

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, June 5, 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.

Chief Faulkner and Lt. David Eldridge were present with Mike Carrier and Melissa Evans.

Chair Diorio read the appointments and conducted the swearing-in of Michael Carrier and Melissa Evans as police officers. Chief Faulkner noted for the public that Mike's position would be sergeant in charge of patrol and Melissa's as detective.

T.A. Collins indicated that she had two more appointments: Shirley Wolfe as Library Trustee and Troy Benedict as Assistant Fire Chief. She indicated the Town Clerk will swear them in. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the appointment for Shirley Wolfe and the appointment for Troy Benedict, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Board that she had the renewal of the three-year commitment with Primex for Worker's Compensation and Property Liability. She read the resolutions and noted that both need to be signed by the Chair. Discussion followed re: annual increase caps. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the Primex commitment, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the manifest of 6/5/17 (for w/e 6/3), second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to table the minutes of 5/22/17 (public and non-public) until the next meeting, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins had the annual contract with Rescue Inc. in the amount of \$91,560.98 to be paid on a monthly basis. Discussion followed. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the contract with Rescue, Inc., second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins received only one bid for trash removal. The bid was from Triple T in the amount of \$117,792.00 for year one; \$119,559.00 for year two; and \$121,352.00 for year three. There will also be a \$105.00 per ton raise in tipping fee. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to accept the Triple T trash removal bid, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood for Maureen Bloesch & Robert Harris of 377 Oxbow Road, Map 37 – Lot 3. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to sign the Intent to Cut for Maureen Bloesch & Robert Harris, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the Open Container Permit for Sylvia Heath for a birthday party on June 11, 2017 at the Community Center, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented a Tax Abatement for Edith & Lila Henley for Map/Lot 49-3-MH at 51 Highland Ave. Mobile home was removed. Amount of the abatement of \$137.34, representing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for

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tax year 2017. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to sign the Tax Abatement for Edith & Lila Henley, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

A Tax Abatement for Ericka Steever was presented for Map/Lot 20-25-35 at 111 Monteiro Drive in the amount of \$1,380.17 representing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2017. Property did not transfer to new owner. A supplemental bill will be generated. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to sign the Tax Abatement for Ericka Steever, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

A Tax Abatement for Mike Cullane, Map/Lot 20-04-13M-CG at 13 McGregor Drive in the amount of \$59.25 representing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of tax year 2017 was presented. The camper was moved out and never reported. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to sign the Tax Abatement re: Mike Cullane, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented an application for a water connection for Normand Gagnon for a home to be constructed on Northfield Road. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to approve the Application for Water Connection for Normand Gagnon, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Board that she had a request for a sewer abatement in the amount of \$452.92 in sewer charges for Patti Buraczynski. Owner was away for several months and returned to find broken pipes in the upstairs bathroom which in turn flooded the house causing severe and substantial damage. Discussion followed. It was noted that they have denied water abatements in similar circumstances in the past. The Board would like to review bills. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to table this request, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Board of an offer of \$15,400 for the Ford F-450 per online bidding. Discussion followed. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to accept the bid of \$15,400.00 for the 2008 Ford F-450, as is, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins received and reviewed correspondence from SWRPC re: Great River Hydro, Inc.; from Comcast indicating that effective 7/1/17 Esquire & Esquire HD channels will no longer be available due to the programmer ceasing operations; and from Eversource and National Grid. Eversource and National Grid will begin work in their transmission right of ways. Eversource will be conducting line maintenance and removing tall tree growth. National Grid will be conducting vegetation management treatment.

T.A. Collins stated that employee evaluations are in process. Department Heads will be scheduled to attend a future workshop with the Board. She asked if Selectmen had any changes to Selectmen Procedures & Guidelines reviewed. It was confirmed there were no changes. She indicated that she would like to do a site visit to the Meeting House since there was an agenda item cancellation this evening. She also will be setting up a workshop with Department Heads re: goal setting. Jill also noted that the interview panel for the Program Director position will meet tomorrow night. There were 18 participants in the Planning/Zoning workshop last week. The next workshop is on 6/21 re: Budget Law. There was feedback regarding police presence at the Memorial Day Parade. She has looked into it and there seems to have been confusion on the time. Th PD was informed the Friday before that the parade would take place at 10:00. At that time, there was no activity. The parade started at 11:00 and by then the officer was on his way to a call. Jill will talk to Karen on the Patriot Committee about the application process re: parades to solve any communication problems. Selectman Gallagher noted this was not the

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first time this has happened. Jill noted that she will be out on Wednesday to attend a labor compliance workshop with DOT.

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Chair Diorio noted that the Bridge Committee meeting will be next Monday in Brattleboro. He would like to get information on the Mormon Church as it is one of the possible sites for future fire station. Another public hearing will need to be scheduled soon.

Chair Diorio asked if any members of the public had anything to discuss.

Bob Brinck identified himself as a former resident and introduced Donna Suskawicz of Depot Street as a resident. They were asking to be put on the Agenda to give detailed reports of their efforts in trying to save the original fire station (next to brick house at Ed's Tire). The proposed new owner of property wants more space for parking and wants to remove it. They feel it's worth preserving. They noted that Hope Engine Co. No. 1 is on the t-shirts of the fire department as well as a sign there with the same name. They would at minimum like the sign. Their plan is to move and hopefully restore the building. They have a meeting on 6/14 to look at the building and discuss help with grants. Discussion followed. They will be put on the Agenda for June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.

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6:50 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to adjourn to go to the Plain Road site (Meeting House), second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

7:00 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened at Meeting House. Chuck Hildreth also attended. Discussion followed including the need for painting of the outside of the building, the light to be replaced over the entry door, the entry door to be replaced, and repair of the Exit sign. Jill noted that Frank will take care of the gap at the bottom of the stairs. The entry ceiling leak and mildew was pointed out by Jill. Chuck Hildreth noted that per Bob, the leak was fixed a couple years ago. Jill noted an interest in renting out the building for functions. Discussion followed including Rod's List of Suggestions be emailed to the Board. It was noted that if the chimney was not necessary, putting in a kitchenette would be a possibility. Jill suggested putting a shed out back for storage purposes. Chuck suggested a mason barbeque near the fire pit area. He indicated that the corner TV stand, TV and old computer can go. Jill noted painting, cleaning, and storage needs. Chuck indicated that the Fire Chief would like a letter from Selectmen re: fire pit authorization. He also noted that the boy scouts rent a 20' x 30' canopy tent for \$175.00. They will set up and take down. This is a fundraiser for them. A broken window and flag pole was also pointed out. Jill mentioned money being available for cleaning gutters that could be used plus \$1000 reserved for this. She will get quotes and get things done before the end of June. She will see if Brad can do some cleaning and she will have mildew assessed. Chuck thanked the Board for their support and a place to meet. He noted they have met there for 45 years this year.

7:20 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a motion to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary