

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, November 19, 2018 at Police Department

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.

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Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the manifests of November 19, 2018 and the minutes of November 12, 2018, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

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Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to approve the Abatement for Bolster at 240 Plain Road re: Job Works charge in the amount of \$20.00, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins presented a Tax Collector's Warrant in the amount of \$3,404,618.96 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter payment of 2018 and \$3,404,608.70 for the 4th quarter payment of 2018. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the Tax Collector's Warrant, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins attended the NHMA Conference last week and gave an update.

Selectman McCosker noted that the Library Meeting moved from last week to December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Darcy read a letter from SWRPC seeking nominations for consideration. If the town wishes to submit a name, this would be an opportunity for town representation at their meetings bi-monthly, six times per year. Discussion followed. He also had NH DRA information on the upcoming meeting re: valuation for State allocation. This impacts the state education portion of our bill. Discussion followed. It was noted that we can expect the State Education rate to go up in the next tax bill if this goes through.

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The Budget Committee was expected to join the Selectmen for a workshop. Chair Darcy explained that all attending as audience are welcome to observe. There will be a budget workshop going on. If there are questions, we will try to come up with a reasonable way to address them.

*Comments for the Board:*

Linda Carrier had concerns of a house on Plain Road, across from Cottage Street, discharging water into the road which continually ices up causing hazards. Discussion followed. The homeowner has been notified and is not responding and the next step is to be cited by the attorney.

Richard Johnson requested to make brief comments when the budget committee is available. He was told that may be possible at the end.

**Budget Committee joined the Selectmen.**

Rick Carrier noted that the town has a population of 4000 people and we are painfully aware that the State is no longer funding things as they have in the past. He brought ideas to the Board for consideration stating that all are user fees: He gave examples of raising the Town Clerk fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00; raising the Town Clerk surcharge from \$5.00 to \$10.00; Pay-Per-Bag (rubbish) from \$2.00 to \$2.50 and from \$1.00 to \$1.25; raising the Community Center rental rates 25%; and indicating what the results would be on these increases. He also suggested that the Fire Department apply for FEMA assistance and FEMA grants (giving Chesterfield examples) indicating that grants are based on regional impact.

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Rick suggested increases in the Summer Program and that any scholarships should be approved by the Board. Chair Darcy noted that these are things that can be discussed with others. Peter Zavorotny thanked him for his input.

**Planning Budget** was discussed. Chair Darcy recommended removing \$800, stating it was in there twice, and removing \$3200 for part-time help. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to reduce the presented Planning Budget by \$4000, tentatively approving an amount of \$114,297.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

**Water** was further discussed by the Budget Committee as the Select Board had tentatively approved it. Dennis Nadeau was in attendance to answer questioned asked by Budget Committee members.

**Parks and Cemeteries** was discussed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Parks & Cemeteries budget in the amount of \$61,315, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

**Highway** was discussed. Frank Podlenski attended to go over his budgets. Chair Darcy questioned the salary worksheet re: overtime. Discussion followed and it was agreed to reduce that figure. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Highway Budget in the amount of \$654,454.00, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

**Transfer Station** budget was discussed. Selectman Rideout asked what the Free Dump Day cost was. Frank believed it was \$4221 and that figure could be \$100 or \$200 high. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Transfer Station budget in the amount of \$68,816.00, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

**Police Department Budget** was discussed with Chief Faulkner and Michelle Rideout present. Selectman Diorio noted that the budget was up \$46,000. Chief Faulkner indicated that the number that it is up is uncontrollable due to health insurance, retirement, and cruiser maintenance. He said operating budget is down. There were questions from the Budget Committee on the janitor position, crossing guard position(s), the incentive program and the regional prosecutor.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Police Budget in the amount of \$1,436,112.00, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

After further discussion re: reducing Special Detail to \$10,000.00, Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to revisit the Police Budget, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Police Budget in the amount of \$1,428,112.00, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

**Summer Programs** were discussed with Matt Palmer. Enrollment, camper to counselors ratio, and length of summer camp, were all discussed. Selectman McCosker pointed out that the number of staff members has doubled in five years. After further discussion, Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to change the Salaries line item in Summer Programs from \$77,407 to \$54,127, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins made a suggestion re: the lunch program (unused). She suggested taking the \$5000 lunch program and putting it in an expendable trust for the purpose of a lunch program, if needed. It would be there in case, for some reason, we don't get the funds. Currently this program is government paid. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to remove the line item # 01-4589.10-620 (in the amount of \$5,000.), second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to tentatively approve Summer Program budget in the amount of \$68,143.00, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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**Municipal Pool** was discussed with Matt Palmer. There was discussion on number of lifeguards, salary, basketball hoop, Point of Sale software and actual need. Matt was in favor of that. Selectman Diorio suggested a cash register in lieu of POS software.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to spend up to \$200 for a new cash register. There was no second. Motion fails.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to remove the basketball hoop from the Pool Budget, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Pool Budget at \$50,282.00, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

**Community Events** was discussed with Matt Palmer. Selectman McCosker felt the Sports Director line item seemed excessive. Discussion followed. Matt indicated that some of what we are paying for was otherwise volunteer and he would like to add tournaments. Selectman McCosker made a **motion to table** the Community Events budget, second by Gallagher. Motion passes unanimously.

**Community Center.** Discussion included that the budget was down \$4000. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to tentatively approve the Community Center Budget in the amount of \$83,407.00, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

It was discussed that next Monday at 6:15 p.m., there will be a budget workshop at the P.D. Sean Leary announced that he would be unable to attend that night. Peter Zavorotny noted that the Public Hearing will be on February 5, 2019 with a snow date of February 7<sup>th</sup>. This will start at 6:30. He would like to schedule a revenues meeting.

*Citizens Comments:*

Rick Wetherby, Dolly Wetherby and Todd Bousquet were in attendance. Other community members had left. Mr. Wetherby was concerned about the raise in taxes, why the town doesn't go after park homes, values being down and taxes going up and that it didn't make sense to him. Chair Darcy explained reasons including smaller revenues from the state being put on the taxpayers to cover, still having to pay for services, that there is no magic wand and we are doing everything we can. He recommended citizens attend discussion on February 5<sup>th</sup> (snow date February 7<sup>th</sup>) for the Budget Meeting and to come to Town Meeting. Lisa Prince would like the Board to look at Health Insurance benefits stating it is important to look at the issues, contributions, deductible, and premiums. Lisa will be appointed to the Budget Committee on Monday.

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9:15 p.m. Selectman McCosker 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.

9:38 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

9:38 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary