

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, February 11, 2019 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.

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of February 11, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of February 4, 2019, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

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First presented was a sewer abatement. It was noted that this was in addition to one earlier approved as there was more usage than originally calculated. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the 2018 Sewer Abatement for In Good We Trust in the amount of \$441.68, second by McCosker. Discussion followed. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointments for Beautification Committee were presented. Discussion included holding off as this relates to appointing a subcommittee of a committee. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to table these appointments, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

An Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Frank Podlenski for a Birthday Party at the Community Center on 4/20/19 was presented. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the Open Container Permit for Frank Podlenski at the Community Center, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Another Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit was presented for Kevin Reynolds for a Birthday Party at the Community Center on 4/6/19. Selectman Gallagher made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the Open Container Permit for Kevin Reynolds, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins informed that Board that she had a few signature pages re: the Warrant. She also gave them a copy of *From the Desk of the Board of Selectmen* for the Annual Report to be reviewed and commented on. Changes were noted.

She had a letter from the Fire Chief outlining Appointment papers needed for officers from 2/1/19 through 3/31/2020: Captain Mark Curtiss; Captain Jason Antos; Lieutenant Devin Parker; Lieutenant Taran Benedict; and Lieutenant/Clerk Gerren Pangelinan. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to draw papers and appoint the Fire Department officers, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Jill noted that she had non-public personnel issues for later discussion.

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Chair Darcy asked if the Board determined whether or not to offer orientation to the candidates and whether it would be prior to elections. Discussion followed until 6:15.

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Andrew Cushing from New Hampshire Preservation Alliance was present to discuss the Hope Engine Co. #1 Building. He provided earlier today a copy by email of *Hope Engine Company No. 1 Engine House Hinsdale, NH Historic Building Assessment February 6, 2019*. He noted that they are an advocate for the resource, committed to seeing the project succeed and will work with the town and group involved. They have finished the Assessment showing history, architecture, and cost estimates. He was here to address concerns, timeline, location, and cost. Selectman Rideout asked about costs and whether there would be enough funds with proposed grants and funds. Andrew feels very confident and noted that there is a lot of opportunity for volunteer labor. Selectman Rideout questioned future costs

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re: maintenance. Andrew assumes volunteer effort could maintain that. Selectman Diorio asked how they measure donations and the likelihood that it would be 100% funded. Andrew feels there is a high likelihood and noted that Seven to Save adds bonus points. His concerns are to work with the town on pursuing state funds and pursuing private funds. Selectman Rideout had concerns with obtaining state funding. Andrew indicated most state funds come from Moose plates license fees and L-Chip (deed transaction money). Chair Darcy referred to Phasing and Funding on Page 13. Andrew affirmed that the use of the building determines what funding they can go for. Chair Darcy also read from the Warrant Article that was previously voted on. Andrew felt there might be some ways to incorporate use including the possibility of using the second story for storage space. Chair Darcy asked Andrew what he was trying to accomplish tonight. Andrew indicated that he would like to see a decision as to where the building could be moved to on town property. Chair Darcy questioned who would be liable for the property if it were to be used as a museum. Andrew stated that this was a good question and he would defer it to Friends of Hope Engine Co. #1 or the Historical Society or whoever has the operation [of the building]. Timeline and decision making were discussed.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to make decisions on this with the new board, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

It was noted that Town Meeting is on March 16<sup>th</sup>. The following Selectmen Meeting is March 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be revisited then. Jill will put together a package for the Board including history of this process and this document provided tonight. Andrew was thanked for coming in. He noted that the Town Hall is beautiful and may also be eligible for grant funds. Jill indicated that she would like to follow up with him.

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There was further discussion on offering general orientation for anyone running. Pros and cons were discussed. Everyone was okay with offering an invitation to observe the process and have dedicated time at the end of two meetings where candidates can ask questions of the Board as to procedure and what they do. They will be invited to join the meetings on February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 4<sup>th</sup>. Ann Diorio suggested that it may be helpful to make a list of committees, dates they meet, and description.

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Hinsdale Community Recreation Committee members were present for a continuation of an earlier meeting on the Leadership Development Program. Chair Diorio noted that Sean Leary did a good job presenting. Selectman Rideout asked when would be the correct time to address fees. A new outline was presented showing how volunteer base programs are handled vs. employee base programs. It was pointed out that this needs to be worked out. The middle section is very important to come together for group input and for mutual understanding. It was noted that paid employees follow the outline for chain of command. Volunteers groups need to come to Parks and Rec. The goal is to centralize communications and work together as a team/unit.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to move forward by accepting the *Statement of Purpose of the Hinsdale Community Recreation Center*, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

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Matt Palmer said that he spent three hours with Maryann O'Malley today. Ann indicated this would be further discussed on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Darcy was contacted by Kathryn and has maps to walk the perimeter of the town and look at markers.

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Chair Darcy noted that something was brought to his attention that he wanted to bring to the Board's attention re: the Chili Cookoff. It has always been a community event. A private Facebook message was sent to the candidates, by the wife of one candidate, suggesting a meet the candidates opportunity. Discussion followed. It was political in nature and this is not allowed. Neutrality needs to be maintained. It was clarified that this did not come to Parks and Rec and the Town is not promoting it. Jill will contact Karen, the Chairperson of HBC.

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Matt felt the Parks and Rec. outline handout gave a roadmap to follow.

Sean noted that if subcommittee members have questions or concerns, it is important to go back to the parent committee.

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7:11 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.

7:20 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout 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.

Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to accept the resignations of James Kirby and Marcello D'Alessandro, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker-I; Gallagher-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously. Jill will prepare letters.

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7:30 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary