

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 13, 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 13, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of May 6, 2019, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

An abatement was presented for Lesley and Andrew Parkinson, 790 Northfield Road in the amount of \$2960.00 for 2019, Map 2, Lot 10. It was noted that the land is farmed, although less than 10-acre requirement. Discussion followed. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to table** pending further information on recent sales and how it was subdivided. There was a second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was an abatement for Michael Perkins, 40 Gunner, for \$70.01 plus interest for 2018. It was noted that previous owner moved without paying tax bill. Mr. Perkins does not store RV on lot. He moves it out in October. Discussion followed on ideas and suggestions to remedy this, and the problem of dealing with three different entities. It was suggested that a file be started of repeated incidents at this campground using this site as an example. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Abatement to Michael Perkins for \$70.01 plus interest for 2018, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-abstained; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to direct the Town Administrator to get in touch with Thicket Hill and arrange for them to come in by June 3, 2019 to discuss the problem with campers, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Darcy reminded all that Kathryn Lynch had sent them all a Memo/Request re: Free Dump Day and National Bike Month. National Bike Month will not be addressed or a part of the discussion tonight due to timing. Discussion followed related to suggestions in the Memo for Free Dump Day. Chair Darcy noted that this was acknowledged last year too: If you are required to purchase a permit, it is no longer a free dump day. He feels a pass is reasonable but is not in favor of getting a permit (in order to participate). Selectman Diorio thought the process went really well last year. He has concerns of the practicality and logistics of getting a pass and is not in favor of the sticker requirement. Selectman Kondrat was in favor of the idea of showing proof of residency. Selectman Carrier had questions related to additional manpower and costs for last year. Last year extra dumpsters were ordered and free to those were full. Chair Darcy thought that was reasonable. Selectman Carrier agrees if it is supposed to be a free day, don't charge. The citizens attending the meeting were given the opportunity to express their thoughts. One person suggested bringing proof of residency and having a donation bucket. James MacDonell liked the single-use pass idea. He suggested an idea to ensure one trip per household. T.A. Collins suggested letting the logistics be handled by the Transfer Station/Highway personnel. It was suggested to ask the Highway Dept. to come up with a plan on how to operate this.

Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to follow the suggestion and have the Highway Department come up with plan for Free Dump Day, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins noted that the Memorial Day Parade gathering will be at Pine Grove Cemetery at 9:00. Contact Matt Palmer if anyone is interested.

T.A. Collins gave the Board a Memorandum of Understanding between the Hinsdale School District and the Town of Hinsdale to review. She also handed out a List of Properties to look at with highlighted areas. Some can be sold and some can be auctioned as they are deeded properties.

T.A. Collins would like to start working on Goals for 2019 and went through the list. She noted that July 15th the Police Chief will be presenting a scam and fraud workshop with a time following the presentation for Selectmen to mingle with citizens attending. The Board can meet 15 minutes prior to go over manifests, etc.

Selectman Carrier suggested putting together a mission statement. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to have Selectman Carrier create a Mission Statement for the Board, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Kondrat brought up suggestions for finding ways to improve the Playground at Heritage Park. She stated that Jill had mentioned the possibility of grant money. T.A. Collins noted problems with the area being wet, slippery, and having antique equipment. An idea was to move the playground closer to the pavilion. Selectman Kondrat noted that the playground at the school is only accessible after school and on weekends. Sean Leary reminded the Board of the Parks and Rec Statement of Purpose that they signed off on. Sean mentioned that Kathryn has leads and suggested using the people that you already have to do it. Chair Darcy suggested this should be added to the Goals List, to direct Parks and Rec to take this on and give direction. Selectman Rideout and/or Sean will mention this to Parks and Rec.

Selectman Diorio is very interested in action on town properties and getting a mobile home from each park that is delinquent. Chair Darcy suggested a non-public going forward re: negotiation.

T.A. Collins handed out a list of workshops that NHMA offers. She suggested scheduling some in the future and opening them up to other towns. She will also have non-publics re: personnel and hiring.

Selectman Rideout suggested having Frank Podlenski come in and to get costs from Jill re: the possibility of eliminating trash pickup. Chair Darcy asked if this should be worked on now or closer to budget time in August. Jill indicated that the transfer station would need to be open full time in the event of not having trash pickup. She will aim for and make an effort for the end of August to get information and figures for discussion.

Selectman Diorio attended the School Board Meeting last week. They are interested in having a joint meeting on Monday 6/17/19. All agreed it should be at the Police Department. He also extended invitation to the Board from the School Board for the ELO event.

Selectman Diorio mentioned that tomorrow evening at 6:00 is the new building meeting at the Fire Department.

Selectman Diorio updated the Board on a mishap today near the school while work was going on to put up a telephone pole.

Selectman Kondrat noted the really good training last week (for new Selectmen) which included discussion on charters, right-to-know, and conflict-of-interest topics.

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Selectman Carrier noted that recent homelessness has been addressed and his concerns that we need to stay on top of this matter. T.A. Collins noted that Fish & Game will stay proactive with local law enforcement.

Selectman Rideout heard from a friend of someone who may want to get on the Agenda concerning a recent newspaper article on the homeless matter. Chair Darcy indicated they could come in to talk but the Board has no control over how the newspaper writes an article. It was pointed out that if there are concerns on trails, etc. the Police and Fish and Game can be contacted.

Chair Darcy received a letter from National Grid about cleaning out the rights of way for poles. There are two methods: hand cutting large trees (and leaving stumps); and the other is using herbicides. He will give the information to Jill to have at Town Hall. He also received another notice from DES re: the groundwater contamination notification program. He will forward that to Jill too.

Chair Darcy noted that there was a Planning Board request re: the website. They would like to see notifications and minutes and an updated membership list. Jill responded that the Planning Board Secretary should inform us of any changes.

Chair Darcy reminded all that we are getting more and more contacts and that members cannot act as an individual. Contacts should be in touch with Jill or Kim to get on the Agenda or come in and make a Citizen Comment and then get on the Agenda. He thanked Jill for the lists of trainings.

Citizen Comments:

Sean Leary noted that the School Board is looking forward to meeting and would like more than one meeting before budget season. In the past, they have met quarterly and are open to the idea if the Select Board is.

Donna Suskowicz suggested a security deposit arrangement idea re: the problem with campers. Chair Darcy noted that it was a creative thought and they would need to look into whether it could be done as a municipality as they are bound by legislation.

Donna also asked for the status on the Hope Engine Building. She asked if a location has been discussed. Chair Darcy informed her that in order to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding, they would need 501(c)3 information so that the Board knows who they are setting up the MOU with. Donna will check with Andrew Cushing. Chair Darcy reiterated that the next step is getting information to verify 501(c)3, then set up MOU, then determine which property.

7:10 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:21 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.

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7:21 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:58 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.

8:00 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary