

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at Hinsdale P.D. Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Diorio, Selectmen Darcy, Gallagher (arriving at 6:16 p.m.), and Rideout; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden. Selectman McCosker was excused.

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

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve and sign the Manifests of 1/16/18 and minutes of 1/8/18, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins handed out the Program Director's Report dated 1/17/18.

New Business:

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for the Beautification Committee for the Sign and Wine on February 7, 2018, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented an Abatement for Danny Morris as a new owner of a registered camper to abate the 4th quarter 2017 in the amount of \$53.54 plus interest. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to approve the abatement for Danny Morris in the amount of \$53.54 plus interest, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins noted that a non-public was needed regarding letters received.

Citizens Comments:

James MacDonell noted that on Northfield Road the sidewalk machine cannot get on the bridge for snow removal. He questioned if there was any way to snow blow. Jill will let the Highway Department know.

Board Comments:

Selectman Darcy questioned who is doing the programming at the Community Center. He is seeing flyers with just Beautification Committee on them. Jill noted an upcoming discussion on this.

Chair Diorio commented on the Public Hearing tomorrow night at the Town Hall at 7 p.m. re: the bridges.

Jill had a question for Donna Suskawicz re: the Hope Engine Article received. She noted that we have on record that the person who has the mortgage with Ed Girroir is Milton Wheeler. She asked who owns the structure? Donna indicated that after discussion, Mike Foerster shook hands and said it's yours. T.A. Collins informed them that the town needs something from the owner of record and filed at the Registry. She also asked if they had anything in writing regarding costs. Donna indicated that it was sort of a Catch 22 because location needs to be determined before they can determine costs. Discussion included her inability to get estimates and costs to restore. Jill stated that the town has the

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same issues because there are certain associated costs if the town accepts this, such as possibility of needing it to be ADA compliant if accepted as a museum. We need estimates in order to go forward and accept the building and open it to the public. It was again noted that we need a transfer document, estimate of costs, and what's required if it becomes a museum. Jill suggested they could take more time in order to get the information needed. They would like to move forward as expeditiously as they can.

Budget Committee joined the meeting.

6:30 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to go into non-public meeting under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, second by Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Gallagher-I, Darcy-I, Diorio-I, and Rideout-I. Motion passes unanimously.

6:50 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.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion to table** the Hope Engine Article until more information is gathered, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion on the **Community Events Budget**. Clarifications were made. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Community Events Budget in the amount of \$21,393, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Capital Outlay was discussed. It was noted that leases were approved at Town Meeting. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to tentatively approve Capital Outlay in the amount of 71,520, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Sean Leary wanted to revisit Planning and Zoning as he has questions. It was clarified that the amount was \$103,291. He also questioned why the Tax Collector Salary was down. T.A. Collins indicated that it was overbudgeted last year and the year before and caught this year. Discussion followed, including the compensation policy adopted by the townspeople and cost of living increases obtained on an annual basis only. Any changes would need to be discussed by Selectmen.

Edwin O. "Smokey" Smith read from a letter the town attorney wrote regarding file storage requirements. Chief Faulkner was present for discussion. Smokey's concerns included why we have to retain more records than other departments/communities. Chief Faulkner indicated that Hinsdale investigates a large number of town-related cybercrime. He pointed out that data saving is 100% Hinsdale cases only. They have an obligation to the task force that was previously signed onto, however he is the only one spending time on those cases – his own time. There is no storage here of task force files. Chief Faulkner explained that this is an old requirement, that's never been modified, with an inability to grasp new technology. Smokey felt that legislators should be looking into this problem and pursuing it.

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Warrant Article Discussion:

Article 4 General Operating Budget was discussed. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 4 in the amount of \$4,153,041.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 5 re: operations of the Water Department was discussed. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 5 in the amount of \$552,498.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 6 re: operations of the Sewer Treatment Plant was discussed. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 6 in the amount of \$378,971.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion on Article 7 relating to the purchase of a brush truck for the Fire Department. It was noted that if we don't get the grant, this will automatically fail. It was also suggested that something be added stating that no funds will be raised through taxation. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 7 in the amount of \$210,000.00, as amended, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion with the Budget Committee on Article 8. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 8 in the amount of \$80,000.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 9 regarding replacing the roof of the dry bed located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was discussed with a suggestion of raising the bid to \$57,000.00. Discussion and questions followed. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 9 in the amount of \$52,750.00, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 10 to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Fire Station Building Fund, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

A typo was pointed out on Article 11 and it was noted that it should say *School Street Improvement Fund*. T.A. Collins informed all that the application for CMAC Fund was denied. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to apply for a TAP application in 2018. 20% would be paid through taxpayers. Money could be put aside and go for School Street. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 11 for \$50,000.00 with discussed corrections, for the School Street Improvement Fund, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Article 12 re Fire Department Breathing Apparatus Fund was discussed. Selectman Darcy asked if this was going to end as it seems to be on the warrant on an annual basis. T.A. Collins stated that next year should be the last year for this to be on the warrant. Selectman Darcy made a motion to recommend Article 12 in the amount of 32,000.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the boards that the Town Clerk wants to increase hours to basically be a full-time employee with compensation through benefits (like a full-time employee through a compensation policy). Discussion followed. There would be additional hours and benefits including health, dental, life and retirement. Figures were discussed with approximate amounts. Peter Zavorotny noted that this is likely to come up in the future with the tax collector and perhaps the treasurer. Selectman Darcy noted

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that if this is approved at Town Meeting, this will be on next year's budget. There was also a question and discussion as to whether the Tax Collector has the right and opportunity to ask for this too. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to recommend Article 13 in the amount of \$24,473.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

The Town Hall Improvement Fund and the undesignated fund balance was discussed to include snow load, building designs and concerns of snow coming off the roof. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to recommend Articles 14-19 as printed, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion regarding the pool maintenance. Some expressed that they were not in favor of expansion or a splash pad.

Article 20 was discussed. Selectman Darcy made a motion to recommend Article 20 in the amount of \$1908.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion for the next meeting with Selectmen was set for Monday 1/22/18 at 6:30 at the P.D. Budget Committee adjourned.

8:24 p.m. Selectman Darcy made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary