

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 11, 2017

Present: Chairman Diorio, Selectmen Darcy, Gallagher, McCosker and Rideout; and Kim Worden. T.A. Collins was away and excused.

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

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to approve and sign the Manifests of December 4, 2017 and December 11, 2017, and the public and non-public minutes of November 27, 2017, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

The Certificate of Cemetery Deed for Michael McCosker at Oak Lawn Cemetery was presented for signatures. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to sign the Certificate of Cemetery Deed, second by Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, and Rideout-I. Selectman McCosker abstained. Motion carries.

A water abatement in the amount of \$12.56 for McAlister at 38 Brattleboro Road was presented due to incorrect meter rate within water charges. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the McAlister abatement, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Water and sewer abatements were discussed for Wetherby at Mohawk Street for 2016 and 2017 due to computer read error. It was noted that the owner is away part of the year and reading was only recently questioned. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the Wetherby abatements, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

There was an abatement for McGondel of 38 Gunner for 2017 in the amount of \$8.78 due to moving out in July. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve the McGondel abatement, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for #12072017A, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for #12072017B, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Tax Abatements were presented for Bliss at 34 Butler Ave., Town of Hinsdale at 65 Depot Street, Morris at 4 McGregor Drive, State of NH DNCR at 78 Prospect Street, Buraczynski at 16-18 Church Street, and Georges Outfield LLC L/O Brattleboro Road, all due to merge errors. Discussion followed. The Tax Collector indicated that when we receive an updated file from Vision it has to go into our file. There were errors and we haven't found them all. Selectman Darcy questioned if this is something that should've been caught before bills went out. He suggested the need to have a process to check this before going into computer. If there is no process or the process is not working, we need to make sure it does work. James feels there are more (errors) and voiced concerns that after this year, we need to have a process so this doesn't happen again. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to approve all six (6) abatements** (Bliss, Town of Hinsdale, Morris, State of NH, Buraczynski, and Georges Outfield LLC), second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A.Reports: In Jill's absence, Kim gave the Board an email from Dorianne Almann noting the wonderful job Karen Johnson did at the Community Center re: a workshop held on November 18th. Selectman Darcy suggested a copy of the letter be put in Karen's personnel file.

Board Comments:

Selectman Rideout mentioned the Rec meeting last Thursday at the SAU. It was a good meeting with good ideas that Matt brought forward. When the Budget is over, he wants to work on an Ordinance re: free stuff placed on the side of the road. Discussion followed. He also felt it would be helpful if we sent out a mailer of the process on why the taxes went up the way they did. Discussion included possibly looking at the way Canaan NH handled this.

Selectman Gallagher attended and gave an update on the Tri Town Collaborative Meeting last Friday and has another tomorrow. This includes towns of Swanzey, Winchester, and Hinsdale. He also attended a Conservation Committee Meeting.

Selectman McCosker brought up the question of what does *free range* mean. Do they have the right to be in other yards, where are the limits? Discussion followed and it was noted that this matter is being worked on.

Selectman Darcy mentioned that he has a non-public matter to discuss.

Chair Diorio has a School Board Meeting on Wednesday. There will be a Brattleboro-Hinsdale Bridge Meeting next week.

Citizen Comments:

Sean Leary noted that if the Board is moving forward with a mailing re: the taxes, the School is part of that and they would like to collaborate.

6:36 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to go into non-public meeting** under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, McCosker-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:44 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.

6:45 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary