

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 8, 2021 meeting held at SAU, 49 School Street, Hinsdale

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat, Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden (all attended in-person). School Board members joined the meeting via Zoom for a joint meeting between School Board and Selectmen scheduled for 6:15 p.m. Attendees via Zoom were Ann Diorio (and in-person in SPED room), Sean Leary, Holly Kennedy, Tom O'Connor, Wayne Woolridge, James O'Malley, Julia Kilelee, Edwin "Smokey" Smith, "Dylan" and later as noted, Kaylah Hemlow.

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order and announced the meeting would also be held via zoom pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Orders.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 2/8/2021; and public and non-public minutes of 2/1/2021, second by Rideout. Selectman Kondrat asked T.A. Collins if changes to the 2/1/21 minutes were made pursuant to her email. T.A. Collins had not seen the email. Selectman Kondrat would like the minutes to be more specific re: Julie. T.A. Collins indicated that the benefits are based on an average for the calendar year. Monthly updates for paid time off will be provided to employees. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

2020 4th Quarter Water Abatement for David & Wendy Richmond was presented re: 178 Prospect Street in the amount of \$301.64 due to new meter in July 2020: multiplier in billing system required correction. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to approve the abatement** for Richmond, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins has the Warrant to be signed by Selectmen and the date will be added, based upon the decision made tonight.

T.A. Collins gave the Board "From the Desk of the Board of Selectmen" to be put in the Town Report and asked them to review and let her know of any changes.

Selectman Rideout commented that he would like Town Meeting to be on May 1st this year.

Selectman Kondrat had a comment re: the "From the Desk of the Board of Selectman" for the Town Report. She felt that keeping a lot of the core but making it a little more personal coming from the Board would be more genuine. Discussion followed and the T.A. Collins noted she would need it by tomorrow in order to proof on Wednesday and get to the printer on Thursday. There were no objections to Selectman Kondrat making changes and sending the update to the Board for their review and okay.

Chair Diorio welcomed the School Board to discuss meeting dates, for the goal to be to set a date tonight so that books can be printed. He noted that if necessary, this could be changed once set, per Governor's Orders. Sean Leary called the School Board Meeting to Order via zoom, as allowed per Emergency Order 12, asking participants to identify themselves, their location, who they are with, and why they are attending remotely. There was an opening remark from Edwin O. "Smokey" Smith indicating that one of their Board Members suggested a date and thinks March 13th should be postponed, and keep March 9th as the voting day. Sean gave options:

Status Quo;

Keep March election and meet in a different month;

HB1129 (noting this might be too cumbersome).

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Chair Diorio noted that May was talked about for holding the Town Meeting. Selectman Johnson suggested holding elections as is and choosing a separate day for Town Meeting. The Board was agreeable to this. School Board members were in favor of the March election with a May Meeting (Holly, Julia, and Sean) except James O'Malley preferred both election and meeting be held in March. Both Selectmen and School Board (except James) agreed that May 1 would be a good date for Town Meeting.

Selectman Rideout **made a motion to move Town Meeting and School District Meeting to May 1st, 2021**, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

Kayla Hemlow signed on in zoom. The School Board voted on moving the Meeting to May 1st. There were four members in favor and one opposed. Motion carried.

Sean asked for a brief conversation re: election of officers. The question was: what happens to officers elected in March when Town Meeting is delayed? He has talked with the School District's attorney and obtained other information including from RSA 671:22 and Emergency Order 83 and all seems to align that if elected in March, the former official will retain his seat until the replacement is sworn in following Town Meeting. Discussion followed on communicating the new Town Meeting date and that the two boards should work together to get the word out. Suggestions included, a press release, posting on the website, social media, flyers, handouts at election, possibly sending postcards, and inclusion in the Newsletter that Kathryn will be mailing out. Sean and Megan will spearhead the social media information. T.A. Collins noted that Budgets and Warrants are posted on the website. A simple public hearing could be scheduled in advance, and a box ad could be put in the Sentinel.

It was also discussed and mentioned that the School would go first at Town Meeting. Chair Diorio noted there were good ideas and thanked the School Board for joining the meeting and for use of the building.

The School Board adjourned and thanked the Select Board.

Board Comments:

Selectman Kondrat had a question on the bills: When they came in do they go to Jill or Rick? T.A. Collins responded that they go to Department Heads, a voucher is prepared, then given to Rick for processing on Thursday. Selectman Kondrat also noted that she will have a non-public re: personnel.

Selectman Rideout had questions for T.A. Collins re: landfill procedures and a concern. Discussion followed. Selectman Rideout will also have a non-public re: personnel.

Chair Diorio commented that he had left a payment at the drop box recently and noticed that steps to the Town Clerk's Door were clear but steps near the drop box were not shoveled, had snow and ice on them, and need clearing. Discussion followed on who clears the steps. T.A. Collins indicated that she could tell the sidewalk plow to make sure steps were cleared.

6:45 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)- personnel, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Carrier –aye; Diorio – aye; Johnson – aye; Kondrat – aye; Rideout – aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:05 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

Chair Diorio noted that a letter to the Board was received tonight from James MacDonell and the Board could review the letter and have discussion at the next meeting.

7:07 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary