

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 18, 2019 at Town Hall

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

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

6:00 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring with MRI, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

6:40 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout 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.

Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator gave background on fireworks stores where the Permit to Sell was increased years ago in 2011 from \$1000 to \$5000. All three stores were invited to attend and there was no opposition. Kathryn brought a list of inspections, complaints and violations up to 2018 in with her. Since violations and checks by Building Inspector have decreased lately, she suggests lowering the fee to a maximum of \$1500 beginning January 2020. She explained the violation schedule for first offenses of \$275 per day and subsequent offenses of \$550 per day. All owners sign the Permit to Sell with understanding that they are required to be compliant to state and local ordinances. Select Board has the ability to revoke if they are in violation. Selectman Diorio asked about the violation policy and file volume on one store. Kathryn indicated prior leniency and noted that in 2016 two stores were fined for containers being on site too early. Since then, timeline has changed via the Planning Board. An attorney for one store requested the ability to communicate on this. Chair Darcy asked the Board if they wanted public comment from owners or legal. The Board took comment from owners. Daniel Peart from Phantom Fireworks noted that his impression was there would be public comment, he heard the proposal and it was relayed to their attorney and a counter was sent. He was curious if the Town had a response. He wondered if they could meet in the middle. Chair Darcy noted that \$2750 is the halfway point and nothing exists yet, other than the \$5000 (still in their favor). He pointed out that \$1500 is sometimes operating at a loss for the Town, and gave reasons. Discussion included clarification that this is not a local "license fee", it is a Permit to Sell Fireworks under state statute 160-8:6. Natalie Savinelli spoke of her concerns with the charges. Chair Darcy explained that this is specific to the fireworks industry, he understands their concerns and perhaps this can be revisited in the future, that this is an incremental step.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to accept the Community Development Coordinator's recommendation to reduce the Permit to Sell from \$5000 down to \$1500 and to be more proactive on violations and follow-through, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of November 18, 2019 and the public and non-public minutes of November 4, 2019 and non-public minutes of November 12, 2019, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

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Kathryn Lynch, Community Development Coordinator spoke on campground matters. Campgrounds currently pay an Annual Permit of \$100. If campers stay beyond October 1st they either need to be registered or pay taxes on the RV. Our assessor is required to inspect taxable RV's annually. There are 14 at this time and we are charged \$25 per RV by the assessor to inspect. They pay the taxes (some register in town and some register out of town). Kathryn described ongoing issues and problems when she and Rod go out. They are also required to inspect the campground on April 1st and November 1st annually. With one particular campground, there are abatements due to change in managers and lack of communication. She has spent 19 hours on staff time, postage, envelopes, paper, and processing abatements. She is asking for the permit to increase to \$1500.00. Discussion followed. Kathryn will speak with the town attorney to see if this can be applied to one campground, since the other has no issues. One suggestion was to not give the campground its annual permit.

New Business:

First presented was an Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Beautification for a florist event at the Community Center on 11/25/19 from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve the Application, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was an abatement for In Good We Trust, 11 Creampot Hill, in the amount of \$523.83 on sewer for outside water usage, sewer portion abated. Discussion followed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to sign and approve the abatement for In Good We Trust, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

An abatement for the Town of Hinsdale Highway Garage was presented in the amount of \$84.36 on sewer re: outside meter for water. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to approve the Town of Hinsdale Highway Garage abatement, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

An abatement for David Gringeri, 54 Highland Avenue in the amount of \$76.63 on sewer was presented due to outside water usage. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to approve the abatement for David Gringeri, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, Raffle Permit #12 was discussed for HCIP for a 50/50 and basket raffles at the Community Center on December 12. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign and approve Raffle Permit #12, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins informed the Board of recently talking with J.B. Mack through a conference call. In order to proceed with container cleanup funding (to get re-contained), they will need to go through the deeding process and DES is willing to work with the Town and help. Southwest Regional money for securing petroleum waste ends this year. Selectman Rideout had concerns as to any estimate of cost, he does not want this costing anything. Chair Darcy added that DES wouldn't hold us liable as long as there is good faith effort to contain and eventually clean up. We can use Southwest Regional money to get things containerized. DES is willing to use it as a training site and help clean it up. We need to let Southwest know and sign letter.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the letter to Southwest Regional Planning Commission and move forward in the process, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins saw the auctioneers at the municipal conference. They will be conducting the sale of properties on either Saturday, January 18th or Saturday, January 25th here at Town Hall. Discussion followed and all agreed for Saturday, January 18th.

Board Comments:

Selectman Rideout shared concerns of property on Plain Road being an eyesore, potential hazard and concerns of neighbors. He would like to move forward to get the property cleaned up. He also mentioned concerns with a property on Canal Street. He would like the owner to fix it or take it down. Discussion followed with the Town Administrator. Chair Darcy suggested asking the Building Inspector to revisit both sites and make sure that the maximum that can be accomplished is being accomplished.

Selectmen Rideout also would like the Board to move forward with recommendations re: the Boy Scout Park property. Chair Darcy reminded all that when it comes up later, we will put it on the list for consideration for the Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Discussion included that there are trail concerns related to this property.

T.A. Collins noted RSAs related to prior discussion and her concerns.

Selectman Diorio brought up concerns of a roofing trailer parked on Route 119 again. Discussion followed with Chief Faulkner on this, including laws, and recourse. Selectman Diorio also noted that the new soccer nets were not brought in last year and wanted to ensure they are put under cover this year. There is a Fire Department Building Committee Meeting tomorrow and the Budget Meeting for Wednesday has been cancelled.

Selectman Kondrat noted that following the Chair mentioning domicile at a prior meeting, she reached out to NHMA and handed the Board an email response to her questions.

Selectman Kondrat also noted that the Budget Committee doesn't have Budget Books and asked why. T.A. Collins responded and noted that they would have books next week. Selectman Kondrat had concerns that this wouldn't give them sufficient time and offered to come in and help put them together.

Selectman Carrier informed the Board that he and T.A. Collins will be meeting with DOT Wednesday re: the boat landing on Prospect Street.

Chair Darcy has a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow and non-publics tonight.

7:46 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel with Chief Faulkner and Lt. Melissa Evans, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:26 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.

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The Board was going into non-public. T.A. Collins and Kim Worden were excused.

8:27 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.

9:05 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

9:05 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary