

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 25, 2019 at Town Hall

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

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

Selectman Diorio made a motion to approve the manifests of February 18, 2019 and February 25, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of February 11, 2019, second by Rideout. Discussion followed after Chair Darcy's mention of not having prior receipt of the 2/18 manifests. The motion was amended so that those manifests can be reviewed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of February 25, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of February 11, 2019, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

First presented was a Permanent Application for Property Tax/Credit Exemptions for #02252019-A (Elderly Exemption). Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve Application #02252019-A, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Next was a Permanent Application for Property Tax/Credit Exemptions for #02252019-B (Veteran Exemption). Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve Application #02252019-B, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Appointments for Fire Department were presented for signatures: Mark Curtiss, Captain; Jason Antos, Captain; Devin Parker, Lieutenant; Taran Benedict, Lieutenant; and Gerren Pangelinan, Lieutenant/Clerk. This motion was approved on 2/11/19.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins informed that Board of her recent meeting on the sidewalk project with Mike McNally and members of DOT. Due to drainage questions coming up and the budget, the sidewalk between Route 119 and Taylor Heights will be bid out as an alternate. A bid for the whole project will go out and a bid with the alternates will go out. In response to Chair Darcy's question, T.A. Collins indicated that they will be looking at bids for Spring 2020 work.

T.A. Collins received the draft audit and reported that it looks good. The Town Report is at the printers. She also has a non-public re: personnel. It was questioned and noted that they are now looking at 2021 start date for the bridge project.

Selectman Rideout also has a non-public re: personnel.

Selectman Diorio had a question for Jill asking when the Warrant Articles will be put online. Jill indicated that Rick will put them on tomorrow. He asked if Julie will have the ballots online. Jill stated they will be put on the site once received from the printers.

Citizen Comments:

Megan Kondrat noted that Budget Meeting Minutes are not updated on the website. Jill now has them posted through 2017.

Lisa Prince had a revenue question.

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Lisa Borst wanted to check with Jill on the number of street lights. Jill hasn't heard back from Eversource. She asked who changes them and what type of bulbs there are. Eversource changes them and would have that information. She also asked if the Cemetery Committee has regular meetings as she hasn't seen recent minutes. It was discussed that they meet quarterly. She asked how many cemeteries out of the seven is the Town responsible for. Discussion followed to include that the Town does not take care of St. Joseph's cemetery.

6:15 Matt Palmer, Program Director and Rec Committee were present to discuss the CIT Program. Matt gave the Board handouts "*Hinsdale Leadership Development Program Curriculum Outline Proposal*" 1st draft 2/25/19. Selectman Diorio asked if this should be tabled for a week since two members of the Board were not present. Discussion followed of upcoming absences and that both excused members will be completing their term in two weeks. It was decided to continue with this discussion. Matt gave examples of scenarios for a 3-week session (possibly x 2), a 6-week program, and a Hybrid Program with examples of different curriculums. Programs were outlined and discussed. Matt pointed out that the 6-week curriculum could get filled up a bit more. The Hybrid Program was a result of his meeting with Maryann O'Malley.

Selectman Rideout asked if this takes into consideration counselors being out sick. Matt felt this depended on which scenario they go with and that there are ways to work around this by planning.

Selectman Diorio reminded Matt that on 2/4, he was to make his speaking notes available the next day. He has not seen them. He asked Matt if he meant SWOT analysis (rather than SWAT).

Chair Darcy noted the differences in the 3-week vs. the 6-week scenarios. It was pointed out that there is 4 weeks of online experience, more bonding with the kids, and they will have more hands to assist with breakdown on the 6-week version. Selectman Diorio voiced concerns in wording on the last page and suggested omitting portions that.

Chair Darcy noted concerns of the 3-week program actually addressing only a 2-week period of actual camp; pointing out that the 6-week program is actually a 7-week program; and the need to look at the cost of having people for training come in. In looking at the 6-week program and looking at weeks 2-5, he sees an opportunity for social emotional training and also a week to teach how to plan said event. He noted that Matt previously mentioned accreditation possibilities and wondered if a longer length program would help with an accreditation (ACA). Selectman Rideout asked if we were lucky enough to get accreditation, would that help with obtaining grants. Matt assumed it would.

Kathryn Lynch had questions of cost and was informed that costs will be discussed at a later time. She asked if, for the 3-week program, there would need to be a call back to re-train in another 3 weeks. The answer was yes.

Ann Diorio noted that this was the first time she had seen this handout and felt that with the 3-week program, the first week is training and second week is also training, giving only one week of online. That was not enough. She feels that the 6- or 7-week session is very much the way to go. Sean agreed with Ann and Kathryn and didn't think the 3-week session is enough time. He felt Matt did a good job on the format and agrees that there's a lot more that can get filled in. Right now, with funding opportunities, he is leaning toward the 6-week program. Ann asked Matt to forward the handout to her to review with the Parks and Rec committee.

Chair Darcy would like everyone to look at these again and figure out what the curriculum would be for the 6-week program and reconvene after Town Meeting. Ann noted that they are scheduled to come back in on March 4th and asked if that should be put off until after Town Meeting. It was decided to wait until after Town Meeting. She also thought, and all agreed, that Tammy is an important part of this discussion and should be involved.

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Candidates Questions/Answers

Chair Darcy noted that Mike Carrier had sent him a message that he intended to come in tonight but had an unexpected death in the family.

Megan Kondrat asked how many meetings the members of the Board attended, other than Selectmen Meetings. Selectman Rideout attends the Rec Committee meetings once per month. Selectman Diorio attends Budget, School Board, Brattleboro Bridge Committee and subcommittee, and new Fire Department Building Committee Project. Chair Darcy noted the various committees Selectmen Representatives attend, and at what frequencies, which also include: Capital Improvement Committee, Conservation, Cemetery, Library, Planning, and TIF Advisory (Tax Increment Funding).

Bill Hodgman noted that his questions had been answered.

Chair Darcy explained that we are not, as a Board, actively engaged in bringing business to Town. He explained why and gave different scenarios noting that they have to abstain in some instances due to the need to make decisions and due to the possibility of seeing this as bias. He noted that the Select Board are the fiscal managers of the town and they assign the day-to-day tasks to the Town Administrator. He also reminded the candidates that they are 1 vote in 5 (if elected) and you cannot do anything unless the Board votes to have it done.

Selectman Rideout noted and wanted everyone to understand that the Board is driven by RSAs.

Bill Hodgman understood that Jill is tasked with the day-to-day duties and wondered if the Board would ask her to go one step further, for example with looking into the street lights and LEDs. Chair Darcy responded with an example of his prior task of marking poles to eliminate unneeded lights, what the process has been, and that we're still paying. He replied that LED would be something that we could look into.

Lisa Borst asked how many lights we are paying for in town. She also would like an idea for LED upgrades and what kind of penalty we would likely pay the electric company to upgrade. T.A. Collins thought an upgrade could be done all at once and built into the cost over a certain number of years.

Megan Kondrat had a question on whether the training talked about tonight was for potential jr. counselors. It was clarified that the training is for all counselors who work at camp (week 1) and the rest (of the program) is for non-employees (rising 9th graders).

Sean Leary noted a Brownfields meeting on the 5th.

Kathryn Lynch reminded all of the Chili Cookoff on March 3rd.

Chair Darcy mentioned that with Jim Waters' passing, Smokey will be getting the Meet the Candidates night together and it will now be at 7:00 p.m. He is assuming they will contact all candidates. Darlene Leonard shared that Jim's service will be Sunday, March 10th from 1-3 at the Eagles in Brattleboro.

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7:16 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:36 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

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8:08 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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8:09 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary