

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, March 4, 2019 at Town Hall

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

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 18, 2019 and March 4, 2019 and minutes of February 5, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of February 25, 2019, second by Rideout. Chair Diorio had a question about the \$10,000 check to KB. He asked if there was a schedule and Jill responded that there was and she puts in a requisition on a monthly basis and that there are reimbursement mechanisms. Motion passes unanimously.

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First presented was an appointment for the Fire Department for Hunter Brooks as Lieutenant/Clerk. (This was a correction to the Lieutenant/Clerk appointment presented last week.) Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to sign the appointment for Hunter Brooks as Lieutenant/Clerk, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the appointment for Susan Lynde, as Deputy Town Clerk, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the Permanent Application for Property Tax/Credit Exemptions for #03042019-A (Elderly Exemption), second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

The following Applications for Open Container/Alcohol Permit were presented for signature: Marc Sprague at the Community Center on March 16<sup>th</sup> for Birthday Party; Pember Kirkwood at the Community Center on May 25<sup>th</sup> for Wedding Reception; Hinsdale Fire Department at the Pavilion on August 24<sup>th</sup> for Family Picnic; Hinsdale Fire Department at the Fire Station on September 27<sup>th</sup> for Ladies Night; and Hinsdale Fire Department on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station for firefighter. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve all applications, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously.

A check in the amount of \$1000.00 from Hinsdale Lion's Club was presented to be deposited to Parks and Rec Revolving Account for Beautification. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to accept the check from the Lion's Club, second by McCosker. Motion passes unanimously. The Board would like to **thank the Lion's Club** for the generous donation. Discussion followed that the article related to this is intended to be passed over at Town Meeting.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins has a non-public re: hiring. She noted that interviews had taken place. She reminded the Board of the need to go over Warrant Articles next week and decide who will speak on what. Voting scheduling was discussed.

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*Board Comments/Selectmen Discussion:*

Selectman Rideout had nothing.  
Selectman McCosker had nothing.

Selectman Diorio informed that Board that he attended the Parks and Rec Meeting in Selectman Rideout's absence. It was a good meeting and well run. They reviewed fee schedules and will discuss with the Select Board after Town Meeting. They also discussed donations for Summer Camp. He was told that Sarah Hudon is not getting bank

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statements that she needs from Jill, Matt, and Alan. Jill will get her statements. Selectman Diorio mentioned that there was also discussion of the website and that it was difficult to navigate. They will be sending a letter re: their thoughts.

Selectman Diorio would like to see as much information on the Agenda as possible and noted that it at one point included a list of what the T.A. would present. He suggested that if something didn't get on the agenda and was not critical, that it be moved to the next week (in order to get it on the Agenda). Selectman Diorio asked how the candidates were notified about the Question/Answer portion of the Selectmen Meetings. He wanted to make sure they were all notified fairly and equally. T.A. Collins didn't know she was supposed to notify them. It was determined that all were equally not notified and it was and will be posted on the Agenda.

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### *Candidates Questions/Answers:*

Mike Carrier thanked the Board for the Question/Answer session. He asked the Board what is the one thing that they did not anticipate when becoming a member. Selectman McCosker noted that it was not only sitting on this Board but that members sit on almost every other board in town. There will be other delegated responsibilities. Selectman Rideout noted that he does not mind sitting on extra committees, but found the number of complaints disturbing; the complaints mainly due to lack of communication. Chair Darcy cautioned that a member is 1 of 5 votes (one voice in a group where you're not [speaking for] the group).

Mike Carrier asked for comment on being a member. Selectman Rideout liked being part of a community, being involved, and making it a better place for everybody. Selectman McCosker felt it was a place to give back. Selectman Diorio wants to be honest and fair, noting that sometimes you have to make tough decisions. He likes as much information as possible and noted the responsibility is sometimes heavy. Chair Darcy felt that the best moments are where everybody sets aside demands and moves through the project where the Town gets something positive through the process. It's good to feel something has been accomplished and the community is coming together. Selectman Rideout added that you will be asked why businesses aren't coming to town and suggested that online sales are killing retail as one part of the equation. He gave other reasons and that and of his opinion of retail on Route 119.

Bill Hodgman brought up Selectman Rideout's comment on retail being dead (on Route 119). He asked if Selectmen will be tasked with that. Zoning and Planning was discussed. T.A. Collins added that one thing hurting that is the bridges and hopefully that will be resolved in a couple years. Town infrastructure, long-term plans, and the capacity of water and sewer and related options were discussed. Chair Darcy said there have been groups putting forth effort in those areas with water. He noted that when he was first on the Board, they actually had a moratorium on sewer which has since been lifted but is still close to capacity with the plant we have.

Chair Darcy also spoke of social media existing and becoming increasingly challenging. He mentioned responsibilities as a board member and cautioned to remember that everything you say can be interpreted as "the selectmen". His personal approach is to stay away from it. He suggested asking Jill or asking the Board to see the policy.

Chair Darcy is glad to see people are running for the positions and coming to meetings. He suggested candidates take it upon themselves to read minutes to catch up. It was suggested that "Knowing the Territory" is usually held after elections by the NH Municipal Association at various areas. This is a one-day course including a booklet. NH Municipal Association will also email info by going to their site. It was suggested that Jill can provide Selectmen's Procedures and Guidelines, as well as Ordinances.

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*Citizens Comments:*

Sean Leary noted that the Facilities Committee is working on updating the Memorandum of Understanding and the process re: new grounds for the new building. Issues like the rubber mulch at the playground will be in the MOU.

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6:44 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

6:50 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

6:50 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by McCosker. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; McCosker and Rideout-I; Motion passes unanimously.

6:56 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

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6:56 p.m. Selectman McCosker made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary