

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, June 18, 2018 at Police Department Meeting Room

Present: Acting Chairman McCosker, Selectmen Diorio and Rideout; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden. Chair Darcy and Selectman Gallagher were excused.

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

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 6/11/18 and of 6/18/18 and the public and non-public minutes of both May 29, 2018 and June 4, 2018, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Tax Abatement for 2017 4th quarter for Nancy Caron re: 4 McGregor Dr. for \$26.78 + interest, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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Chief Faulkner introduced Paul Samataro. Paul was sworn in as Police Officer by Acting Chair McCosker and welcomed.

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Abatement questions were raised and answered by Kathryn Lynch who indicated that supplemental bills will be created. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the Tax Abatement for 2018 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to Theresa Attas-Wright re: 5 Spring Street for \$1596.53. There was a second by Selectman Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Tax Abatement for 2018 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter for Anthony Orzino re: 26 Monteiro Drive for \$1590.45, second by Selectman Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the acting Chair to sign and approve the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Bernie Nixon for Class of 1958 Reunion on June 24, 2018 at the Community Center. There was a second by Selectman Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Patchwork Realty LLC/Edwin O. Smith by Michael Cook re: Map 24 Lot 61, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins explained the letter received from Wings of Dawn to see if the Selectmen would allow a lead tackle disposal box at the transfer station. Discussion followed. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to allow placement of a lead tackle disposal box at the Transfer Station, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins gave the Board an Ordinance of Right of Way noting that she had added Free Stuff and Items for Sale to that. She asked the Board to take a look at it and let her know if they want anything else added for discussion at the next meeting. Selectman Rideout would like to see a condensed format with bullet points.

T.A. Collins read a letter addressed to Chair Darcy endorsing the canine obedience class, indicating that the letter writer would like this to be offered and expanded upon in the future and recognizing Matt and the Instructor, Roo Grubis.

T.A. Collins read a letter accepting Doug Stephens' resignation for the Board to sign. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the letter, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

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Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator, was present to discuss Abatement Review. She went through assessed properties by Sansoucy and indicated that it was his recommendation to deny all. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to deny the Abatement Applications (for 2017) for Hinsdale Real Estate Development LLC, Northern NE Telephone, Walmart Real Estate Business Trust, and Public Service Company of NH d/b/a Eversource Energy, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Kathryn indicated that it was M&N Assessments' recommendation to deny the 7, 11, and 18 Georges Field Abatement Applications. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to deny the Abatement Applications (for 2017) for Deborah George, Trustee of George's Field Realty Trust 26-11-3, Deborah George Trustee of the Deborah George Realty Trust 36-11-2, and Deborah George Development LLC 36-11, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

It was also recommended to deny 20 Brattleboro Road, School House Apartments Abatement Application. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to deny the Abatement Application for Hinsdale School House Apartments Limited Partnership, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Kathryn recommended granting the reduction in assessed value on property owned by Mark Young from \$126,000 to \$108,350. She noted a few mistakes on the card. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the reduction and assessed value recommendation, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Next discussed was property at 807 Plain Road owned by Malorie Paine. Kathryn feels the property should be reduced from \$133,800 to \$109,720. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to reduce the assessment and grant the abatement re: 807 Plain Road, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Kathryn discussed the I-factor jump (re: view) from 1.1 to 1.6 re: property of Wayne & Denise Gallagher at 18 Pine Ridge Lane. She noted similar properties being at 1.1. She recommended bringing this property to 1.1. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the suggested assessment and grant the abatement re: 18 Pine Ridge Lane, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Property at 22 Hillcrest owned by Robert & Penny Rhodes was discussed. Comparables were done and it is unclear why it jumped. Kathryn's recommendation would be to reduce the assessment from \$60,100 to \$53,778. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the suggested assessment and grant the abatement, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

It was noted that the Richard and Judith Tacy property at 10 Cottage Street was put in the system incorrectly. It was put in as a double-wide but is actually a single-wide with additions. She recommended reducing the assessment from \$121,400 to \$78,200. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the reduced assessment and grant the abatement, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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Ann Diorio from Parks and Rec, together with other members, camp employees, parents and department heads were present. Ann handed out paperwork to the Board. She indicated that Parks & Rec have been working hard to come up with some Meeting Norms and Goals (which were part of the handout, as well as copies of letters and forms). She expressed the importance of teamwork and unity. She mentioned that in March when Summer Camp and Jr. Counselor matters were brought up, they were told then and in an April meeting that this would come before the Select Board and it hasn't. It has not been on the Agenda. They've been told DOL would not allow Jr. Counselors. Ann has attended DOL seminars and nowhere was that said. She attended a Seminar on 5/31 in Concord. She spoke with the Littleton

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Finance/HR advisor. Littleton has Jr. Counselors, age 14 and 15 and provided paperwork samples. Ann noted that Matt was hired after camp was over. Camp this year starts in two weeks and it is important for the kids to be safe. There is a need to talk to each other and collaborate. Hinsdale is competing with Vermont (re: hiring). There was mention of what the camp attendance has grown to and that Tammy Stebbins has been there for 10 years as Head Counselor. Camp also works with Mary Ann O'Malley's program and have 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. opportunities for kids to be safe.

Tammy noted that she offers training activities, team-bonding, and sign-in for Jr. Counselors. Jr. Counselors help with transfer of kids to swim lessons, summer school, and bathroom checks. There are a lot of positives and it affords the opportunity to participate prior to becoming a counselor.

Liz Boggio's concerns included competing with Brattleboro and Winchester, who employ them at age 15. She gave a scenario of a counselor with 10 kids, not having the assistance.

Robin McGrath felt the Junior Counselors help the program run smoothly; helps get the kids where they need to be when they need to be there; develops bonds; and gets them ready to be a counselor.

Steve Fecto noted that camp has had the Jr. Program forever. It is a feeder program, they want to stay and it helps them feel connected.

It was pointed out that some kids are too old for summer camp but too young to be a counselor. This opportunity can provide role models.

Ann also mentioned a volunteer manual being all about this type of program. She challenged the Board Members and Jill and Matt to spend one full day at the day camp and feels it would be an eye-opener. They would see the energy needed and she feels it is important for Matt to have presence there every day as the Program Director.

Theresa Davis didn't remember ever having problems with the volunteers. She also felt this was a feeder-program; it was their first interactions; and fosters a sense of community and leadership.

Terri Whelan would love to have her daughter participate and doesn't want her sitting home. She wants her engaged, kept busy and on task. She felt this teaches work ethic and responsibility and it would be a shame to end that relationship.

Ann clarified that this program is not a daycare, not a free for all, they have a job description as volunteers. Theresa Davis added that they're held to certain standards, have a role and responsibility.

There was a question regarding the reason for doing away with this. T.A. Collins responded that the reasons included property and liability; there are no clear policies and procedures; paperwork which needs to be filed; and a counselor-in-training process. She has been talking to other managers. It was noted that right now there are 56 sign-ups and 25 counselors. She is taking this under advisement and working on a policy. Discussion will be continued in two weeks.

T.A. Collins will have non-publics re: hiring, personnel, and negotiation.

There was discussion about a call received from Runnings re: confusion over how the tax quarters run. The Tax Collector indicated that there is \$600 in interest accruing and this won't be an issue in the future. He has been given a check for two quarters less interest. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to abate the interest, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

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Jill indicated that the Open Container Permit that was previously tabled for the Farmer's Market has been sent to the Town Attorney. Theresa Davis wondered what the concern was and if there was anything she could do going forward for clarification. She noted that the prior Farmer's Market and other area Farmer's Markets don't seem to have these concerns, as anything purchased does not get consumed on premises.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Diorio mentioned attending the Existing Bridge Committee meeting this afternoon and that it was very productive.

Acting Chair McCosker noted that the Library Meeting was postponed until next week. Acting Chair McCosker had a Planning and Zoning Notification of a public hearing tomorrow night for minor subdivision re: Parkinson and a proposed tattoo/piercing studio.

*Citizen Comments:*

Matt Palmer noted there is a new employee at the Community Center re: Meals program.

Theresa Davis thanked everyone for continued support on successful events and markets.

Liz Boggio noted the flower plantings around town and the bridge plantings to be done this week.

Kathryn Lynch indicated that Jill suggested she talk to the Board about the Fireworks Show at the Summer Kickoff Party. The show will be greater than initially thought; they have been very generous with the fireworks display; and they want to go 45 minutes (until about 10:15 p.m.). Discussion followed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to extend the time for the Fireworks Show at the Summer Kickoff Party, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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7:15 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public with Chief Faulkner under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; McCosker-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 Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; McCosker-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to hire the slate of three camp counselors, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; McCosker-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

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7:33 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; McCosker-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:34 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to accept the resignation of Allen Johnson, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; McCosker-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

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7:36 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) negotiation, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; McCosker-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:40 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

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7:41 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary