

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 8, 2018 at Town Hall

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

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

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 1/8/18 and minutes of 1/3/18 and non-public minutes of 12/18/17, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for the Community Center on 1/14/18, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Board that she has been working with Rick Carrier on financial matters and training. She wanted the Board to be aware that the generator is off line at the High School as there was a power surge problem that caused a transfer switch to be replaced. The cost to replace this is \$9000 and will come out of Emergency Management. Jill spoke with Curtis Levasseur and a discussion is needed for him to be full time director. Town Hall has power if necessary, in the interim, for emergency shelter purposes. Discussion also included heating matters and a radiator to be put in near the Tax Collector's Office.

Jill is working on warrant articles and hopes to email information by the end of the week. Monday is a holiday so the next meeting will be at the P.D. next Wednesday.

Jill informed the Board that Garrett is to be working on a newsletter to talk about warrant articles with a pie chart and he will help Jill with the Town Report.

Selectman Rideout questioned whether anyone knew what the county increase formula will be. Jill can call the DRA for that.

Selectman Rideout wanted to revisit the CDBG Budget discussed last week – the \$588 phone figure. He feels the Town Hall phone system is much better served if we don't lose it. He thinks we could take it out of CDBG and put it in Planning and Zoning. Discussion followed. It was noted that we are not going to lose it, in two years it would be placed in the budget. He was satisfied with that.

Selectman Gallagher brought up the problem with the gas pumps freezing up at the Highway Garage. Jill indicated that they were being worked on today. Discussion followed. T.A. Collins was unsure what the problem was. It was thought that it must be mechanical. It was mentioned that to gas up, they now need to go to Swanzey. Alternatives were discussed. Jill suggested that during the daytime, they could go to Sunoco and we could be billed. Chair Diorio suggested that Jill let the Chief or Melissa know that it's an option.

Chair Diorio noted that there is a School Board Meeting on Wednesday. Thursday is the Budget Meeting with the School Board.

Matt Palmer informed the Board that the first Dog Obedience Class had finished. They need to tweak it a bit but felt it was successful. They will be starting another likely at the end of the month. He is trying to get a mid-day exercise program going. There is a business event planned for March 24th from 10-2

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and he has opened it up to other town businesses. We will be picking up a Basketball Tournament (which was in Bernardston). Details will follow and he feels this will be a good event and fundraiser.

Matt indicated he has questions about Community Events, the Night Before the Fourth and other events and insurance. Jill asked him to come and see her about those questions.

Edwin "Smokey" Smith indicated that he went to a Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting recently and they handed books out. He passed the book to Jill indicating that it might be a good resource for the Welfare Department or anyone needing assistance. There was also a link that perhaps could be attached to the town site.

Smokey also brought up the discussion at the Budget Meeting last week about the computers for the P.D. He thinks we should pursue this and he is willing to look into it but he needs something from the Town. He would like a copy of the letter from the attorney stating we have to do it this way. He thinks legislators are interested and something could be done about it. He indicated that Mike Abbott is also interested in getting a copy of the letter. They're willing to look into it as he felt \$60,000 is no small amount of money, it should be defined differently, and should be used for other than record keeping. Discussion followed. Points included that we should try a different approach. He will wait to hear further from Jill.

Selectman Rideout had a question for Matt Palmer re: Matt's earlier mention of maybe having summer sports. Matt indicated spring and summer. Selectman Rideout has talked to others and some concerns include extra hours and expense. Matt indicated that his goal is to be neutral, with low expense, like kickball. He mentioned a relationship with the Flat Street Boys & Girls Club who would bus kids to play with kids here. He thinks people would be interested if there is no or low cost to play these sports and that there wouldn't be a need for coaches.

Chair Diorio asked T.A. Collins if the front door coming into the Community Room is getting fixed. Jill indicated that yes, something needs to be done with that. There were a number of other building concerns expressed by Jill, with their associated expenses.

6:43 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion to adjourn**, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary