

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, May 15, 2017

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

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

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 5/15/17 and minutes and non-public minutes of 5/8/17, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins indicated that she had a local project agreement for TAP funds for the sidewalk improvement for Selectmen to sign.

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to sign the agreement for TAP funds, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins noted that she will email the Board the updated PILOT Agreement with Chariot Solar. They will be in next week.

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Selectman Rideout stated that the Rec Meeting will be moved to Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Selectman Gallagher recently attended the Cemetery Meeting. They had questions re: trust funds and will be in touch with Jill.

Selectman McCosker has a library meeting next week.

Chair Diorio attended the School Board meeting and it was brought up to change the hours of one-way traffic from 4 to 6. This was favored by the group. Discussion followed including the need to change the traffic ordinance and have a public hearing. Also discussed was putting up better signage.

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to start the process for changing the traffic ordinance, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Diorio also mentioned that he had attended the Fire Department Building Meeting and went on a tour. There are a lot of assets and he was impressed.

James MacDonell received the Commitment today and mentioned that he is due a Warrant tonight. Discussion followed. He asked to have it next week in order to get bills out. He sent delinquency notices out two weeks early and that was a boom.

Peter Zavorotny asked who was on the fire department committee as he would like some input for the budget committee.

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6: 11 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.

6:15 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** hire Robert Lingham for groundskeeping, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:17 p.m. Selectman Gallagher 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. Kim Worden was excused.

6:50 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

6:51 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion to enter into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by Gallagher. 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 McCosker made a **motion** to allow Chief Faulkner to offer positions on the Police Department to Melissa Evans and Mike Carrier, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

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Next, Chair Diorio informed everyone that there would be continued discussion on the shooting range. Chief Faulkner would be giving the Board further information; if there is any new information, he will entertain a short segment for the public to talk.

Chief Faulkner gave the board a Memo on the Shooting Range Counter Proposal dated May 15, 2017. The Memo covered Safety, Noise Abatement, Range Access Control, and Cost for Outside Training. Chief Faulkner informed the Board that in speaking with VY and hearing the public's concerns, VY has withdrawn from using the range. They thanked us for the use and offered to reimburse the Town for what was put in to it. They will no longer be using the range. Chief Faulkner met with a range designer and suggested considering having 20' berms on three sides; these would be 75' wide (from 100). The proposed shooting direction is 270 degrees which is directly west. Concerns addressed include a baffle area building, 3-sided with a roof. Rails to Trails System runs parallel to the range for approximately 915 feet and then turns NW continuing away from the range. Where it is parallel, it is between 11 and 14 feet below the range. It does not cross in front of the range and there are no structures or houses in the path. The Faucher barn is the closest structure and is approximately 450' from the center of the range and 30' above. The LeClair residence on River Road is over 990 feet away and 15 feet above the property. There is no intent to shoot toward the northerly berm or southerly berm. Berms will consist

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of gravel, soft soil and wood chips. There would be encased bullets used so there is not a lead issue. HPD shoots lead-free.

Chief Faulkner addressed noise concerns noting that with 40 caliber pistols, noise would be minimal. He would propose to implement suppressors on rifles. They have 10 rifles now and would need to increase that count by a couple for a cost of around \$4500. This would bring noise level from 160 to 30 decibels.

He would plan to use good signage, fencing, and notice. Chief Faulkner previously estimated \$9500. He went over figures and worst case scenario of cost to qualify them (out of town) would be about \$16,045.00 per year plus yearly inflation. He estimates that this project can be done for less than 1 year of outside training costs.

Selectman Rideout asked about average training requirements. There would be 4 days based on 8 hours for tactical, qualifications and night fire. There may be other days. He will post on Facebook and communicate with the school.

Chair Diorio questioned what hours the range would be open. The hours would stay the same with the exception of night fire qualifications. Most could be done within hours stated. He gave examples of any exceptions. Discussion followed as to allowing or eliminating public use. It was again stated to call Police if someone is at the range who shouldn't be. Plans include putting up a fence, probably 8', to have it signed and gated. If anyone is up there who shouldn't be, they'd be charged. Selectman Rideout thinks it is necessary for communication between the school, select board, and the police department.

Public comment followed:

Sean Leary noted that the School Board had met since the last meeting on the range and discussed matters briefly. They will be meeting with Chief Faulkner to find the best way to keep the kids safe.

Liz Boggio asked about the baffled structure and the berms. Chief Faulkner indicated the structure would be at the edge of the berms. The berms would have multi-layers of wood chips, sand, and cement/rocks/gravel.

Theresa Davis noted Selectman Rideout's wish to not have public access to the range. Chief Faulkner can adjust the proposed ordinance since public use still exists. Theresa appreciates the modifications but feels the public should still be considered for using the range.

Glenn Hammett of Oxbow Road noted that he was track and cross country coach. He voiced his concerns and mentioned that Northfield Mt. Hermon also uses trails. He doesn't want to send the kids down there to run. He also runs on the path down to the dam; they use all those trails and he has concerns on the existing signs. Chief Faulkner noted that those signs can be readjusted; and the path to the dam is owned by the hydro dam but he could ask them to re-post.

Tim Girroir questioned the previous cost to use the indoor range.

Mr. Faucher asked for minutes of this meeting. T.A. Collins advised they would be posted on the website.

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Don McCool asked if the trail would be shut down when the range is in use. Chief Faulkner indicated that he could ask Fish & Game for authority. He also questioned video monitoring, insulation in the building, revisiting this in a year and commented on his water safety concerns.

Cathy Johnson asked if the public was going to be able to use the range. She has strong concerns. She questioned the amount of money needed for the range. Chief Faulkner estimated \$12000 for soil which will be reduced, unknown amount for fencing, and an estimate of a couple hundred dollars for the structure.

T.A. Collins answered a question of being able to put the structure there. Environmental says we can if we don't disturb and expose garbage.

Tim Girroir commented that it is a closed landfill and per regulations can be grassed only. Discussion followed.

Chair Diorio stated that the Board will now discuss this as a board.

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Chair Diorio felt there were safety improvements. Selectman Rideout does not want the public in there. Suggestions for hunters use could be to have a range officer there and there would be control. Selectman Gallagher would like to contain it to possibly four days if they have public use. Todd would like to stay with the liability waiver form. He noted there would be loud weapons if it was opened up to hunters. Also discussed were trail issues in other areas in town and different arguments. Berms could be done after approval from the Board.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** that the range will be used exclusively for the Hinsdale Police Department for whatever training they need, second by Rideout. Further discussion included Selectman Gallagher asking if we can revisit this as he would hate to see sight-ins happening all over town. Chief Faulkner indicated that they can track gunfire calls. It was noted that the ordinances should be revisited at regular intervals. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker added that Todd is communicating with the school and looking into the possibility of closing the trail and adding signs. Todd will talk with the state.

7:57 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary