

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, June 17, 2019 at Police Department Meeting Room

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

*This was a joint meeting with the School Board.*

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

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Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the manifests of June 10, 2019 and June 17, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of June 3, 2019, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

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An Open Container/Alcohol Permit was presented for Christine Pierce for a College Graduation Party at the Pavilion on 6/29/19. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for Chair to sign and approve the Open Container Permit for Pierce, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

A Vendor Permit for Sarah McTeague (Daisy's Dogs) was presented again due to a change in timeframe. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Vendor Permit, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously. Chair Darcy added that he didn't understand how this was working as initially this was part of the flea market which is no longer there. Discussion followed.

An Application for Open Container at the Community Center for Alyssa Secore on 6/30/19 was presented. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Open Container Application for Secore, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

A Dogs Civil Forfeiture from the Town Clerk was presented for signature. Selectman Kondrat read the document. Discussion followed including the fine and the process. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the Dogs Civil Forfeiture, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator was present to discuss abatements:

The Assessor recommended that FairPoint be denied. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to deny** the FairPoint application for abatement, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

It was recommended to grant the Finnell property at 25 Brattleboro Road an abatement to an assessed value of \$142,200 from \$150,200. Selectman Diorio made a **motion to approve** the abatement of the 25 Brattleboro Road property, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was an Abatement Application for Beckwith property at 323 Old Chesterfield Road. It was explained that the parcel had two homes and when sold found that one was to be non-residential years ago. It is now just a home and garage. The request was to reduce the value from \$221,100 to \$168,900. Selectman Diorio made a **motion to approve** the abatement of the Beckwith property, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Kathryn explained that the Abatement Application for Patterson was an abutter lot that the owner purchased. The assessor determined that assessment was high and recommended a merge. After discussion it was indicated that the owner wants to merge. Selectman Diorio made a **motion to approve** the abatement for Patterson, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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Next discussed was Freyenhagen property where a large barn/garage was constructed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion to approve** the abatement, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-NO; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion carries.

Chair Darcy noted that they just abated around \$75,000.

*School Board called their meeting to order.*

There was a meeting between the two boards. Chair Darcy's hope was for the start of quarterly meetings between the two boards and recommended a September meeting with the School Board at the SAU re: collectively approaching the budget.

Kayla Hemlow conveyed her thoughts on reaching out to the community and collaborating on a project. She would like to start a welcome basket for families with babies before challenges arise. Ideas for reaching out, funding, grants, and coupons were discussed. Jeanna Woodbury suggested a Town Directory for residents. Chair Darcy discussed some of the challenges and the potential of a large body of volunteers. Kaylah was invited to attend the Planning Board Meeting tomorrow night. Jill suggested talking to the Welfare Director re: the food pantry and Project Feed the Thousands. Selectman Kondrat talked about reaching out to renters and possible collaboration with property managers. Sean Leary liked the aspect of reaching out early. Jill suggested Service Link. Kaylah wanted to know if the Board was interested. All supported this and Selectman Kondrat indicated that she would also be interested in volunteering.

Selectman Rideout questioned whether the governor was doing something on Special Ed. Superintendent Wayne Woolridge spoke on that topic including catastrophic aid and indicating the possible gains we could see depending on the outcome this week. He thinks we will see additional revenue. \$294,000 has been lost since 2017 on the school side.

It was agreed that the next joint meeting between the two boards will be Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:00 at the SAU. The focus will be on the budget and ways to collaborate.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (Revised June 2019) was presented and discussed. It was indicated that it has been worked out and all concerns have been addressed. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to have the Chair sign the MOU, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

*School Board adjourned.*

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Next, the traffic pattern on School Street was discussed. Jill indicated that Matt Palmer attended a meeting at the school. They are requesting a change for 6 weeks to one-way traffic from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. There was discussion on school season vs. summer season; that the back and forth on this topic confuses everyone; a suggestion for one-way seven days a week to provide consistency, less problems, and a safer traffic pattern (except buses and trucks); the suggestion of painting arrows and signage; and concerns on how to notify everyone;. Selectman Carrier asked if there have been discussions with the Police Chief. Ann Diorio felt this can be enforced. James MacDonell has concerns of traffic on Prospect Street (due to existing blind corners). Selectman Diorio asked T.A. Collins about the old plan for the grant that didn't go through. The road was to be divided. Another grant is being applied for; however, it will take at least two years before starting any project.

Chair Darcy reminded all that there has been a request for School Street to be one way from 7 to 6 during camp and HASP. It has been a recommendation that we forego continually addressing this and make it one-way.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to make School Street one-way from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. until September 1<sup>st</sup> and in September make it one way permanently 24/7. There was no second. Motion FAILS.

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Selectman Carrier made a motion to make School Street one way permanently, second by Kondrat. T.A. Collins indicated there would need to be a public hearing. Selectman Carrier made a motion to have a public hearing, second by Rideout.

Selectman Carrier then **amended his motion** to change the School Street traffic to one way from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. until we set up the time (following public hearing), second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously. There will be a public hearing on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

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T.A. Collins presented a letter emailed from NH Preservation Alliance to affirm the new location of the Hope Engine Building. Chair Darcy reminded all that previously they had narrowed down the location to the spot between the Church and the Pelkey property (the Town owns half of that open lot). Chair Darcy summarized that the Preservation Alliance is asking for confirmation of that location so that they can raise more funds and we can set up an MOU, giving them the agreement the ZBA requested to move forward.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to move forward in the process with that location, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

They will need to work with Attorney Ratigan to create the MOU to move to the next stage.

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T.A. Collins presented a support letter for the Chair to sign. This is regarding a grant application from DOT to the Federal Government for grant money for bridge replacement. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the support letter, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins presented a three-year contract with Roberts and Greene, Auditors. This is a new contract with them for \$16,700 for the first year, \$17,200 for the second year, and \$17,700 for the third year. Discussion followed on increases. After this contract, the Board will look at this again as the DRA recommends a five-year review. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to have the Chair and other sign the contract for Roberts & Greene, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins noted that she received the \$30,000 from USDA re: the fire truck.

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TIF Appointments for Alan L. Carpenter, David Freitas, Dennis Nadeau, Edwin Smith, George Benedict, and Robert Harcke (Alternate) were presented. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the slate of appointments, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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Selectman Diorio mentioned the Fire Department Committee and that Steve Gassett and Kaylah would be speaking with Jill about grants. He had mentioned that the church would be listing property for sale soon but now that will not happen quite as soon as anticipated. He noted the value, and the committee's speculation of list price. Discussion followed on the process and selection of an architect. Jill will talk to Mike Vignale and see if he has suggestions and if they can come in and talk to the committee following looking at the structure. The next committee meeting is August 8<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Diorio noted that the committee felt they could get all they need for well under the estimate in the 2014 (approx.) Master Plan.

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Selectman Diorio asked if the part-time position at the Community Center had been advertised. T.A. Collins indicated that this will be discussed in non-public.

Selectman Kondrat wanted to revisit the CDBG account as she felt it was rushed. T.A. Collins wanted to suggest they close it. A motion was made last week to close and put in the general fund. Discussion followed on it's intended use being meant for community development and the suggestion to use that towards paying for cash match. Jill indicated it would be closed and put into the Complete Streets fund.

Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to reconsider** the CDBG closure and transfer to general fund vote from last week, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

The Board reconsidered the old motion and unanimously voted it down.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to take money from CDBG, close it, and put that money into Complete Streets, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Kondrat indicated she had a non-public under reputation.

Chair Darcy would like to revisit a non-public matter under personnel and reputation.

Ann Diorio had a question re: the information from the Town Clerk (re: dogs). She asked if any letters or calls were made. Discussion followed. It was clarified that this is that letter and the Animal Control Officer will hand deliver them.

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

8:07 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout 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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8:08 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:11 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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8:12 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.

8:19 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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8:19 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:51 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

8:51 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary