

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 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.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of May 6, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of April 29, 2019, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Vendor Permit Application and waive the \$25 fee for Dakota Garza of Tito's Taqueria – 1 day for Runnings' Customer Appreciation Day on 5/18/19, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to have Chair sign and approve Application the Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Jessica Green for party at the Pavilion on 7/13/19, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Wood or Timber Cut for Patchwork Realty, LLC/Edwin O. Smith re: Map 24 Lot 61, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to accept the Walmart check dated 3/4/19 for \$1500 to be placed into the Hinsdale Police Dog account (regular account), second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

There was a Memo/Request from Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator re: Bike Month and Free Dump Day. It was determined that this would be discussed next week, as an Agenda item, after all had a chance to review it. Selectman Rideout asked Frank Podlenski what the cost was last year for Free Dump Day. Overall, it was less than \$4200.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to accept the Report of Excavation for Tim Halliday, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins had an employee welcome letter to be signed due to changing of the Board. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve and sign the employee welcome letter, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

6:15 The Parks and Rec Committee Members and Matt Palmer, Program Director joined the Board for a workshop. Chair Darcy outlined where we are at: that all wanted the pool to be open at least another week; currently the pool is set to close August 9th; if they add one more week it would be the 15th; and the cost is roughly \$1600. Discussion followed.

Theresa Diorio discussed her concerns and the concern that the pool would not be open for Field Day.

Ann Diorio proposed having the pool open for 9 weeks noting that last year it was open for 10 weeks. She noted that \$2000 was budgeted for training and last year they were to have split the cost with Winchester. Winchester was never billed and offered again this year. There will be further savings there. She does not feel the Point of Sale system is necessary and outlined the history of tracking that information. She indicated the was \$11,959.00 not spent for 18/19 and thinks there is plenty of wiggle room for the pool to run for 9 weeks.

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Gail Roberts would like the pool open for Field Day too.

Chair Darcy was approached last week regarding that and indicated that it will happen. He stated that there was a proposal for a 9 week program. Selectman Carrier asked if there is enough money in the Budget for a 9-week program. Ann indicated there was enough to run from 6/24/19-8/25/19.

Karyn Hammond noted that all met as a committee, discussed the budget, and came to an agreement. She asked how that is flexible. Discussion and clarifications followed.

Theresa Diorio noted that the last time the committee met re: budget, they agreed to raise some rates but there was never a discussion of the program being less.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to approve the proposal of having the pool open for 9 weeks, second by Rideout.

Further discussion followed. Selectman Kondrat had concerns of the program going from 6 weeks to 9. If there is extra money in the budget, there is a reason for it. She is not opposed to extending it but feels 9 weeks is pushing it. Ann again mentioned the costs being paid by Winchester. Selectman Kondrat indicated that she would support 8 weeks and feels that is a good compromise.

Theresa Diorio thinks it's really important to offer opportunities to children in town.

Selectman Diorio has been to Budget Meetings as the Selectmen Representative. He said last week that there was no discussion about shortening the pool season at those meetings. The Board was unaware that it was going to 6 weeks until the last meeting. Apparently, it is not a money reason.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the proposal of having the pool open for 9 weeks from 6/24/19-8/25/19. **The vote** is as follows: Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-No. Motion passes. Chair Darcy indicated we will have a 9-week program.

T.A. Reports/Requests (continued)

T.A. Collins received a notice from the Planning Board that there will be a public hearing on Tuesday 5/21/19 re: New England Wetland Plants, in the event anyone would like to attend.

She has an RSA 91A re: hiring.

She presented coffee hour ideas from a workshop she attended last week and has talked to Matt about using the Community Center. She would like to talk to Chief Faulkner about presenting a program on scams. She feels it is a nice program to do and people could chat with Selectmen, following the presentation.

Selectman Rideout indicated that he received a call from Bob Harcke with concerns on the TIF District property. Bob had spent around \$3000 on No Trespassing signs. There continues to be problems with ATVs out of Thicket Hill. He is asking the Board to send the park a letter of concerns. Discussion followed. It was discussed that when his signs are back up, Bob should be in touch with the Police. Fish and Game are checking into this too.

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Selectman Rideout also had concerns with the yellow house on Canal Street. He asked the Tax Collector for background. There are considerable taxes owed. He feels it is an eyesore. Jill indicated that it is in the hands of the Building Inspector and he is working on it. There is a list of properties owned or to be taken.

Selectman Diorio stated that we've discussed delinquent properties and we should get aggressive and take action. He talked to someone recently who pulls homes from parks, puts them on a lot, and gets a small fee for storing them. There is an interest in those homes and he thinks we should move quickly.

Selectman Diorio has a School Board Meeting on Wednesday. He also noted a recent article in the paper re: the bridge delay and that people are concerned.

Selectman Darcy mentioned the article in the newspaper about the bridge delay. The State of Vermont hasn't started the right-of-way process yet. He is not sure of a strong productive way to push Vermont along. Discussion followed on ways to approach that.

Selectman Kondrat received a message from a resident who was very concerned about the pool, less about the topic-more about the tension. She hopes that going forward it will get better.

Selectman Carrier had a Conservation Committee meeting last week which was very brief as only two members showed up.

Chair Darcy addressed the Current bus line and the (social media) question of whether or not the town funds it. The town pays \$15,500 to have the service and the stops we have. North Hinsdale is rural so arranging stops are a challenge at best and would cost more. There are thousands per month in ridership. It is an asset for our Welfare Dept. and a utilized service. He thinks we will continue to use the service as it is something positive for the Town. T.A. Collins added that ridership statistics show about 19,000 per year.

Chair Darcy also brought up the recent attendance at the social media training on Tuesday. For various reasons, hopefully there won't be selectmen on there (social media news sites). To sum it up, don't. He also noted that the Board does see many posts.

Citizens Comments included:

Sean Leary attended the brownfields meeting last week. In conversation about a Winchester project, grant updates came up. He indicated that there is money out there and encouraged all to go find these grants. At the School Board Meeting on Wednesday, they will talk about dates to have joint meeting discussion with the Select Board. He also indicated that Parks & Rec. will be meeting to discuss Selectman Kondrat's concern; there will be bumps but they have processes in place to make things go smoother.

Tim Girroir read a letter and asked that it go on the record. He said it had a lot to do with what he said last week, noting that he served many years on the Budget Committee. He felt that it seems the Program Director position would be the one to go as it is redundant, unnecessary, and unasked for. Discussion followed. T.A. Collins indicated that we had a Program Director for quite a while previously. Tim asked that with today's budget constraints, if that position came up and was new today, would we put it in-in its form that it is today.

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Ann Diorio voiced support of the bus. She also reiterated her comment of last week that it's important to have places to sit for those attending the meetings.

Donna Foster came in support of the pool and was glad to see the remedy. She was also happy that the bus issue was addressed and feels it's a necessity. She is hoping we can get somewhere with the bridge delays.

Liz Boggio wanted to clarify for Selectman Kondrat that lifeguards are certified every two years. Winchester is paying this year. There are 11 lifeguards. 10 will be getting recertified at cost of \$100 each. Next year only one will need to be recertified at \$100.

Karyn Hammond brought up the past question of pool employees getting only two days off. Chair Darcy noted that it had been addressed (non-public). It was left that we understand, we would like it to be two days just to encourage commitment to the position for the summer. Requests can be noted on the letter to be returned.

Travis from the Flea Market would like to have a fundraiser for the Parks & Rec. It was suggested he speak with Parks & Rec and the Program Director.

7:12 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:16 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.

7:16 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary