

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, September 25, 2017

Present: Chairman Diorio, Selectmen Darcy, Gallagher and Rideout; and T.A. Collins and Kim Worden. Selectman McCosker was excused. Others present at Church Street were Sean Leary, James MacDonell, and Frank Podlenski.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Diorio called the meeting to order at the end of Church Street.

Frank Podlenski was present for discussion with Selectmen in looking at parking issues. Discussion included the possible elimination of the parking spot in front of the laundromat due to obstruction and limited visibility when leaving Church Street and entering onto Main Street. There was anticipation of possible complaints and concerns over eliminating a parking spot but it was noted that this hazard is a priority issue. Stripes can be placed on that area to prevent parking. Frank noted that crosswalk pedestrian crossing figures will be put in this Thursday.

6:09 p.m. Chair Diorio adjourned this portion of the meeting in order to travel back Town Hall.

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6:13 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened at Town Hall.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve and sign the Manifests of September 25, 2017, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve the Minutes of September 18, 2017, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to have the Highway Department temporarily line out the first parking spot in front of 50 Main Street (laundromat) with the intent to put in a parklet, eliminating one parking spot for safety reasons, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

*NEW BUSINESS:*

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood for Susan Braunbeck of 705 Oxbow Road, Hinsdale, Tax Maps 34-19, 34-20, and 34-22, second by Darcy. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to have the Board sign the Appointment for Edwin O. Smith for the Budget Committee, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. REPORTS/REQUESTS:*

T.A. Collins gave the Board her Memo dated 9/25/17 and mentioned that she had three tax deed letters that needed to go out requiring Selectmen approval and signatures. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to sign three letters re: tax deeds, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Jill mentioned that the Audit is wrapping up and she thinks it went well. We should have the MS 535 in three weeks.

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She noted that the budget packets are out and she will meet with department heads at her office. Deadline for completion is October 5<sup>th</sup> and she will do entry work and make copies for review.

Jill received ELO criteria for Garrett Behan. She will be looking to see where she can fit him in, possibly on Monday afternoons and for some Selectmen Meetings. At the end of the school year the ELO students have a presentation.

T.A. Collins attended the CMAQ grant writing workshop last week. She will work on the grant and submit this on the 18<sup>th</sup>. There is great stress on emission control. She will need Letters of Support on this from the Board of Selectmen and the School Board. Jill will get on the Agenda for the next School Board Meeting and would also like a Letter of Support from the Planning Board.

Jill is finalizing the draft form of the RFQ for the Sidewalk Grant.

The Board was informed that the Water Department is starting to clean the tanks this week and replacing a failed pump at the Glen Street wells.

*BOARD COMMENTS:*

Selectman Rideout will be requesting a non-public with the Tax Collector.

Selectman Gallagher did a walkabout on the rails to trails and noted that signs are up near the range. Berms are up 20 feet on the rail side. He saw mountain bikes and some ATVs (noting that ATVs shouldn't be there). He did not happen to see any pedestrians.

Selectman Darcy noted that he has not been down on the rails to trails area recently due to ticks being numerous when he was last there. He then asked Matt Palmer for an update re: The Reading Nook. Matt met with the program contact person pretty extensively to talk about the program. His personal opinion is that they have a lot of challenges including training, volunteers, and funding. We are at a premium for space. He met with Ann on Friday and thinks the inertia is moving the Reading Nook to the library, though there are some space concerns there too. Another possibility might be the Boy Scout building. He gave an example showing a minimum presence of 4 adults required for a child aged 1-5 in this program. As it stands, Matt has questions remaining about this program.

Selectman Diorio noted that he spoke to Steve Gassett and he is set to have Select Board meet there. Discussion concluded that we would meet at the Fire Station on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00.

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Matt Palmer was present to give an update on the basketball and tennis courts. He passed around modular square samples and noted that he has received thirteen different contacts from court surfacing vendors. The squares would anchor to each other and be laid on top of a subsurface. The square samples were supplied by vendors for Georgia and Utica, New York. One can be used for skating as well as basketball and tennis. Matt noted that Vermont Tennis Court was out last Monday to meet with him with a couple of different options. His opinion is that the court is beyond repair. It will be expensive regardless. Concerns of vandalism and breakage were discussed. T.A. Collins suggested possibly locking

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gates when not in use and keys could be signed out with the Program Director. Matt also suggested putting up security cameras. Selectman Rideout noted that he has seen this type of court surfacing in North Carolina. There was further discussion and questions on weather impacts and life expectancy. Selectman Darcy noted that it was nice to see someone pursuing this and that more information will be coming. It was also noted that any option other than redoing the surface is not serving anyone.

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Donna Suskawicz was on the Agenda with firehouse update and informed the Board she was once again here to clarify some things. She was last in to mention her desire to apply for a USDA Development Grant. She indicated the response she received was that the town administrator was too busy and that there would be competing applications. She called the USDA Rural Development and found that there is no limit in each town, that you can apply for as many grants as you want, and she said that they couldn't give enough money away. She went on to say that if you have two grants, you can put in a request that one take precedence over the other. She indicated that she was told both grants could get approved and both will get grant money. Donna reiterated from previous meetings that she got the building for free, she requested the owner not to demolish the building, she went to Concord, she became non-profit obtaining temporary 501c3, got publicity for the town, and raised \$4000. She indicated that on June 19<sup>th</sup> she asked what she needed to do and was told to have a cop there. She later found that she needed to have a permit and needed to go before the planning board. She can't get on the Planning Board Agenda until next month. It has been six months, she has money, she has Renaud Bros. coming, has firemen ready to help, has publicity and has a drone to film and wonders why the roadblocks. She thought when she came in in June that the Selectmen thought it was a good idea. Now she's found out if they move it temporarily, the building will be taxed. She also mentioned the tax person having had discussions with Andrew Shapiro and Andrew Cushing recently. Donna said the people in Concord are very interested in this. Jill asked who Donna spoke with in Concord.

Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator clarified that the reason for going before the Planning Board was that the building was to be moved to Andrew Shapiro's parking lot which has a current site plan and is used for his apartment building. The parking lot requires 1½ spaces per unit. Mrs. Suskawicz indicated that they had cleared the area behind for placing the structure. This would change the use. When taxes came up, what was said to Mr. Shapiro was that if the structure remained on the parcel on April 1<sup>st</sup>, he would be taxed. It was also clarified that Mrs. Suskawicz called to be put on the Planning Board Agenda on the day of the meeting. Per RSA rules, she could not be put on the Agenda for that meeting, she would need to put on the Agenda for the next meeting. It was further clarified that when she first met Mrs. Suskawicz, Mrs. Suskawicz indicated she had heard on the street that she needed a permit but was told by Selectmen she didn't. She was told (at Town Hall) that, yes, she did need a permit.

T.A. Collins responded to Donna reminding her that when she came before the Selectmen earlier, she did not indicate where the building was to be moved. There is a plan from the 1980's showing this lot is to be for parking.

Rod Lawrence, Building Inspector, added that this is all one lot. The lot is a parking lot for 10 Depot Street. They need a permit to move the structure off Canal Street and for Andy to install it there (on his

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lot). In reviewing the permit application, they found that it is a parking lot. Therefore, there would be a change of use and the need to go to the Planning Board for a site plan review.

Kathryn Lynch explained that Town Meeting is in March. If the townspeople vote Yes, the earliest funds can be spent is July 1. You are taxed as your parcel sits April 1<sup>st</sup>. If the structure is on any lot, it will be taxable.

Donna then said going to the Planning Board sounds like a whole drawn out thing and concerned she would need to notify the abutters. She indicated that things seem to pop up out of nowhere, she has been doing this since May and the people helping are not from Hinsdale.

James MacDonell, Tax Collector noted that he had a conversation with Andrew Shapiro and with Andrew Cushing from Concord, NH. He said it was not threatening and each was a pleasant conversation.

Kathryn Lynch added that when you come to the Planning Board, she can't tell you if you will get a Yes or No, or at Town Meeting. The full amount has to be approved at Town Meeting. There are so many things that need to be done immediately, like a new fire station. The voters may say No. We can't control what people vote for. There was further clarification that the application would be needed by October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the latest, for the October 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Board Meeting. Applications can be obtained online or at the Town Offices.

Sean Leary questioned all and the Building Inspector, how does the situation change if the building is to be moved to a private citizen's land.

Sean asked Donna if she would like to put the structure on his property for a short period of time. He offered that she take a look at his property. Her concern was the high cost of moving wires. Rod asked Donna if she owned the building now. He suggested if she owned the building, Sean could buy it for a minimum, it would then be his building - like a shed. Since his property has a house, for the time being this would be an accessory. He doesn't know if that would work but the offer is there.

Chair Diorio stated that it sounds like there was a generous offer and Donna now had an option.

Donna stated she was told for USDA Grants, they have a deadline of December and they have more money than they can give out. This building will not have electric, heat, or plumbing. It will be a historical shed. She again questioned the USDA Grant. Selectman Darcy noted that we are coming into the budget season; when we write them, it will probably be early November to be done by the end of November and grants will be dealt with at that time. T.A. Collins suggested that Donna could write it, obtaining the USDA Grant Application online, fill it in and bring it to the Selectmen to see if they'll okay it.

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7:25 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion to go into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation with the Tax Collector, second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

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7:29 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

7:29 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion to go into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Darcy. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

[Jill Collins and Kim Worden were excused].

7:36 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

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7:37 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary