

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, March 18, 2019 at Town Hall

Present: Chairman Mike Darcy, Selectman Steve Diorio, Selectman Mike Carrier and Selectman Megan Kondrat; T.A. Jill Collins and Kim Worden. Selectman Bernie Rideout was excused.

6:50 p.m. Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order.

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of March 18, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of March 11, 2019, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Darcy informed the new board that at the first meeting after elections they typically reorganize. Since Selectmen Rideout is not here, they can wait until he returns or go ahead with it now. All members present decided to wait until the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to reorganize.

T.A. Collins handed out a list for members to update their contact information and Appointment for Committees. Appointments to Committees was discussed and the following were agreed upon:

Bridge Committee	Selectman Diorio
Budget Committee	Selectman Diorio
Capital Improvement Committee	Selectman Carrier
Cemeteries	Selectman Kondrat
Community Center/Recreation Committee	Selectman Rideout
Conservation Committee	Selectman Carrier
Library	Selectman Kondrat
Planning Board	Selectman Darcy
School Board	Selectman Diorio
TIF (Tax Increment Finance) Advisory Com.	Selectman Rideout

T.A. Collins handed out *Board of Selectmen Procedures and Guidelines* to Selectman Carrier and Selectman Kondrat. Jill will email them CIT information.

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Fire Department Appointments were presented for Jon Roy as Assistant Fire Chief and for Troy Benedict as Assistant Fire Chief. (This request was submitted today.) Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the appointments for Jon Roy and Troy Benedict as Assistant Chiefs, second by Selectman Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins updated the new board members on Hinsdale Real Estate LLC and the proposed offer from Mike Bentley. There was an assessment jump and Hinsdale Real Estate LLC is asking that one property be abated and have agreed to drop other abatement requests. The total of the abatements presented are 2537.11 and 2936.74 and 50% of the interest. Chair Darcy added that this is one of three properties of Hinsdale Real Estate LLC and asked for the total assessment with this change. Discussion followed. Selectman Diorio indicated that his questions had been answered after speaking with Kathryn and Jill. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the abatements as presented, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins indicated that she received a Report of Appropriations for the DRA (2019 MS-232) and needed the signatures of the Board.

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T.A. Collins announced the following workshops/conferences/meetings that she will attend:

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| 4/29/19          | She will attend a grant writing workshop with L-Chip   |
| 5/2 and 5/3/19   | She is going for one day to the NH Government Finance Officers Association (NHGFOA) Conference                         |
| 5/8/19           | She will attend the New Hampshire Municipal Association (NHMA) Local Officials Workshop with Megan and Mike in Lebanon |
| 5/15 and 5/16/19 | She will attend the Primex Annual Conference   |

She also announced that NHMA will be doing a Budget Workshop here in town on April 17<sup>th</sup>. She will give notice to Peter Zavorotny for the Budget Committee and also invite other towns. Chair Darcy suggested she also let the School Board know.

T.A. Collins also informed everyone that on April 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a delegation meeting in Keene.

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*Board Comments/Selectmen Discussion:*

Selectmen Diorio cautioned the new members of the use of acronyms in meetings which may be hard to follow. Discussion and suggestions on that followed.

Selectman Kondrat noted a concern of two names in minutes of early February. It was clarified that the names mentioned were one in the same person.

Chair Darcy read a phone message extending an invitation from NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management to a meeting on 3/25/19 in Swanzey re: the Vermont Yankee decommissioning.

Chair Darcy will have a non-public. He also mentioned that the CIT will be discussed next week, filling in spaces on the 6-week program. Parks and Rec will also bring proposed rate changes on 3/25. The intention is to vote and put into action on 4/1 to give as much time as possible to Parks and Rec workers to implement. It is also the hope to go through the List of Items to be revisited. Chair Darcy would like everyone to come up with some goals/wish list that they would like to see happen over the next year. This will be discussed after reorganization on 4/1.

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*Citizens Comments:*

James MacDonell will be in Concord teaching Tax Collector Workshops for the next three Wednesdays.

Kathryn Lynch was seeking permission for parking with the School Board recently and was reminded to get permission for the Heritage Park and fields for July 3<sup>rd</sup> Night Before the Fourth. She was directed to fill out the use form at Town Hall.

Sandra Golden recently attended Town Meeting and voiced her concerns on the tax rate in town. She wondered if there is any way going forward to focus on making some cuts. She stated that on the DRA website she found that only four towns have a higher tax rate. Discussion and clarification on that followed. Chair Darcy explained that we are always

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working to find the trimmest budget that we can while also providing certain services requested; that it's a work in progress; that we have kept the budget so tight there is no money left over to apply to lower the tax rate, to buy-down the tax rate; that the DRA recommends maintaining a certain amount of funds to be available and we were less than 3% this year. Chair Darcy expressed appreciation that she had come in and noted that if more people attended meetings and the public hearing, they could be part of the process. He recommended getting a volunteer form and getting onto some boards to be part of the process.

Beth Nadeau was also present and had no current questions for the Board.

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7:34 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:17 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

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8:18 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary