

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday May 7, 2018 at Town Hall

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

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

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the manifests of April 7, 2018 and the public and non-public minutes of April 30, 2018, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Ida Thompson for a Wedding at the Pavilion at Heritage Park on July 27, 2018, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Allen Johnson for Johnson Reunion at the Pavilion at Heritage Park on July 14, 2018, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for HBC for Sign & Wine at the Community Center on May 17, 2018, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Appointment for Shawn Lee to the Planning Board, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a motion to sign and approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for James P. Mitchell on Route 63, Map and Lot 21-40/21-41, second by Rideout. Discussion and questions followed. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to table this. There was no second and he later withdrew his motion to table. After further discussion it was found that a Warrant for Tax Yield was with the Notice of Intent to Cut. Selectmen McCosker rescinded his prior motion, second by Rideout. Selectman McCosker then made a **motion** to sign the Warrant – for Tax Yield from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, second by Diorio. There being no further questions, motion passed unanimously. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for James P. Mitchell on Route 63, Map and Lot 21-40/21-41, second by Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign and approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Helga Rowe-Kimball on Old Chesterfield Road, Map and Lot 21-001, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins informed the Board that a letter was received re: the Comcast Franchise Agreement and she talked to Kate Miller at the attorney's office. Kate suggested going out 10 years vs. 5 but indicated that it is up to the Board. Discussion followed. Either way, there will need to be a public hearing. The Board would like to see a copy of the Agreement to look over prior to scheduling a public hearing.

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T.A. Collins informed the Board that Sharron Smith would like to be on the Conservation Commission. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to appoint and have appointment papers made for Sharron Smith to sit on the Conservation Commission, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Board Comments:

T.A. Collins noted that the following Fire Department Appointments need to be approved:

Troy Benedict and Jon Roy – Assistant Chief

Leon Dunbar and Mark Curtiss – Captain

Steve Gassett and Devin Parker – Lieutenant

Following discussion, Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Fire Department appointment slate, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins walked the old landfill area with Bob Goodbee of Franklin Pierce last week and described the area where they would like to perform an archeological dig. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to give permission to perform the dig, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board was informed of a groundbreaking ceremony on May 21st at Maplewood. They should notify T.A. Collins if they'd like to attend.

T.A. Collins indicated that a complaint letter was received from a resident of Thicket Hill and a response has been sent by Rod Lawrence.

T.A. Collins reminded the Board of a Primex Conference that she will be attending this week and that Rick attended a GFOA conference last week.

T.A. Collins notified the Board that the Highway Superintendent was in to see her re: volunteers picking up trash recently. Concerns were discussed including corporate trash being pushed onto other private property by snow removal equipment, picking up trash on private property, and the need to let volunteers know that town bags cannot be used for private property pickup. The Tax Collector believed that the trash in question had already been hauled away. The Board felt that letters should go to the property owners, in any event.

Selectman Gallagher noted that the Conservation Commission met at the boat landing. There's an educational walkway and they intend to replace signs. There was a recent meeting with Tri Town and this was uneventful.

Selectman Diorio plans to attend a Fire Department Building Meeting tomorrow night. He noted that the Hinsdale Educational Foundation is doing a golf tournament next weekend and it is sold out.

Selectman Darcy mentioned that it appears there were vendors sleeping in campers overnight Friday into Saturday at the Flea Market. This was not approved or discussed. Discussion followed. He also mentioned the Farmer's Market will be starting soon and wanted to make sure that Sean Smith is fully approved and to make sure that all is in order.

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There was a workshop to discuss residents putting out free stuff. T.A. Collins indicated that she had spoken with James MacDonell and discussed how to post free stuff. She looked at the Solid Waste Ordinance re: curbside pickup. She thinks the Solid Waste Ordinance is the way to go to address this matter and indicated that people have other means to post their free stuff. Selectman Rideout had a list of ten things he would like to see. Some concerns of his included being in favor of a permit process, a free dump day, 7 days maximum exposure, placing permit in sight, fines, enforcement, and time limits. T.A. Collins noted that some of this is similar to a yard sale ordinance that failed. Selectman Gallagher pointed out that there is nothing in the ordinance addressing people picking out cans and aluminum. He also would like a time limit. Selectman Diorio did not think a permit should be required; there should be limits; this could be an opportunity to reuse and recycle and perhaps a link could be put on the website. He also had illegal dumping concerns. He mentioned he has checked on how Brattleboro handles this. He doesn't agree that everything is waste or everything is junk. Chair Darcy noted that the purpose of this work session is to give us a vessel to add to that Ordinance. Options are to use this Ordinance to add to or make a whole new Ordinance. James MacDonell would like to see a Free Day at the dump once or twice a year and we could also announce sites and links in mailings. Chair Darcy noted that one area that needs to be targeted is curbsides near storage units. Discussion on that followed. General discussion followed indicating the suggestion to use free cycle (provide links and put in newsletter), free dump days (and obtaining an estimate on costs), time limits of sun-up to sundown and not allowing furniture or appliances to be put out (those could be put on free cycle sites). They would like to try to address specific locations of illegal dumping and deal with those on an individual basis and increase suggested fines. T.A. Collins will try to add language concerning tonight's ideas and have a draft for Selectmen to review in a couple of weeks. She noted that whatever the Board comes up with first goes to the town attorney and then a public hearing is scheduled.

T.A. Collins updated the Board on the Brattleboro Road Sidewalk Project.

7:40 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary