

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2020 remote meeting

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat, and Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Jill Collins and Kim Worden (all via Zoom). Police Chief Rataj, Sean Leary (until 6:30), Sarah Hudon, Frank Podlenski, and James MacDonell also participated via Zoom. There was one person identified as "Rita" who listened.

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

Chair Diorio opened by having members of the Board identify themselves and indicate where they are participating from: Chair Diorio-dining room; Selectman Kondrat-spare room; Selectman Rideout-sunroom; Selectman Johnson-home office; Selectman Carrier-home; and Kim Worden-Town Hall. Chair Diorio added that for the meeting in two weeks, he would suggest that they meet live in the Police Station Conference Room (as usually do over the Summer) while also conducting the meeting via Zoom so that others may Zoom in and participate remotely. He noted having a couple of non-publics this evening and in the future not leaving those to the end to avoid keeping the Chief any longer than necessary.

Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 5/11/20 and 5/18/20 and public minutes of 5/4/20 and 5/11/20, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

Selectman Rideout made a **motion to approve** and for the Chair to sign the Application for Parade Permit – Hinsdale Farm Tractor Parade for 5/23/20, submitted by Ken Howe, second by Kondrat. Discussion followed. Chief Rataj has spoken with Ken and there was not a good understanding of limitations, none of the tractors are registered. The time frame was also a concern and the need for a cruiser escort on Route 119. Ideas to remedy that were discussed including using a participant who is an officer to be in a cruiser. They will work to make this happen, but need to change the scope. A vote was taken and motion passes unanimously.

A Notice of Intent to Excavate for Wayne Corse, Map 30 Lot 70 Meetinghouse Road was presented. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to approve** and for the Chair to sign the Intent to Excavate, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins indicated that she had sent the Board April Reports. She had a contract re: Standard Power for a renewal beginning December 2020. This payment is calculated at a rate of .02 cents per kwh in the form of a check. She also has one contract for two years with EDP, a third-party supplier, effective May 15, 2020, with .068 cents currently per kwh vs. .083 with Eversource, resulting in a savings. The choice would be to go that route and lower our bills or keep paying Eversource. Questions and discussion followed. Selectman Johnson asked what other towns participate in this, what history there is on EDF, and whether they are a national company. T.A. Collins indicated that 26 other towns participate, they are a national company, and gave information re: their website. Selectman Johnson suggested that T.A. Collins be in touch with the municipal association to check this company out.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to table** this new contract (EDF Energy) for the lower rate until the information is received, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion** for the Chair to sign to renew the contract with Standard Power, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins sent the Board information re: Cheshire County Meeting tomorrow at 5 if anyone would like to join. She can send a link if any Board member is interested in joining a meeting on 6/3 from 12-2 with NHMA and Primex regarding reopening municipal offices in New Hampshire.

T.A. Collins will continue to work on stimulus funding and gathering information for either GOFERR & FEMA (cannot use both).

T.A. Collins indicated that she has a non-public.

Selectman Johnson made a **motion** that when the numbers are finalized with the Treasurer, that they are distributed to the Board, including the GL, and members of the Administrative Staff will prepare for the Board and present a Financial Analysis, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously. T.A. Collins asked what Selectman Johnson was looking for in the analysis. He indicated that he would like to know whether we are on track, trends, how we are doing (ups, downs, maybes), the financial picture, and recommendations.

Board Comments:

Selectmen Kondrat listened to the School Board Meeting. Graduation will take place at Northfield Drive-In on June 9th with a rain date of June 11th.

Selectman Carrier asked the time of graduation. That has not been confirmed yet.

Citizen Comments:

Sean Leary has a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow. He also mentioned the School Board Meeting last week and that there is no time yet for graduation. The 29th is the last day for students. As of right now, teachers' last day is unchanged. Summer Schedule is unknown.

James MacDonell asked about the Property Tax Warrant. T.A. Collins had forgotten and did not have the final page. James indicated that as long as we can do it in two weeks, he was okay with that. He added that he checked and it will need at least three signatures. He also mentioned looking into digital signatures.

Chief Rataj noted that he had two expenditures to discuss. There is \$549,000 remaining in the budget for this year. The servers from 2012 should have been replaced prior to now. There are driver and battery failures and no security updates. The price tag is \$11,886.00 which would run over budget and noted concerns.

He received the IMC numbers quote back. \$31,113.00 is the total cost less prorated licensing savings over \$19,000.00 refund for a total of \$11,613.00. There would be further savings year over year. The computer line item would be over this fiscal year with around \$20,000 savings next fiscal year. Selectman Johnson asked if this is compatible with new software. IMC is the new software which will cut caseload time in half.

6:34 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b) hiring, with Chief Rataj, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; Kondrat-I; and Johnson-I; Motion passes

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unanimously. All participants, except the Board, T.A. Collins, Kim Worden, and Chief Rataj were removed from the Zoom meeting.

6:54 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

Chief Rataj left the meeting.

6:55 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: Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; Kondrat-I; and Johnson-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:00 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

7:00 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary