

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

*Monday, March 8, 2021 meeting held in Auditorium, Town Hall, Hinsdale*

Present: Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat, Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden (all attended in-person). Chief Rataj and Sean Leary attended in-person. Chair Diorio attended via Zoom.

6:03 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order. The meeting was also held via zoom pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Orders.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 3/8/21; and public and non-public minutes of 3/1/2021, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

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*New Business:*

The following appointments were presented:

1. Appointment of Michael Bomba as Special Police Officer
2. Appointment of Nicholas Henault as Special Police Officer

Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve the appointments** of Michael Bomba as Special Police Officer and Nicholas Henault as Special Police Officer, second by Carrier. Following a question from Chair Diorio re: whether Officer Bomba's appointment is a renewal, Chief Rataj indicated that he is still on the books as part-time and is currently doing the firearms training. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins indicated that she had sent the Board information re: Charge Cards. This company is New Hampshire based, specializes in municipalities, and 148 Towns in NH utilize this company. There is an annual fee of \$300 for use re: taxes, utilities and registrations. There would be a terminal installed in our computers and an upfront cost for the card slide ranging from \$325 to \$550 and T.A. Collins would need to look at both. Water Collection, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector bills would be online. This would integrate with our software and residents would have the ability to pay in Town Hall or by phone. T.A. Collins will participate in a demo on Thursday.

Selectman Rideout had concerns of lack of internet at the Transfer Station and the need for internet and a terminal there. T.A. Collins believed there would be a \$1.50 charge per transaction plus the percentage charge; and customers may not use the feature there due to this, since most transactions are for small amounts. One option she mentioned for pay-per-item fees, would be to pay via their computer, print out a receipt, bring the receipt to the Transfer Station and drop off the item. Selectman Johnson asked if a mobile device is an option for the Transfer Station. T.A. Collins felt it wouldn't be secure and there is specific security needed. Selectman Kondrat added that an App used would be secure; and the possible use an iPad and internet but uncertain of costs. T.A. Collins reiterated that she would participate in the demo this week.

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T.A. Collins printed out some Guidelines for the Board's review: *Covid-19 Reopening Guidance* on Attractions, Pools, Fairs and Festivals, and Day Camps. She also mentioned that generally to keep people 6 feet apart would involve measuring to allow for capacity. The pavilion and Community Center will be discussed next week.

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T.A. Collins had a letter to the Town of Brattleboro prepared asking to begin having discussion on the possibility of connecting our roadside commercial district to their sewer treatment plant. She noted that she copied Steve Barrett on the letter.

Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve the letter** to the Brattleboro Board of Selectmen, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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*Board Comments:*

Selectman Kondrat will have a non-public re: reputation.

Chair Diorio brought up election day tomorrow. There was discussion on hours members will work tomorrow.

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*Citizen Comments:*

Chief Rataj was present and mentioned the significant loss of power to many homes last week. He acknowledged that the Fire Department, his patrolman on duty, and Sarah Hudon did a great job. He would like to see better integration with Emergency Management to get them better integrated and for better and quicker results. He was concerned of the need to have a working relationship prior to any chance of other similar events. T.A. Collins indicated that we will be updating the *Hazardous Litigation* and *Emergency Operations* plans, working with Lisa Murphy from Southwest Regional Planning. Chair Diorio noted that he spoke with the Emergency Management Director around 3 p.m. on that day and agreed that we can review the process later.

Chair Diorio announced the Board would be going into non-public session. Chief Rataj and Sean Leary were thanked for coming in.

6:30 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made **a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (c)- reputation, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Carrier –aye; Diorio – aye; Johnson – aye; Kondrat – aye; Rideout – aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:35 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

6:36 p.m. Selectman Carrier made **a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (e)- negotiation, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: Carrier –aye; Diorio – aye; Johnson – aye; Kondrat – aye; Rideout – aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:56 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

6:56 p.m. Selectman Rideout made **a motion to adjourn**, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary