

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2018 at Town Hall

Present: Chairman Darcy, Selectmen Diorio, McCosker, Gallagher (arriving at 6:18 p.m.), and Rideout; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden.

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

Frank Podlenski, Highway Superintendent was present to discuss Monument Road. He would like to pave a good portion of that this year. Discussion followed and all agreed that paving is needed. Frank has a good price re: paving and he plans on paving a portion of Plain Road this year too. It was felt that this is a good idea, if staying within the budget. Selectman Diorio was very pleased with the crosswalks and thought they looked great. Chair Darcy mentioned the parking spot near the end of Church Street needs to be filled in. Frank mentioned the Farmer's Market vendors are using more amps at the park than are available and there has been a problem tripping them out. They have 20-amp breakers. Discussion followed including the suggestion to upgrade, the age of wires, and lack of plans found. Frank will have Jay Nadeau look into it and get a price for Jill.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 5/21/18 and public and non-public minutes of 5/14/18, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Report of Wood or Timber Cut, Thomas Hildreth for Michael Bomba, Map 16-Lot 33, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Report of Wood or Timber Cut for Carlene Momaney, Map 49 Lot 3, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Report of Wood or Timber Cut, Chris Ricci for Susan Braunbeck, Map 34 Lots 19, 20 & 22, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Report of Wood or Timber Cut, Joe Wright for Aimee Bruch, Map 29 Lot 70, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Report of Wood or Timber Cut, Patchwork Realty LLC (Edwin Smith) Map 24, Lot 61, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Appointment of Kathleen Dunkley as Deputy Town Clerk, second by Rideout. There was brief discussion as to starting date and timeframe for certification. Motion passes unanimously.

Dennis Nadeau, Water Superintendent, was present. He had given the Board a copy of a letter sent to Thicket Hill and asked what their thoughts were. Discussion followed indicating that this has been an ongoing problem for years and of the recent leak and problems. Chair Darcy asked Dennis for his recommendation and plan of action. Dennis indicated that Thicket Hill needs to address that they have a plan, their people are equipped, and can handle a situation within hours. Due to the age of their system, he suggests give them a year to show us a plan and a couple of years to institute a plan to replace. On average, they have a couple leaks a month and have had a couple of big leaks.

[Selectman Gallagher arrived]

Concerns discussed included the strain on the Town's system, unneeded stress, and that park management doesn't seem to care. There is a safety concern and a concern of a waste of the Town's resources. When running well, they use 35,000 gallons per day. Some days use is 60,000 to 70,000. There was discussion of a possible additional charge.

T.A. Collins suggested she draft a letter for Selectmen signature to Thicket Hill to correct deficiencies, letting them know we expect an action plan. Selectmen discussion followed. They would request Thicket Hill to work with Dennis and

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agreed to hold off on additional charges for now. Letter to be ready in two weeks giving the Park three months from then to get on Agenda with a plan.

Heather Reyor, Park Manager, attended and wondered if there were any questions for the Park Manager.

Chair Darcy mentioned further development on Route 119 and due to perhaps seeing more growth, and concerns of water volume and pressure through pipes, he asked Dennis how this can be addressed. Discussion followed. The less expensive option would be to go down the existing right-of-way. It was noted that this still won't address the small water main on Route 119 but anything would be better than what currently exists. Dennis will look into the cost to get a reasonable estimate for that project.

Chair Darcy asked and it was agreed that Selectman Diorio would be the representative for this project since he is on the Bridge Committee and lives in the project area. He also mentioned that Sean Leary had previously brought resources re: grants to the Board on this matter. Chair Darcy will get Selectman Diorio contact information for the volunteer grant-writer.

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Todd Page for Lions Club Picnic at the Pavilion on June 17, 2018, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Tax Abatement for 2017 for Aaron & Jean Gilbeau re: 46 Gunner Way for \$360.54 + interest, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the Water Abatement for the Robert & Donna Marshall Living Trust for the 1st quarter 2018 in the amount of \$143.21, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the Water and Sewer Abatements re: Julie Bourbeau for 2017 4th quarter and 2018 1st quarter in the amount of \$109.25 each, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve Raffle Permit #6 for Hinsdale Alumni Association for 50/50 Raffle for the Scholarship Fund, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the Cemetery Deed for Karen Hammond at Pine Grove Cemetery, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the Cemetery Deed for Carol Dunleavy at Pine Grove Cemetery, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Joseph Sylvester, Map 21 Lot 3, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins indicated that she received a letter from Malorie Payne looking for a sewer abatement at 8 Snow Avenue due to a pipe breaking and water going into the crawl space. Discussion followed. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to deny the sewer abatement request of Malorie Payne, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins had Appointment papers for Sharron Smith for the Conservation Committee. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign and approve the Appointment papers for Sharron Smith, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins had a Forest Fire Report bill for the State: one in the amount of \$936.33 and the second in the amount of \$109.35. It was pointed out that this was for a brush fire on Oak Hill Road and we should get reimbursed by the State. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the Forest Fire Report, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented a contract with Rescue, Inc. to be signed by the Chair. It was questioned and noted that this was a slight increase. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to have the Chair sign the contract with Rescue, Inc., second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins indicated that we are up for renewal with Standard Power in July and that the average rebate is about \$1800.00 per quarter. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to renew with Standard Power for two years, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Board that Attorney Bonnette would like to get on the Agenda re: one of the fireworks stores. Discussion followed including an Agenda date in July and inviting all fireworks stores to attend. She has a non-public re: hiring

Board Comments:

Selectman Rideout discussed economic development in town. He also brought up the Parks and Rec Meeting on Thursday.

Selectmen McCosker was unable to attend the Library Meeting last week.

Selectman Diorio will attend a Bridge Meeting tomorrow – the Existing Bridge Subcommittee. The Police Department will be involved. He mentioned the recent article in the *Brattleboro Reformer* of the Hinsdale ELO Program being hailed as a model and the Education Foundation Golf Fundraiser being very successful.

Chair Darcy indicated that he had just received a Citizens Complaint Form and would like to address and hopefully have a resolution on this. He also has a non-public re: personnel.

Citizen Comments:

Sean Leary updated the Board on a school forum, the ELO Exhibit Day, and that the new building continues to be on time and under budget.

Jeana Woodbury thinks the Board knows why she is here and asked if they find that appropriate (referring to what was submitted). Chair Darcy indicated that he just received the information and proposes looking for a resolution and for this to be on a future agenda. She indicated that she is looking for and expecting a resolution.

Matt Palmer mentioned the Parade next Monday. John Hartnett has organized participation of classic cars for the parade, there will also be school and student groups. Matt is working on a more detailed schedule of salutes, He has flyers to put out. There will be refreshments at the VFW to follow. Bill Nebelski and Dennis have been hanging flags and Bill made the flag mounts.

7:02 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to enter into non-public with the Program Director under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker-I; Gallagher-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

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7:12 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to hire the slate of employees for the Pool, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

7:13 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker-I; Gallagher-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:32 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

7:32 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker-I; Gallagher-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:41 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to hire two police officers, Paul Samataro and Ian Tuttle, at the recommended rates, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

7:42 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary