

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 1, 2019 at Police Department

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

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

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of June 24, 2019 and July 1, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of June 17, 2019 and June 24, 2019, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes.

New Business:

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in which Federal and State Forest Land is Situated 2019, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve the Abatement for Wendy Martin, 3 McGregor Drive in the amount of \$42.24 plus interest, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins presented a salary schedule for full-time and part-time employees re: COLA for approval by Selectmen. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to sign the schedule, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins indicated she had non-public(s) for discussion.

Discussion followed with Sean Leary, Planning Board, who was on the agenda re: a marketing plan presentation. Sean indicated that he needs more than fifteen minutes; he had requested being at the end of the meeting to allow him enough time, and also one board member that knows nothing about this presentation is excused tonight. In order to give Sean the time he needs, this will be put on the Agenda in two weeks at the end of the meeting.

Board Comments/Selectmen Discussion:

Selectman Rideout indicated he had a non-public re: personnel.

Selectman Diorio has had positive comments about the paving on Plain Road. He asked when the painting would be done.

6:10 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously. The meeting was held across the street at Town Hall.

6:27 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened at Police Station.

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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; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to approve giving Rick Carrier an extra week of vacation, in lieu of COLA, for this year only, second by Diorio. The vote is as follows: Rideout-I; Diorio-I; Kondrat-No and Darcy-No. Motion fails.

Selectman Diorio thinks that the public notice was poorly written as it didn't let the public know that it specifically had to do with School Street and he felt it was not property warned. Jill noted a related RSA and the cost of printing. Selectman Diorio felt this was an area where we could be more transparent and recommended in the future, we be more specific.

State Rep. Mike Abbott noted that the General Court recently passed a budget, however on Friday it was vetoed by the Governor. The amount of revenue put aside for municipalities and schools would have resulted in almost two million for Hinsdale. The budget will be continued for 90 days and this means they will have to borrow money and won't be able to set the tax rate until at least November. He also noted that HB 700 was signed by the Governor resulting in a cost of \$162,000 of tax revenue over five years.

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PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m. **Public Hearing Notice** was read by Chair Darcy: "Notice is hereby given that the Town of Hinsdale Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 1, 2019 starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Hinsdale Police Department Training Room for the purpose of amending the Traffic Control Ordinance. Questions may be addressed to the Hinsdale Town Hall, Office of the Selectmen, 11 Main Street, Hinsdale, New Hampshire."

The public portion was opened and it was noted that two weeks ago there was discussion to make School Street one way from Route 119 to Prospect Street. There was a motion to do that temporarily during summer camp and in the fall make it permanent to alleviate traffic for safety reasons.

The following citizens had comments on this topic:

Holly Kennedy, indicated she was Chair of the School Board but not speaking on behalf of the School Board. She thanked Selectman Kondrat for posting this as she was not previously aware (of tonight's public hearing). The Board in earlier discussion was leaning in favor of this. She begged for parking to be enforced and stressed that parking concerns need to be addressed and the Board has noted it several times.

Clarifications of (para. 1906 in ordinance) One-Way Public Ways were read by Town Administrator Collins.

Cathy Johnson had concerns of increased traffic and baseball season in the Spring when it is very dangerous both ways coming out onto Prospect Street. Suggestions included after school pickups being in the parking area behind the school and suggestion of hours for this. She agreed with the need for enforcement of parking.

Selectman Rideout asked about the possibility of the School Resource Officer enforcing this. Discussion followed.

Sean Leary noted that the town adopted the Complete Streets program. He suggested that If they went with one-way traffic, they should look at Prospect Street and look at how Complete Streets can help. He suggested a traffic study and using the policies already adopted.

James MacDonell reiterated previous comments on the dangerous turns on Prospect Street.

Matt Kennedy stressed the biggest issue being the parking right in front of the Elementary School and parking on the field side.

[Public portion was closed]

Selectman Rideout was in favor of tabling this pending a traffic study. It was suggested that Southwest can do a study. Chair Darcy's concern was that the study wouldn't be during baseball season. Selectman Diorio agreed we need more information. Selectman Kondrat felt the biggest issue is enforcement and if we do switch to one-way, we need more speed enforcement on Prospect Street. She was in favor of hours until 6:00 for after-school pickup and in favor of a traffic study.

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It was agreed to meet at 6:00 p.m. on July 15th at the Elementary School on School Street for further discussion. It was clarified that at least during summer camp, it should be one-way Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. there is a need for appropriate signage.

6:50 p.m. the Public Hearing portion concluded.

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6:56 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (e) negotiation, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:24 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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

Discussion followed on concerns re: the recent veto by the Governor, and concerns of increased taxes on property to subsidize businesses.

7:29 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary