

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, October 21, 2019 at Town Hall

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

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

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Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of October 14, 2019 and October 21, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of October 7, 2019, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes.

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*New Business:*

Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to sign the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber by Cersosimo Lumber re: Troy & Rachel Benedict, Map 30 Lot 93, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to have the Board sign the abatement re: James P. Mitchell (with corrected dooamage rates), second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

Kim Worden presented the following in T.A. Collins' absence:

Final Decision to be made re: sale of town property. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to move forward with option re: sale of properties, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously. It was noted that the Board would like to get a timeframe of what's going to be happening during that process.

A Rental Request form was presented for Town Hall for Hinsdale PTA for Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 for a community clothing swap. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to have the Chair sign/approve the Hinsdale Town Hall Facility Rental Request for the clothing swap, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, a Representation Agreement was presented from Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC for a Comprehensive Public Rights-of-Way Ordinance. Chair Darcy summarized the representation agreement. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to have the Chair sign/approve the Representation Agreement, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

A Salary Schedule for Full-time Employees with approved merits was presented. Discussion followed. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to approve the Salary Schedule, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

The Parks & Recreation Programming Application was presented for approval. Sean Leary addressed and clarified questions. This is for any sports program and wording matches the Warrant Article. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to accept the application form as presented, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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6:15 p.m. J. B. Mack from Southwest Region Planning Commission was present with Steve Rickerich, Environmental Consultant, to give a brownfields presentation. They described the former McGoldrick property on Canal Street. Phase I was done last Spring and they are here to present information re: this property. Phase I conclusions were there was an unsecured building, which is now more secured; oil and hazardous materials left onsite; and a septic system on site.

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They did a hazardous building materials inventory and identified and estimated costs. Soil and analytical results and site groundwater flow were discussed, as well as state standards. Sources of contaminants were identified and possible management strategies for soil and groundwater were discussed. Possible strategies for hazardous materials and petroleum waste was discussed. Grants for repackaging and removal have to be applied for by the owner. Access is currently an issue. A DES brownfields covenant not to sue was also discussed and explained. SWRP offered to facilitate conversations with DES.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

6:54 p.m. Having no objections from members of the public for delay in starting, the **Public Hearing** began re: consideration to increases for Water and Sewer Rates. Proposals were handed out and discussed.

Sean Leary brought up the need on Monument Road to upgrade water to Route 119. He noted there are still some EPA water grants out there. He brought grant information in to the Board in 2017, which was a good opportunity. We have now missed that. If we tap into grants, we might be able to bring costs down. He feels there is still money out there for water and some for sewer. We need to look at the town's infrastructure, what we have is aging and the Department Heads are doing great with their budgets. He doesn't want rates to go up but it will cost more if we don't take care of what we have.

James MacDonell had a question on meter charges and noted he was good with the 5%.

The Board had discussion, including increasing costs for chemicals and testing, addressing infrastructure. It was noted that Department Heads proposed 5% increases.

Selectman Diorio made a motion to increase water and sewer by 5% each, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Kondrat-No; Rideout-No; Darcy-No; Diorio-I; and Carrier-I. MOTION FAILS.

Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to increase** water 7.5% and increase sewer 2.5%, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Kondrat-I; Carrier-I; Rideout-I; Darcy-I; and Diorio-No. Motion passes.

It was discussed to look into noting the increase for water and sewer customers. Selectman Kondrat asked about looking into grants. There may be discussion with Department Heads during budget sessions.

7:21 p.m. Public Hearing concluded.

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A State Municipal Aid check has been received. Discussion followed to include that it can be used to buy down the tax rate which would require no public hearing. It could also be used for other projects or for offsetting the upcoming abatement re: Eversource, however the decision is unknown. A public hearing would be required in those instances.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to use the full \$96,914.28 to buy down the tax rate, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; Kondrat-I; and Darcy-No. Motion passes. Chair Darcy noted the reason for his no vote to include risks and other matters lurking.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Kondrat noted the light at the library parking lot is still out.

It was agreed to discuss/revisit *Coffee with Selectmen* next week (define and set dates).

*Citizen Comments:*

Sean Leary noted that at the last School Board Meeting, the Superintendent gave a breakdown of monies the school is receiving. Sean will jot that down for the Select Board. Sean attended the SWRP quarterly meeting which focused on the 2020 Census. He felt there were good resource leads for programs and if the Board is trying to make an effort for community outreach, the census bureau could come and talk. They could even organize, outreach and help advertise.

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7:34 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.

9:25 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

9:25 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary