

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, August 27, 2018 at Police Department

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

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

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Chair Darcy indicated that the first order of business was to go into non-public. After discussion, it was determined to include Sandra Stomper, Jeana Woodbury, James MacDonell and the Board.

6:00 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

6:14 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of August 20, 2018 and August 27, 2018; and the public minutes and non-public minutes of August 13, 2018, and the public minutes of August 21, 2018 second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Report of Wood or Timber Cut for Adam Lunsford re: Tax Map/Lot #31/10 and #31/10-1 owned by Patricia MacFarlane, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Pine Grove Cemetery Deed for Gary Montgomery, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign Raffle Permit #9 for the Fireman's Association, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins presented a Tax Abatement for NH Housing Finance Authority, 34 Plain Road, in the amount of \$1061.31. Discussion followed including that this resulted per RSA 204-C:49. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Tax Abatement for NH Housing Finance Authority in the amount of \$1061.31, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented a Deed Without Covenants for Joseph Lott for Map 38, Lot 15 at 471 Oxbow Road. This property was tax deeded by the Town several years ago. She indicated that back taxes, interest and penalties have been paid in full, as well as current taxes. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Board to sign the Deed without Covenants, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

An Easement Deed was discussed re: PSNH d/b/a Eversource for property owned by the Town, located off School Street. The purpose being to bring 3-phase wiring down to the road for the WWTP and Highway/Water facilities. Discussion

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followed. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the (right and easement) Deed, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

There was discussion and materials provided by T.A. Collins for review and discussion of policies at the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. She indicated that she would need authority to be the voting delegate for the NHMA Policy Conference. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to authorize T.A. Collins to be the voting delegate for the NHMA Policy Conference, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins gave the Board correspondence re: Ten Year Plan and usage response from Thicket Hill for their review. Jill indicated that she still needs to go over it with Dennis Nadeau.

Discussion followed re: Mr. Hudson's prior concerns on South Parrish Road. T.A. Collins indicated that money could not be taken from Monument Road. The Warrant Article was for reconstruction and it was not a good idea for paving, Discussion followed. Chair Darcy would like to see it come from highway grant funds. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to use funds from the highway grant to fix South Parrish Road, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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6:30 Margaret Campbell, Project Developer from EDF gave a presentation to discuss a proposed solar project in Hinsdale. She gave the Board a handout which outlined the presentation. The proposed project is on Route 119 in an old sandpit, which is currently commercially zoned. This would be 15-megawatt AC, ground mounted with driven piles. This could take two to three years and construction would probably begin around 2020. In 20, 25, or 30 years they would decommission. Selectman Rideout asked if they would clear the site or put in new panels. Margaret indicated they would do a financial assessment at that time to determine the best option. Benefits discussed were that it would add to the tax base, they would hire locally, and this would add revenue to local businesses. They would like to get a letter of support for the project to be included in their bid materials. Discussion followed to include addressing utility agreements, other existing PILOTS (Hydro and other solar), and that Skip Sansoucy will be involved. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** for the Board to sign a Letter of Support for EDF Project, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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Sean Leary and Karen Thompson were present re: ELO. Superintendent Wayne Woolridge was also present. Sean thanked the Board and indicated appreciation for being given the opportunity to explain the program. Sean and Karen talked about the program being student driven based on each student's interests and competencies. Karen creates a network of opportunities based on the interests to find the best match for a collaborative process. There are goals for a student to meet. It is a class, with a team of people surrounding the student, acting as coaches. There is an overseeing teacher who develops a syllabus. There's ongoing reporting and evaluation to make sure everything is on track. They indicated that previously the program was more of a work/study but now is more than that with a deeper level of learning and understanding. Sean indicated that the school has invested in this program and they want to make sure it's understood. Superintendent Woolridge discussed a potential of obtaining funds to help support the program, that it is a head start to a career path, and a way to help match in a tight labor market. Hinsdale is one of the leaders in NH in this program, it's a forward-thinking idea, cooperative venture, and great opportunity for our kids. Selectman Diorio noted that Karen had been recognized. Superintendent Woolridge affirmed that she was recognized as the ELO Coordinator of the Year last May and expressed appreciation. It was stressed that this is an opportunity to collaborate between the Town and School, communication is key, and the desire to keep this opportunity available.

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*Board Comments:*

Selectman Rideout indicated that he had a Rec. Meeting that was informational, went well, and they worked on goal items.

Selectman McCosker expressed thanks to James MacDonell.

Chair Darcy mentioned the initial BTLA letter from Walmart. Skip Sansoucy will be looking at it. Chair Darcy also mentioned that Employee Reviews were talked about in April. Jill indicated that she is still waiting on some department heads to get back to her. It was suggested that it would be nice to start working on this.

*Citizen Comments:*

Discussion with Sean Leary took place of a possible solar project for the School District and the potential to use town property for the project. The Board thought it would be good to get more information on this and he will go ahead and put together proposals to be presented to both Boards.

Sean also updated the Board on Parks (re: tennis courts, basketball courts and track) indicating that the School Board sees value in working together. There has been no progress over the summer on this. He spoke with the High School Principal and they would like to move forward. He asked if the Board wanted to move forward with this. If both work together it could result in a pretty good grant application. The existing team hasn't made progress from either side. There is a team willing to do work; Sean has asked and hasn't gotten any response. Selectman Diorio thought it was a good idea, feels a track is used by everyone, and feels Community Development should play a part in this as well. Chair Darcy indicated the need to determine how this team is going to work together. Discussion followed. Selectman Diorio made a motion to go into non-public under personnel. There was further discussion. Motion was withdrawn. It was then discussed and agreed that the Team should be made up of the following: School Board Member, Selectman, Program Director, Community Development Coordinator, Principal Ann Freitag, Athletic Director, Athletic Trainer and a Citizen. Sean's goal is to move it forward, work as a team and hopefully get something done. It was agreed to start reaching out to team on their availabilities.

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7:51 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary