

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 1, 2019 at Town Hall

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

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

Chair Darcy took the opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and success of everyone involved in *Operation Western Alliance* and the recent significant drug raid.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of April 1, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of March 25, 2019, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-abstained; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes.

The Board briefly discussed reorganization.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for Selectman Darcy to continue as Chair, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for Selectman Rideout to act as Vice Chair, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

A previously approved Abatement for Catherine Smith at 34 Plain Road was presented for signature.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins presented three Deputy Forest Fire Warden forms for Hunter J. Brooks, Jonathan Bobak, and Taran Benedict. Selectman Diorio made a **motion to approve** the slate for Deputy Forest Fire Wardens, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins mentioned and will email the Board a survey from Southwest Regional Planning Commission which is beneficial to the Town. She mentioned that we are now in compliance with GASB 75 (actuarial valuation report).

The Board discussed goals in order to create a master list:

Selectman Rideout would like to get as much info out there to the public as possible and to decide the best way to do that.

Selectman Diorio would like to see the bridge project through and auction/sell town-owned properties to help reduce taxes.

Selectman Kondrat would like to see communication and getting information out; getting a simplified list/explanation of the Articles out at election time; accessibility to the public; to see a code of conduct for the candidates; and find more revenue to help lessen taxes.

Selectman Carrier would like to improve transparency; establish a Community Advisory Board; establish a Youth & Teen Advisory Board; and review Town Policy and Procedures to make sure they are up-to-date and in compliance.

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T.A. Collins mentioned that she is in the process of reviewing the Financial Policy and reviewing the Personnel Policy.

At 6:15, Chair Darcy asked Lisa Prince the purpose of her request to discuss SB2. She stated that she understood that something wasn't done appropriately re: notification and asked if there were no consequences for not having a public hearing. Discussion followed. T.A. Collins indicated it was an oversight. DRA was going to accept the vote. As the vote was accepted, there was no consequence for not having the public hearing. Lisa indicated that this will probably be petitioned again for next year and wondered if the Board answers the questions if there is a public hearing. Sean Leary was asked how the school conducted their hearing. He indicated there was no one from the public in attendance and they would have answered questions to the best of their ability. It was noted that there would not be any special expert person available to answer questions at a public hearing. It was also clarified that the Board remains neutral on this.

Goals were continued to be discussed. Chair Darcy sees that transparency should be a focus. Properties can hopefully be moved on as it is important to get them back on the tax rolls to generate revenue. He noted that our representative(s) need to be more diligent re: the bridge and timeline. There are concerns of care and maintenance of town-owned buildings and the hope to get state and federal help in taking care of our older buildings. He would like to see us working in concert more with the School Board and School District. The biggest goal should be sticking to our goals.

Selectman Diorio would also like to try to come up with a solution to gain leverage on unpaid taxes on mobile homes in parks.

Citizens Comments:

Lisa Prince suggested starting to take a couple mobile homes and perhaps when people realize that, they will pay.

Sandra Golden agrees with Selectman Kondrat re: communications and still feels the website is underutilized. She asked how many properties are town owned and was directed to the Annual Report.

Lisa Borst noted a missing *No Thru Trucks* sign on Old Brattleboro Road. Jill will let the Highway Superintendent know. Lisa also asked if there was a remedy between the town and state re: concerns of camping on the island. Discussion followed to include that this has always been a challenge, the land is owned by the State and technically is a Fish & Game issue. There are significant concerns and this is an ongoing issue. Unfortunately, there is no easy answer. Lisa also suggested a contact who used to work in radio as a source for communications and possibly school involvement.

Ken Rooney indicated that he would like to tape meetings as long as he can as a resident. It was pointed out that when the Town or School starts to record meetings, there are a whole other set of restrictions and regulations and 91A concerns that have to be met, including maintaining tapes in a certain way.

Members of Parks & Rec and Matt Palmer, Program Director were present to discuss the CIT program. Chair Darcy reminded all that the goal is to put together the 6-week program and discuss what kinds of things would be included. Matt handed out the Curriculum Outline Proposal (1st Draft, Distributed 2/25/19) and Hinsdale Summer Program 2019

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[Draft] Leadership Development Program Information (3rd Submitted Draft, Edited 12/20/18). Ann Diorio indicated that the Committee has not seen any updates.

Matt has some ideas such as conservation days like Peterborough offers. He spoke to Tammy Stebbins re: role playing ideas, drills, handbook, etc. There are also links to ACA that could be looked at from home.

Ann noted a couple of things that were asked at the last Parks & Rec Meeting: Using alternative words to *detoxifying*, *detox*, and *online*, as those would have different meanings to some people (not the meanings Matt intended). They asked that those be corrected prior to being presented to selectmen. Matt indicated that this is an internal document – curriculum proposal at this point.

Sean Leary was expecting more of an actual curriculum. He asked what else are we trying to teach them. Chair Darcy suggested that that is what tonight is about.

It was also suggested to include Tammy's thoughts on this.

After lengthy discussion, including clarifications, ideas, suggestions and concerns, most liked the idea of end of summer/finale approach with building on and adding to as the weeks went on – working toward the goal. It was suggested to try it and see what happens.

The following was agreed upon:

WEEKS 1 through 5:

Mondays – “First Aid Day”

Tuesdays- “Citizenship Day”

Wednesdays- “SEL/Event Planning Day” (SEL: Social Emotional Learning)

Thursdays – “In Camp Day”

Fridays – Help with Events

WEEK 6 – Identify and Opportunity to showcase

All agreed that they should meet again in September for a review.

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Next, proposed fees were handed out and discussed. Summer Program, Pool, Water Aerobic, Sports Fees and Community Center Proposed Fees were highlighted. There is a proposed 33% increase for camp, \$200 for the summer (\$33.33 per week). Parks & Rec would like to do sponsorship and fundraising to offset parks and rec programs. The correct wording for the motion to be presented will be discussed and worked on. Sean, Parks & Rec, and Jill will work on motion language. Suggested increases of pool fees, aerobics, sports and community center were outlined and discussed. Sean Leary felt there should be a sustainability sub-committee set up in order to find money, to work with Jill to look at grants, and to get money. Chair Darcy suggested working with Matt to get accredited as well.

Chair Darcy reminded all that the edit of the 6-week program will be coming next week and be voted on. Matt will put together something to add out-of-town sports section to the fee schedule to be addressed next week.

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Ann talked about changes and additions requested by Parks & Rec for the web page. She gave the Board a letter with suggestions explained. Sean suggested this would help with community outreach so that they can have all of the details.

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Ann added that it would be easier for donors too. Kathryn Lynch asked when the CIT charge would be discussed. Ann suggested a minimal fee of something like \$100 to help cover the CPR card, etc., a rate offered that would be comfortable to families entering into this program. Chair Darcy noted that this will be discussed on Monday and requested that the final draft be sent to all by Thursday.

8:00 p.m. Selectman Rideout 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; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:08 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; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary