

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 22, 2021 meeting held at Police Department Training Room, Hinsdale

Present: Chair Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat, Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden (all attended in-person). Chief Rataj, also attended in-person. There were no attendees via Zoom.

6:00 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 3/22/21; and public and non-public minutes of 3/15/2021, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

It was decided to look at the template on Goals at this point. Selectman Carrier handed out a template which included some of his goals for review. He encouraged members to go through the subject matter and come up with ideas for a specific goal in mind. He suggested putting the goals on the website. Chair Diorio added that his idea is that they would touch on goals tonight in order to stimulate thoughts.

Selectman Rideout would like to get more information out to the townspeople, to work on a way to officially get the information out, though he was unsure if the town's website is the right place.

Chair Diorio would like to see more on the Agenda in order for residents to see what's going on and what's to be discussed.

T.A. Collins suggested that some get confused between transparency and convenience and if there is a question or concern, they should go to the website.

Selectman Carrier pointed out that members should identify the goal, identify what resources we have, see what everyone's thoughts are and get together again.

Selectman Johnson felt the template was a good start and Selectman Carrier had done a good job on it.

Selectman Kondrat liked the template and added a few goals and a message or mantra for the board: *less excuses, more solutions*. She would like to get as much information out, as conveniently as possible. She noted that every other town has Facebook and she would like to have a specific meeting to discuss solutions for better communication and better transparency. She has looked at other town meeting minutes and agendas that include packets of scanned documents, with a Town Administrator Memorandum, Department Head Reports and other information. Selectman Kondrat would like to focus on solutions, available grants, and tax solutions for Economic Development. She feels we are on the right track to better utilizing the Community Center, programs, and community outreach. Utilizing spaces for recreations and better utilization of what we have is part of her goals. She would also like to better utilize employee resources.

A Permit Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions re: 03222021A: Tax Map 24 Lot 110-13, Veterans Exemption was first presented. There was confirmation and discussion on the process of the applications being received, reviewed, and okayed by the Community Development Coordinator prior to being submitted to Selectmen. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Veteran's Exemption #03222021A, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

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Next presented were a *Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber* for Suzanne Foder (Baystate Forestry Service), Map 16 Lot 23, 73 Hilltop Hideaway and *Report of Wood or Timber Cut* for Suzanne Foder (Baystate Forestry Service), Map 16 Lot 23, 73 Hilltop Hideaway. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to approve both** the Intent to Cut and Report of Cut for Foder at Map 16, Lot 23, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, a *Land Use Change Tax* for Evan Perkins re 33-20-3 land off Middle Oxbow Road (3 acres out of current use) was presented. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Land Use Change Tax for Evan Perkins, #33-20-3, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins noted that she had a Municipal Work Zone Agreement (that all had previously reviewed) for signatures.

T.A. Collins brought in a sample of a large and small trash bag that Frank provided to her. These will be the next ones he is looking at ordering. The large sample was expandable with draw string. The small also has a drawstring. These will not have twist ties. All agreed that these were fine as long as price remained the same.

T.A. Collins updated the Board on the TAP grant application for School Street. The application has been submitted and she noted that J.B. Mack from Southwest helped out. She won't hear until May or June. She will schedule a Public Hearing for the bond portion and will also schedule a Public Hearing to discuss Warrant Articles. Selectman Johnson asked if a handout, with latest information, could be put together giving voters an idea of how much extras might add up to and the probable tax rate result (ball park). She agreed that she could do that from the municipal standpoint.

Board Comments:

Selectman Johnson mentioned a question he had asked during the joint public meetings recently regarding school budgets and education aid. He had hoped to ask Sean for an update and will ask him next week. Selectman Johnson added that he would like to suggest press releases to newspapers and radio stations in order to relay information.

Selectman Kondrat asked T.A. Collins if a Department Head Meeting has been scheduled for March. That has been scheduled for next week.

Selectmen Carrier reported that he was to have a Library Trustees Meeting last week and couldn't attend due to a conflict. He has since found that the meeting didn't take place then and will take place this Wednesday.

Selectman Rideout has a Rec Meeting this Thursday.

Chair Diorio reminded all that there is an Existing Bridge Meeting this Thursday, March 25th at 1:30. There is a public comment session. The Public Forum is scheduled on April 1st and they would like to get Hinsdale residents in on that forum. Flyers are being posted on the Bulletin Boards. He will have a non-public re: personnel and a non-public re: reputation.

Citizen Comments:

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Chief Rataj updated the Board on being at the one-year mark and has learned a lot re: budgeting and money. He is working on community policing, and they are making progress on the evidence room. Chief Rataj said the new cruiser will be here in two weeks and should be ready to go in 5 or 6 weeks. They are working with a lease. There was discussion on a press release.

T.A. Collins brought up the need to update the server, that the lease is up. Dell sent a quote to lease and Bill Vermouth gave a quote to purchase, offering to get paid half this fiscal year and half next fiscal year if needed. She would prefer to purchase this year if she can. Cost is \$5000 to \$6000. She confirmed after questions, that this would be faster, smarter, larger and updated to Windows 12. Chair Diorio suggested having Bill come in to talk with the Board. All thought this was a good idea. Jill will ask, noting he may join meeting via Zoom.

6:43 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (c)- reputation, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat-aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:48 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

6:48 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)- personnel, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat-aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:01 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

7:01 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary