

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, Jul 20, 2020 remote meeting held at Millstream Community Center

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 in person). Police Chief Rataj, Sean Leary, and James MacDonell (all in person). Rick Carrier and Frank Podlenski participated via Zoom.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Diorio called the meeting to order at the Community Center and via Zoom for those who wish to participate remotely.

Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 7/20/20 and public and non-public minutes of 7/13/20, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

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*New Business:*

First presented was a Manufactured Housing Park Renewal Application and Certificate for Thicket Hill, owned by Thicket Hill MHC LLC. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to have the Board sign and approve the renewal application and certificate for Thicket Hill, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was an Appointment of Thomas Woodbury, as Deputy Town Clerk. Selectman Carrier made a **motion** to appoint Thomas Woodbury, Deputy Town Clerk, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

A 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Abatement for sewer for Pelloni (farm) at 45 Northfield Road was presented. It was noted that this is the outside meter for water, sewer portion abated. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to approve** the sewer abatement for Pelloni, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

A 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2020 sewer abatement for In Good We Trust, 11 Creampot Hill, outside meter for water with sewer portion abated was presented. Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the abatement for In Good We Trust, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

A 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2020 water and sewer abatement for 10 Main Street was presented which corrected the multiplier and sewer units charge in the system. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to approve** the abatement for 10 Main Street, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins indicated that the Town Clerk will open the foyer on July 27<sup>th</sup> for Mondays and Thursdays from 8 until 5. She will continue to encourage using mail and drop box.

T.A. Collins received hours re: election to give to Chair Diorio for discussion.

T.A. Collins discussed signs planned for the parking lot on Rt. 119 and informed the Board that brush was cut there today and that they will need to update the Traffic Ordinance.

T.A. Collins revised the letter to Leola Ramsay and informed the Board that it is ready to be signed.

Next, she indicated that the VFW is looking to serve alcohol outside on the porch and that they will also need to get a permit from the State. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to approve** the VFW to serve alcohol outdoors on the porch, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Collins handed out end of June financials. She noted that the auditors are coming on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to do testing. She is working on the sidewalk project for bids at the end of September and working with Eversource to talk about pole locations.

Selectman Johnson asked T.A. Collins if she was prepared to give a brief summary of how we are doing. She indicated that all sheets represent line items that are over and she does a summary - - a brief synopsis. Selectman Johnson would like to receive one by department and she indicated that was possible. She indicated that she quickly estimated revenues and how we did and is now working on expenditures. Revenues, offsets, adjustments, and process were explained by T.A. Collins and it was noted that we are looking at close to \$2,800,000 that we projected. Selectman Johnson indicated that he is looking at *How did we do* and *How are we doing* in order to get a better understanding. He would also like to know the budget for revenue, what we got, the budget expense, and what was spent.

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James MacDonell, Tax Collector, was present to discuss deeding. He provided the Board with a color chart and it was noted that there were a lot of the Intents to Deed (in red) on the chart. James noted there were many broken payment arrangements. He explained that if they miss payments, we drop a lien, and after two years and a day, we are supposed to deed. It was discussed that the red ones on the chart could get sent an *Intent to Deed*. James discussed and explained codes on the chart. Selectman Johnson acknowledged that numbers are broken down and the chart but wondered what tax year they represent.

Selectman Johnson made a **motion** to go ahead and send deed letters to all (red) properties and have a private discussion with the Tax Collector, second by Carrier.

Discussion followed and problems with some properties. James requested tabling the vote until discussion could take place in non-public.

Selectman Diorio talked of past discussions on this subject, on how do we determine the oldest and most amounts due. He noted many were in trailer parks and those concerns and also mentioned that previously Rick Wetherby had been in and discussed some of his suggestions. Typical problems, liabilities and consequences were discussed.

A vote on Selectman Johnson's motion was taken and resulted as follows: Rideout-No; Carrier-I; Kondrat-NO; Johnson-I and Diorio-NO; Motion fails.

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### *Board Comments:*

Selectman Rideout was going to mention signs but that has been discussed. T.A. Collins indicated that Rod has worked on the camper matter and spoken with the Manager.

Selectman Carrier noted that library trustees have an August 3<sup>rd</sup> target date to reopen per government recommendations.

Chair Diorio noted the Election Meeting tomorrow. He brought up the paysheet and Jill will email it to him. She was also to email the classification plan, etc. re: reviews. T.A. Collins indicated that Karen had gotten back to her re: Selectmen pay. The information was discussed among the Board and revised and given back to T.A. Collins.

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Chief Rataj was excited about the signage to go up in the parking lot on 119. He indicated that staffing is back up. Officer Winkler is fully certified now and they have 6 on the schedule each week and are being proactive. A large press release is expected soon.

Chief Rataj noted a group of individuals from another town are upset with the thin blue line flag in front of the police department. He described their concerns and thoughts of miscommunication. On Memorial Day weekend a new flag was hung, replacing a prior flag. Unfortunately, it was bad timing, however, the flag has been here all along. He is to have a conversation with that group tomorrow afternoon.

Chief Rataj also would like to have a swearing-in at the next meeting for Officer Moore. He would like to get a jump on training prior to the next academy. ACO Pinger delivered the last of the dog notice letters last week and will be back in with an update. He noted that he has had a hard time hiring a corporal/canine officer. He also updated the Board on reaching out to radio station 96.7 and 99.5 for a month of radio, web, and Facebook for a price close to advertising on Indeed. He will be live on air and participate in a community-oriented Police Department, partnering with community-oriented businesses. This would promote the canine position as well as promoting businesses. Chair Diorio commented positively on the speeding warning on Facebook. Chief Rataj welcomes being able to be proactive and see positive changes.

*Citizen Comments:*

Sean Leary reached out to other School Board Members to see if dates were available. He indicated that 9/21 can be penciled in for the joint meeting between Selectmen and the School Board. Chair Diorio and Sean will work on the Agenda for that.

Public portion of the meeting ended.

7:12 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to enter into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation, with the Tax Collector, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Diorio-I; Rideout-I; Carrier-I; Kondrat-I; and Johnson-I; Motion passes unanimously.

7:48 p.m. Regular meeting reconvened.

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

7:48 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion** to adjourn, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary