

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 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 October 7, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of September 30, 2019, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes.

New Business:

First presented was the 2019 MS-1 Summary Inventory of Valuation. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the 2019 MS-1, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented and reviewed was a Report of Wood or Timber Cut of Thomas Hildreth re: James P. Mitchell with Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed and Original Warrant Yield Tax Levy. Chair Darcy indicated they could sign the doomage tonight as recommended and the abatement upon receipt. Discussion followed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the doomage, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

The 2019 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate was presented. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign the Equalization Assessment Data Certificate, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins noted that the Clocktower was operating again. We are still waiting for a part to come in to fix the bell.

T.A. Collins was recertified on Friday for Federal Labor Compliance.

She indicated that she had a non-public re: personnel.

Board Comments:

Selectman Diorio described concerns of the pile of trash left between the two bridges for a number of days. Discussion followed on going through the process with the State. He also had heard comments on how nice the mums look in front of Town Hall and agrees.

Selectman Kondrat noted a resident's concerns with lines painted on Route 119 and explained that 119 is a state road. Selectman Kondrat wondered if there have been any other complaints. Discussion followed.

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Selectman Carrier had a Conservation Committee meeting last week. He also discussed concerns of a citizen who attended Coffee with the Selectmen which include:

- Weeding not taken care of in front of the Police Department;
- Why the American Flag and State Flag are not being flown in front of the Police Station;
- Police Officer speaking at Town Meeting indicating not money issues and same officer recently addressing money issues;
- Better timely posting of minutes
- Whether current roof on Town Hall is able to hold up snow load;
- Signage on Old Brattleboro Road and missing signs; (Selectman Carrier reported on his observations of signs)
- Display of two cars with same plate

Discussion on the minutes were that they are posted soon after acceptance by the Board and they should be approved first. Meetings have recently gotten back to weekly from the summer schedule. Selectman Kondrat has only had complaints of *finding* the minutes on the site.

There was discussion and suggestions for planning another *Coffee with Selectmen*. It was decided to revisit this in two weeks to define what the Board would like to see accomplished and set date(s).

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PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m. The **Public Hearing** began re: consideration of sale of town owned property located at 45 Canal Street, Tax Map #50, Lot #33 and Old Chesterfield Rd, Tax Map #16, Lot 15.

Chair Darcy gave background and reasons for the hearing. The two properties are approximately 12 acres on Old Chesterfield Road owned since the 1950's and a cellar hole at 45 Canal Street. He indicated we do intend to auction.

There was no comment from the public. At 6:34 p.m. the public portion was closed.

It was noted that the other properties will be auctioned at the same time and will take place two weeks from now.

6:35 p.m. Public Hearing concluded.

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Chair Darcy had a question re: confusion on Saturday re: the pavilion with a wedding and a reunion. Kim indicated that the pavilion was rented for a wedding and had no knowledge of any other rental there for Saturday. No other fees were paid, no other Agreement signed, no other keys signed out. Discussion followed.

Citizen Comment:

Sean Leary attended a Southwest Regional Planning meeting re: census. There is a School Board Meeting this week.

Lisa Prince has been hearing complaints re: the train and people getting held up. Discussion followed noting that there is nothing we can do.

Ann Diorio suggested the possibility of having *Coffee with the Selectmen* at the Rolling Hills meeting room.

6:41 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; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

6:49 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

PARKS & REC and PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Sean Leary spoke on behalf of Parks and Rec giving background of what was talked about last time and indicating he had done research on the history of revolving funds, the wording of the Application, and of excess fees. He referred to and found that in the 2018 Town Meeting, Article 25, the fund (Recreation Revolving Fund) payout is on the order of the Recreation Committee. The Rec Committee has control of that fund with RSA 35-B to create, manage, and run these programs. He indicated that what the townspeople voted is not happening right now and wonders why we have gotten away from that. He went on to say that they are trying to focus on working together, going forward with structure to make decisions.

T.A. Collins explained the history of the fund. Sean thinks the money that comes in for each (sport) should be spent for that, but *if* there is a shortfall of a couple hundred dollars, that money can be used. The Application for the sports programs doesn't jive with the Warrant. Discussion followed. T.A. Collins likes the idea of doing a budget based on the past for certain sports programs. Sean would like to be able to forecast out in order to know and plan accordingly.

Matt Palmer, Program Director spoke of his concerns, including that in the current form presented he feels it's not long term for sustainability, he has been for two years encouraging groups to stand on their own feet, and that you can't properly run a program if you can't spend money.

Chair Darcy addressed some of Matt's concerns including his ability to spend money but Parks and Rec will go over monthly expenditures. The Rec Committee oversees that.

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Matt felt it's more subjective than it should be. Chair Darcy questioned what the process has been. Donations and fundraising were discussed.

Wording on the Youth Sports Registration Application form was discussed. Employees vs. Volunteers were discussed as well as difficulty in raising money from the same pool of donors. Gail Roberts spoke of sponsorships. Theresa Diorio spoke on accounting, fees, and that GOTR doesn't need to be separate on the application. Karen Hammond spoke on many things related to Girls on the Run including cost, donations, fundraising, and relying on HASP due to no longer having a grant.

Selectman Kondrat would like to find sponsors for all Parks and Rec Sports, making It broader than just one sport.

Chair Darcy suggested adding a line to the form indicating the understanding that leftover fees will be used for other sports programs as needed. The Warrant Article was written and voted on by the public; we are already using fees for Cheer; and this is just retraining. He suggested keeping the Select Board in the loop and showing the Board the Amended Application.

8:15 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:31 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

8:32 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (I) legal, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:37 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

8:38 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a motion to adjourn, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary