weeks ago he was approached by Vermont Yankee. They need a range, have equipment, and are willing to put a substantial amount of money into it if we partner with them. Plans are to make it safe, widen to 60 yards, with 14 foot high berms with sand, clear out, smooth out, and put gravel down in some areas. Road will be redone with a gate. He will ask the Town Attorney to draft a Waiver of Liability. It will be a nice place for people to safely use. He would want proper I.D., proof of weapon safety, and a signed Waiver. He is asking for the Board's permission. Selectman Diorio asked if there was any downside to this. Chief Faulkner stated that the range would be closed at times for a VY Security function or for law enforcement functions and there would be public service announcements. Chief Faulkner stated his 5-year plan would be to partner with the NRA. The range would always be locked with access to the Police Department or VY. Predesignated hours would be in place and there would be nightly checks to make sure it's locked.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to allow Chief Faulkner to move forward with the shooting range, second by Rideout.

Carl Anderson stated that it was recommended he come in to present to the Board his request to put up a batting cage/pitching cage 70' length x 12' high x 15' wide with a chain link fence and net inside. He indicated this would mostly be done through private donations. He had a question as to where lights would be going in. Selectman Darcy asked if this would be on town property or school property and it was stated that this would be on town property. Location will be between the soccer field and the 3rd base line side of the Cal Ripken field, away from the field but still in sight. Carl would like a power line underground for High School and Middle School to use a pitching machine. He will check into that. Carl indicated that it would be 100% private donations and he has had 25 families reach out to him on this. Selectmen would request to see plans and Carl will talk to Rod Lawrence re: hardwiring gfi into fuse box.

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Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to give Carl Anderson permission to proceed, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

6:47 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion to enter into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:53 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.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to hire Jack Laporte as a patrol officer, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to move slate of new hires for summer program, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously. New Hires are Kaylee Hussey, Julie Kenyon, Robin McGrath, and Kate O'Malley.

6:56 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to enter into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:14 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.

7:15 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to enter into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

7:21 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.

7:21 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary