

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25, 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.

Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to approve the manifests of 11/25/19 and the public and non-public minutes of 11/18/19, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

First presented was an Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Hinsdale Firemen's Association for Department Christmas Party at the Community Center on 12/7/19 from 1 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. on 12/8/19. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the Application for Open Container for the Fire Department Christmas Party, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was the Hinsdale Town Hall Facility Rental Request for the Hinsdale Firemen's Association to have the Kid's Christmas Party on December 1st 2019. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the Town Hall Facility Rental Request for the Firemen's Association on December 1st, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

A Permit to Sell Fireworks for Phantom Fireworks was presented. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to have the Chair sign and approve the Permit Application for Retail Sales of Permissible Fireworks, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate for Michael Renaud was presented re: Map 19, Lot 19 on Brattleboro Road. It was mentioned that this was a new owner re: former Halliday pit. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to have the Board sign the Notice of Intent to Excavate for Michael Renaud, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins presented the Tax Collector's Warrant for \$2,660,882.44 for the 3rd quarter payment of 2019 and \$2,660,872.74 for the 4th quarter payment of 2019. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign the Tax Collector's Warrant, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins reminded the Board that they approved an agreement with MRI last week re: Police Chief search and department assessment. She needed to have their preference in the number of days for the interim person to be here. Discussion followed. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** for the Chair to sign the Professional Service Agreement with MRI, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins informed the Board that the Employee Holiday Luncheon will be on December 18th at the Police Department Training Room at 1:30. Discussion followed.

T.A. Collins had an acceptance for the brush/forestry fire vehicle. Discussion followed. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to sign acceptance for the Fire Brush/Forestry Vehicle, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins noted that she participated in a webinar with Citizens regarding taking payments for taxes and water and sewer payments online. Discussion followed. She noted that fees go to the customer and we cannot take a credit card in-house for utilities. She will need to get the go ahead to ask questions for reporting and to look into this further. All agreed to go forward.

T.A. Collins also had information to discuss later on the boat landing and she will have a non-public.

Chair Darcy noted that Julie Seymour, Town Clerk was present to set up a time for a workshop on Town Clerk Compensation. He suggested also having James MacDonell, Tax Collector, in at the same time and suggested Monday, January 13th. Following Julie's question as to what she should have with her, he indicated the Board would want to have a broad picture and information about communities nearby, about the same size, and to describe what takes place from the time the window is closed until walking out the door in order to take into account that period of time. It was clarified that on January 13th, there will be a workshop and light meeting. Selectman Diorio would like to get the proposal with bullet points from Julie the first week in January. Selectman Carrier would like the list to prioritize what means the most to the least.

T.A. Collins recently attended a meeting with the DOT re: the boat landing off Prospect Street and their proposal. There will be another meeting in Concord. The proposal is to redo the whole landing so that parking is available with hardpack gravel. She had handouts for the Board to look at. DOT will talk to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board as a right of way is needed. T.A. Collins shared her thoughts on possibilities for the area. Discussion followed. Bidding will begin in the Spring of 2021.

T.A. Collins also noted that bridge bidding will go out in May and construction is slated for 2021. She had a handout of a General Plan dated 11/19/19 on that area for the Board. Lighting is being left alone for now. Two possibilities for where to put sidewalks were presented. They plan to stabilize, paint and do walkways over the bridges and want to talk to Selectmen at some point. Eversource is taking out electrical wiring for lighting. Solar has been suggested and will be looked into.

T.A. Collins indicated that five streetlights are out and ballasts are gone. If we purchase lighting for around \$250.00, Eversource will install. Rick is looking into it. Selectman Rideout made a **motion** to allow transition to LED on five (5) streetlights that are out, with a cost of \$50 per light after rebate, second by Diorio. Motion passes unanimously.

Board Comments:

Selectman Rideout shared an email re: an email share and discussion Selectman Kondrat initiated last week. He told the Board he would get his interpretation. He noted that it came back basically the same re: domicile- - a lot of grey areas and holes. He pointed out that it was not okay for individual board members to go on their own to Department Heads, etc. and freelance. There was a one-on-one conversation question brought up recently. Discussion followed.

Selectmen Rideout made a **motion** to allow Chair Darcy and Selectman Diorio to have a conversation within the next two weeks with Lt. Evans for retention and recruitment, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-No; Motion passes. It was suggested and agreed that it would be nice to have the interim person involved too if he can.

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Selectman Diorio mentioned a Fire Department Building Committee Meeting last week and they want to get before the Board to present a plan. It was noted that they are scheduled for next week. He wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Selectman Kondrat noted that the Library is closing Mondays and Wednesdays at 6 and requested it be changed on the website.

Selectman Carrier had a discussion last week re: recording meetings and mentioned how meetings are done in Lebanon and Walpole. He found that he doesn't know of a way to do it that doesn't cost us money.

Chair Darcy asked the Board to bring Budget Books starting next week as they will be worked on 12/2 and 12/9 and then possibly have meetings with the Budget Committee and Selectmen on 12/16 (and perhaps 12/18, though that might be Budget Committee only).

Chair Darcy will have a non-public re: personnel and then non-public personnel with just the Board.

6:47 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.

7:16 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout 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.

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

7:16 p.m. Selectman Diorio made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel and excuse T.A. Collins and Kim Worden, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Darcy-I; Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; and Kondrat-I; Motion passes unanimously.

8:05 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.

8:05 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary