

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, July 15, 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.

At School Street, in front of the Elementary School at 6:00 p.m., Chairman Darcy called the meeting to order.

The Board was looking at School Street and T.A. Collins handed out a Complete Streets proposed plan. Chair Darcy noted that options were to make this one-way permanently, keep it one-way during camp or school from 7-4 (as is), or another plan.

Discussion followed with the Select Board, T.A. Collins, Sean Leary, Maryanne O'Malley, Amanda Sweetser and Cathy Johnson. Concerns included the current confusion, the need to add signs, enforcement, safety re: vehicles exiting onto Prospect Street (left or right), getting rid of shrubs for increased visibility, HASP pickup and related safety issues, exiting of buses and delivery vehicles, and communication/notification re: game schedules. The need for communication was stressed. Sean will address the shrubs out in front of the school either at the next School Board Meeting or Facilities Meeting.

The consensus was to make it one-way year-round Monday through Friday, ensuring enforcement which includes making the police department aware of game schedules, and getting better signage. Another public hearing will be scheduled which will determine one-way hours.

T.A. Collins noted possible grants for improvement of this area and it was clarified that making it one-way Monday through Friday won't be a concern for the grant application(s).

6:20 Adjourned to Police Department Meeting Room.

6:30 Reconvened at Police Department Meeting Room.

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Sam Kilelee and a group of residents were present. Sam introduced himself as Athletic Director and Varsity Baseball Coach. He indicated that they would like approval for fundraising and getting donations for a dug out at the High School Baseball Field. Anticipated donations were mentioned. Chair Darcy indicated they would need to ask for a specific up-to amount, the Board could authorize acceptance, and that there are set rules as to how much money and the process. They were confident that they could fundraise the entire amount needed. It was also mentioned that this would be in honor of Matthew Snyder. They intend to simulate what is there now except using blocks vs. wood. There was discussion of required types of donations: cash, materials, and in-kind. \$9,999.00 can be accepted without the need of a public hearing. If it amounts went above that, a public hearing would be necessary. Cash would go into an account that Selectmen will set up.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to start a new account (set up by Jill) with up to \$9,998.00 to be deposited for the Dugout Fund, second by Selectman Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

It was suggested to Sam that it would be nice to get a copy of the Plan(s) and let the Planning Board know as well.

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of July 8, 2019 and July 15, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of July 1, 2019, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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An Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit was presented for Susan Nadeau for a Family Reunion at the Pavilion on 6/27/20. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for Chair to sign and approve the Open Container Permit for Nadeau, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins presented for signature a Notice to the DRA that we will not be using the PA-28 Form in 2020 (poll tax). Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the Notice indicating that we will not use the PA-28 Form in 2020, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins shared with the Board a "Postcards from Camp" notice that went out; and indicated she emailed a letter from the Governor to all Board members; and shared a letter received from someone in Arizona reaching out to small towns re: taking in immigrant families. T.A. Collins also handed Board Members a letter from Attorney Eric Mayer re: the Personnel Policy for their review.

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Sean Leary gave the Board a handout and indicated that the Planning Board is trying to look at what can be done to help facilitate development. They can set the stage: they did zoning on Route 119, and worked on the sign ordinance. Their plan is to do a marketing project to prospective developers. Doing a marketing video was presented and discussed. This would cover assets the Town has and what would make the town attractive. An idea includes interviewing existing businesses (mini documentaries) and Real Estate Listings to go beyond the basics to include properties in town with the potential for commercial development. They would like to put together a customizable Intro to Town and Properties package and partner with HCIDC. This could also be something available for Kathryn to have in the Community Development Office as an additional tool. Sean has met with a person who has connections with a film crew. At the next HCIDC meeting, he will see if they will contribute to the project. A companion piece was also discussed aimed toward people and families (a place to raise a family, a place to retire). Community outreach is needed in order to put this project together, make community connections, and build a quality project. Help and support was suggested to include private citizens, town employees, school district (ELO opportunity noted), Board of Selectmen, Historical Society, SWRPC, and UNH Cooperative Extensions. The Board's participation would be helping with the community and the Board's goals. Sean would like the Board's support. Sean also indicated that Kathryn would like to initiate reaching out to businesses, which ties into this.

Sean stressed the need to develop specific areas of the website. There are capabilities there that aren't active yet. Suggested sections needing attention are Business, Community, and Planning Board. There needs to be a place to go to get information and it needs to be easy, updated, timely, and accurate. We have an attractive website and it was pointed out that it is really important for it to be readily available and accurate.

Selectman Rideout felt that what was presented was excellent and salesmanship is important for incoming business.

Sean again stated that community outreach and economic development would be appreciated.

Selectman Diorio was 100% supportive. He thinks manufacturing, distribution and perhaps retail would be beneficial. He agrees with the town website concerns.

Sean gave examples and ways to turn around the site with a focus on bringing it to the next level in order to make the project the best that it can be.

Selectman Rideout suggested noting health and recreational aspects of living here. This was followed by discussion of creating exposure to those areas.

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Selectman Kondrat felt Sean's handout was wonderful and is excited to see this project forming. She agrees with the website concerns and suggests a workshop of what we would like to see improved.

All agreed to revisit website concerns. Consensus is that the Board is behind this project. There should be a workshop at some point.

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*Board Comments:*

Selectman Rideout indicated that he had a non-public on personnel.

Selectman Diorio noted that the former church property on Plain Road has been listed for sale at \$325,000 which is almost half of the town's value. This is the Fire Department Building Committee's number one choice for the site for the future Fire Department. Chair Darcy suggested the Committee get together with the Board with a proposal of what they would like to see and what they recommend. Discussion followed including that they would have to get a bond and this would go through town meeting. T.A. Collins suggested further discussion go under negotiation.

Selectman Diorio will be attending an existing bridge meeting tomorrow in Brattleboro.

Selectman Diorio noted unpaid taxes and selling town properties referring to Richmond. He would like to see invitations to bid in the near future to send a message.

Selectman Kondrat noted Attorney Eric Mayer's email and that she had talked to him as well. She asked about the Coffee with Selectmen idea that had been previously mentioned. Jill indicated it will now take place in August.

*Citizen Comments:*

Sean Leary mentioned a house on Route 119 and Highland where there is a driveway full of cars, sometimes out into the road, as well as overgrown bushes, impeding visibility. He asked if Frank could be sent up there to take a look. Lisa Prince appreciated that the Board is being proactive.

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7:31 p.m. Selectman Carrier 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; Carrier-I and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:37 p.m. Regular Meeting reconvened.

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7:38 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary