

Present: Chair Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat and Selectman Richard Johnson (all attended in-person). T.A. Collins and Kim Worden attended in-person. Chief Rataj, Sean Leary, Bob Truesdell, Sarah Hudon, Bill Nebelski, Karen Atkins and Frank Podlenski also attended in-person. Participants via Zoom were Donna Suskawicz (x2) and Andrew Cushing.

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.

Chair Diorio noted that he would like a small addition to the draft minutes of 4/12/21 based on his recollection regarding the recent article in the Sentinel that he had mentioned: He recollected saying "without the same strings attached as the CARES Act money". There were no objections to adding this wording.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 4/19/21; and public and non-public minutes of 4/12/21 with the change, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Diorio noted that a document for an ordinance on face masks will be reviewed and was handed out to the Board (*Ordinance Relative to Face Coverings*). The Governor has lifted the face mask requirement and the Board will discuss this next week. He suggested doing this for 30 days and extending it if necessary. He also suggested a change to the last sentence in paragraph 4. Selectman Johnson voiced that he failed to see the need for the policy, that residents and businesses can decide to enforce and choose for themselves. He didn't feel the Board needed to dictate to them. Chief Rataj felt the call volume would increase with constant calls and complaints. He added that in general, people are doing the right thing. He felt the intent was good, however had concerns about enforcing. Selectman Rideout had a concern of liability. Selectman Carrier had a concern about mandating something that is not enforceable. Selectman Kondrat was torn on the subject. She noted a recent incident in another town where a group did not wear masks as required. She felt we should encourage people to do the right thing and be courteous of neighbors but agreed it would be hard to enforce. In response to Chair Diorio's concern, T.A. Collins noted this could be taken back up with an Agenda posting and posting an ordinance.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to pass over this. There was no second. Motion fails. After further discussion, Selectman Johnson noted he was okay with an ordinance involving town buildings only. Chair Diorio was in favor of town buildings and properties.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion to move forward and put on the Agenda for next week** to discuss the face covering ordinance related to just town owned buildings, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Diorio mentioned that he was contacted by the *Next Era* representative and she will be in touch with the Planning Board and Select Board in the near future to up date everyone on the project.

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First presented was a Permit Application for Recreational Campground/Camping Park Permit for Thicket Hill Campground. Selectman Johnson asked Chief Rataj if he was comfortable with this. Chief Rataj felt that they have changed management and they are light years ahead of (issues) last Spring and he is feeling okay. Selectman Kondrat noted that Richmond visits their campground prior to season opening so they know what's going on there. T.A. Collins informed the Board that the Community Development Coordinator and the Building Inspector visit the campground in the Spring and in the Fall. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion to approve** the Permit Application for Thicket Hill Campground, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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Next was a Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for #04192021A, Veteran's Exemption, Map 20 Lot 64, re: Service-connected total and permanent disability. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Veteran's Exemption, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, a Forest Fire Report/Bill re: the recent Northfield Road Fire was presented for signatures. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Forest Fire Report/Bill, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins reported that she will have a non-publics and that Hope Engine is up for discussion.

Chair Diorio read a letter to Frank Podlenski, that the Board will sign, accepting his resignation with regret.

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*Board Comments:*

Selectman Carrier announced that town-wide cleanup day, postponed due to inclement weather, will be rescheduled to this coming Saturday. There was a Hazardous Mitigation meeting last week that went well. There will be five meetings in all for a 5-year plan. T.A. Collins added that they did an exercise of rating hazards, this gives all department heads a role, and meetings are via Zoom.

Chair Diorio wanted to make sure there is an ongoing plan for the Town-owned Properties Sale. He asked T.A. Collins to provide the Board with property cards on all properties re: proposed sales. She has sent the auction company the cards and will also provide them to the Board. Chair Diorio relayed that he has heard comments that previously auctioned properties were not advertised well. He would like to see better advertising. As an example, he supplied the auction company's ad from a recent newspaper posting re: properties to be auctioned in another town. Discussion followed. He gave an update on the PPE order placed last week, noting that this will be the last order.

*Citizen Comments:*

Bill Nebelski commented on a local retired group that has gathered for coffee in the early morning, most recently at the local store. He would like to continue this tradition back at the Community Center as they have done in the past. They will buy their own supplies and will clean up before leaving. He added that they are all fully vaccinated. Discussion followed with input from Sarah Hudon. There was suggestion that dividers could be put up if necessary. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion to approve** the "coffee club" gathering at the Community Center, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Chief Rataj noted that there continues to be a problem with unlicensed dogs. He believes there are still over 400. He has also had a large number of complaints re: OHRV. Most are preteens and teens in the roads with 4-wheelers. He reminded all that they will hold Public Safety Day this weekend from 10-1, which will piggyback with the town-wide cleanup and drug take-back day. Emergency vehicles and cruisers will be displayed. There has been no progress this week with recruiting but will update the status next week. There are seven possibilities for three positions. He added that there will be a Tractor Parade in May, upcoming Flag Pole dedication, and Memorial Day Parade finalization happening. The new cruiser is still waiting for delivery of one part.

Chair Diorio suggested, recalling a similar setup in the past, that some Boards/Committees sit on the stage during Town Meeting, perhaps affording more room for chairs to be set up in the gymnasium. Sean thought they may be able to get more setup on the floor. Currently 137 total spaces are set up on the floor. Discussion followed on various possibilities, scenarios, and comfort levels.

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Karen Atkins, from Hinsdale Beautification Committee, was present. She noted that they recently had the Easter Bunny Event and are starting plans for the Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup>. She wanted to present their thoughts, noting how things might change depending on COVID concerns. They are exploring having Fireworks, having Food Vendors (if non-interactive), one of the classes doing parking and traffic, supplying sanitizing stations, encouraging rules and not being crowded. They plan to seek vendors soon. Games will be on hold for now. T.A. Collins asked if they will have Art in the Park. Karen replied that they would hold that event on June 6<sup>th</sup>. They plan to include poetry readings, an author attending, and possibly music. They currently have 17 vendors signed up, expecting more. Karen was thanked for the update.

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T.A. Collins noted that the Board was copied on a request from Andrew Cushing re: Hope Engine indicating that the building needs to be moved from its present location sooner rather than later. Andrew indicated there were three points:

First, permission to move: The owner where the current temporary location is, is anxious to get it off the property, threatening to demolish it if not moved soon.

Next, they hope that Selectmen will waive their desire to see money in place before then. They would like to go ahead with the Moose plate Grant. The State hadn't figured out how to classify the building and have now defined it which allows for applying for the Moose plate Grant and others. It was indicated that they have money to move the building and do some sill work. They hope by winter. T.A. Collins reminded them that they were supposed to provide a Memorandum of Understanding in order to move that building and there were steps that had to be taken according to advice by the Town Attorney. T.A. Collins added that she had no idea where things were with the MOU. Andrew mentioned that a MOU was done between *Friends* and the *Preservation Alliance*. It was suggested to have a small Zoom meeting with Jennifer Goodman, Andrew Cushing, Jill Collins, and the Town Attorney. T.A. Collins added that there should be pieces in place before the Town allows the move. Donna Suskawicz spoke of complications of ownership and of what she was told previously. Ownership and permissions were discussed. T.A. Collins felt the cleanest way and best way would be to not only have Mike Foerster but Ed Girroir sign off on a Bill of Sale. Chair Diorio thought that at a minimum, they need to get something signed by Mike. It was agreed that they would send a draft to T.A. Collins and she will forward it to the attorney for review. Andrew noted that the Letter of Intent for the Moose plate Grant is due in May. He indicated they would apply on behalf of the Town. T.A. Collins instead suggested the Town providing a Letter of Support. Selectman Kondrat wanted to make sure it was clear what everyone's roles were and what was needed for the project. T.A. Collins commented that site work needs to be done and clear title should be obtained. There should be a meeting to work on a MOU. Andrew and Donna will obtain the Bill(s) of Sale and apply for the grant. We will write the Letter of Support, once T.A. Collins looks at information. If the grant comes through, it was indicated now that they have *some of the money* for site work. There was discussion between Donna and Jill about the best nights for subcommittee meetings. Jill will need information from Donna re: who is on the committee, the addresses and contact information.

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It was announced that the Board would be entering into non-public session. Members of the public left the room at this time and Zoom was disconnected.

7:08 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)- personnel with Frank Podlenski and Robert Truesdell, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat-aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:36 p.m. regular meeting reconvened. Frank Podlenski and Robert Truesdell left the meeting.

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.

7:37 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (b)- hiring, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat-aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:44 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Kondrat **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.

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7:46 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary