

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 5, 2018 at Town Hall

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

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

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 11/5/18 and the public and non-public minutes of 10/29/18, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for #11052018 (Disabled), second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit on 11/23/18 at the Community Center, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to approve the Sewer Abatement in the amount of \$33.34 for Craig Finnell at 18 Pleasant Street re: outside meter, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

Election coverage for tomorrow between 8 and 7 was discussed and the Board offered their scheduling availabilities for the polls.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins informed the Board that she should have all the budgets now except the P.D. She mentioned that Sewer Department, Fire Department and Water Dept. will be coming in next week. Highway, P.D. and Summer Programs will be on the Agenda the following week. The next two meetings will be joint with the Budget Committee across the street at the Police Department with Select Board starting at 6 and the Budget Committee joining Select Board at 6:30. On November 12th, Budget Committee will initially meet at 6:15 at Town Hall then join the Selectmen across the street at 6:30. There was suggestion of the possible need for an additional meeting with the Budget Committee. T.A. Collins noted that the Commitment will be run tomorrow with Tax bills going out on Monday. James MacDonell noted that the new tax rate (\$35.20) was published by the DRA on Friday.

T.A. Collins extended kudos to Rick Carrier for work on the web design.

Jill noted that next week, NHMA conference will be held Wednesday and Thursday. Rick will attend on Wednesday, Kathryn on Thursday, and Jill will attend both days.

Selectman Gallagher indicated that he has a Conservation Committee meeting on Wednesday.

Chair Darcy gave out a copy of NHMA report "State Aid to Municipalities History & Trends". Discussion followed noting that this shows how funding is being cut by the State. Chair Darcy stressed that we need

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our entire state representatives to advocate for us to do something about our current tax rate. It was noted that there is a lot of hard work ahead for the budget season this year.

Matt Singer from Next Era was present and introduced his project team: Alexandra, Neil, and Kara Moody (TRC Environmental). He indicated they are working to develop the Chariot Solar project. He reminded all that Ranger was acquired by Next Era in Feb. 2017. They are the largest generator of wind and solar in the world and their New England portfolio is expanding. He was excited to inform all that they're in the Field Work phases and should have the Transmission phase study available by the end of the year. Next, they will be securing a Power Purchase Agreement and they've submitted a proposal. Chair Darcy asked if they have started a site evaluation committee or when that might be. Matt indicated that it was a 14-16 month process and it would take place when they have a power purchase agreement in place. Chair Darcy suggested that it was important to note that a PILOT agreement is a payment in lieu of taxes. T.A. Collins asked Matt if they are listed on the ISO and he indicated that they are on the queue. Chair Darcy asked if they have any leads in terms of power purchase in the event Rhode Island doesn't come through. Matt indicated there are opportunities out there. Chair Darcy asked if there were any questions from the public. Edwin "Smokey" Smith stated that he was one of the property owners and that they (Next Era) have options on the properties. He asked what the deadline is when options expire or will they just walk away? The response was that they are looking to do what they need to do, to work with the landowners. Chair Darcy stated that we are excited and want to see this proceed and asked that as this progresses, that we are kept in the loop. Matt stated that he fully intends to have constant communications. It was agreed that Next Era would get us an update every six months. They were thanked for coming in.

T.A. Collins noted that tomorrow night the dog class will meet upstairs in the Town Hall since elections will be going on at the Community Center. Sean Leary asked if Beautification will be meeting here in the Community Room, and she responded that they would.

T.A. Collins said that she received an email from Andrew Cushing re: Hope Engine, as they have finished assessing it. Brian Gallion should be sending a report.

6:41 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, second by Gallagher. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Gallagher-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:12 p.m. Regular Meeting Reconvened.

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

7:12 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary