

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 29, 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 Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of October 29, 2018 and the public and non-public minutes of October 22, 2018, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the 3rd Quarter 2018 Water Commitment in the amount of \$111,843.32, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the 3rd Quarter 2018 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$88,543.99, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the Water Abatement for Beverly Bernier for 3rd Quarter water in the amount of \$44.31. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was a Sewer Abatement for David & Elizabeth Gringeri, 54 Highland Ave., re: outside meter for water (sewer portion to be abated). Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to abate sewer in the amount of \$36.23 for David & Elizabeth Gringeri, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

There was a Sewer Abatement for Gregory Pelloni c/o John Pelloni, 45 Northfield Road, re: outside meter for water (sewer portion to be abated). Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to abate sewer in the amount of \$125.02 for Gregory Pelloni c/o John Pelloni, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

A Letter of Credit for Wayne Corse of Corse Excavation (Yankee Farm Credit) was presented to be accepted. Discussion followed. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the Letter of Credit for Wayne Corse, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

The Sewer Abatement requested by Mr. Freitas last week was discussed further. A data logging report was handed out. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to abate sewer (for the corrected water leak) for David Freitas' 3rd Quarter 2018 bill in the amount of \$123.48, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins presented a Discharge of Mortgage for the Board to sign re: Jacque on Tower Hill. She indicated that there was a need to discharge this as it had not previously been recorded for some reason. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to Discharge the Jacque Mortgage, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins read a letter from Dorianne Almann re: Kathryn Lynch's work on Outdoor Hinsdale. Dori praised Kathryn for the stellar job done, her professionalism, patience, attention to detail, keeping the group on track, her energy and vision. She indicated that the Town is lucky to have Kathryn working on its behalf. Positive results are coming in from a survey she and Kathryn put together on Outdoor Hinsdale. T.A. Collins said that the letter will go in Kathryn's personnel file. She also mentioned there is a meeting tomorrow on Outdoor Hinsdale.

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T.A. Collins presented a letter indicating the need for a driveway permit addressed to Mr. & Mrs. Holden for the Board's signature. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the letter to Mr. & Mrs. Holden, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

At 6:15 p.m. Cathy Smith was present to discuss taxes. She purchased property on Plain Road on August 25th and was billed for the whole 2nd quarter, thinking it was to be prorated. Discussion followed indicating that the first quarter billing was abated due to ownership under NH Housing Finance Authority. Second quarter was due October 1st. T.A. Collins explained that when the property closed, the attorney should have figured the proration and mentioned that the State tax year differs from the Town tax year. Discussion followed on the amount of proration. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to abate the Tax Bill in the amount of \$323.01, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins suggested the need to do the tax rate setting and gave the Board a current printout of Tax Rate Breakdown Hinsdale. There was discussion about looking into putting money into overlay. It is at 3.89% right now with a minimum of 5% suggested.

6:30 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to enter into non-public with the Chief Faulkner 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.

6:36 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

Selectman Rideout attended a Parks and Rec meeting last Thursday and indicated that it was productive.

Selectman Gallagher will attend the meeting for Outdoor Hinsdale tomorrow night. Surveys came back good.

Selectman Diorio has heard many comments on the paving job on Route 119. Per discussion, it was shimmed and they (State) intends to pave next year.

Chair Darcy mentioned the upcoming Plan for Ashuelot Rail Trail presentation at Whitcomb Hall in Swanzeey on November 17th from 10 a.m. to noon. He also has noticed signs in the area falling under *off-premise signs* and indicated the need for Kathryn and/or Rod to look into this. He felt the Planning Board proposal was reasonable and fair and he would like to see it adhered to.

T.A. Collins noted that the November 12th and November 19th meetings will be at the PD Meeting Room with Dept. Heads for Budget discussions. Next Monday, Next Era will be coming in. The other company is to have a telephone conversation with Skip Sansoucy and they will be going to the Planning Board. She reminded all of the Retirement Party tomorrow. Next Tuesday is elections and election coverage will be discussed at the next meeting.

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There was discussion between Chair Darcy, Sean Leary, and Selectman Rideout regarding the Parks and Rec Meeting last Thursday.

Discussion was held in the Selectmen's Office regarding the Tax Rate Breakdown. Figures of prior years and assessments were discussed. The Tax Rate Breakdown of \$34.87 is up from \$30.41. T.A. Collins explained the need to look at the overlay and add to it. There are concerns and challenges with three properties. Chair Darcy asked if money should be put in overlay (to help in the event that things don't go to the Town's advantage with any of those). There was discussion of the need to see things coming, the challenges we face, leaving the overlay at \$5,000 or upping the overlay to \$120,000. If \$120,000 is put in overlay, the tax rate would be \$35.20. It was agreed that no one liked the outcome but felt it necessary for protection.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to set the overlay at \$120,000 for a rate of \$35.20, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

7:22 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary