

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 26, 2021 meeting held at Police Department Training Room, Hinsdale

Present: Chair Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Megan Kondrat and Selectman Richard Johnson (all attended in-person). Selectman Mike Carrier was excused. T.A. Jill Collins and Kim Worden attended in-person. Sean Leary also attended in-person. The only participant via Zoom was James MacDonell.

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 talked to Selectman Carrier tonight. Selectman Carrier thought it would be a good idea to approve the Goals and get them on the website and have them to hand out for Town Meeting.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 4/26/21; and public and non-public minutes of 4/19/21, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

First presented was the 1st Quarter 2021 Water Commitment in the amount of \$111,373.42 and 1st Quarter 2021 Sewer Commitment in the amount of 90,779.71. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to accept** both the 1st Quarter Water Commitment and 1st Quarter Sewer Commitment, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Next was a Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions for #04262021A, Elderly Exemption, Map 24 Lot 14. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion to approve** the Elderly Exemption #04262021A, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Janet Faucher by Chris Ricci, Logger, Old Stage Road, Map 11 Lot 5 was presented. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion to approve** the Intent to Cut for Faucher, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, an Abatement forwarded by the Tax Collector was presented. This is for Richard Turner, 26 Freedom Acres Drive in the amount of \$159.44 for Tax Year 2020. This was liened in error (computer glitch) and payment was made prior to lien execution. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve the tax abatement** in the amount of \$159.44, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins had a Raffle Permit for the Hinsdale Fireman's Association to be approved. She indicated it would take place from May 1 – June 25th. They will raffle off fireworks, a smoker, kayak and paddle and small donated items. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion to approve** Raffle Permit #14 for Hinsdale Fireman's Association, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, T.A. Collins informed the Board that the school would like permission to hang banners for a couple weeks for the Senior Class again this year. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to allow permission to hang the banners, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins presented another draft version dated 4/26/21 of the *Face Covering Ordinance for Municipal Buildings*. Discussion followed. Changes were made to paragraph 3 replacing "will be required" with "are strongly encouraged but not required". Also, in paragraph 7 instead of listing offenses and results, will say "will be asked to leave the premises". Changes will be finalized for signing next week.

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T.A. Collins gave the Board copies of assessment card and tax maps for properties to be auctioned: Monument Road M25/L17; 12 Oak Hill; 11 Jackson Dr; 33 Plain Rd; 45 Canal; Old Chesterfield M16/15; and Brattleboro Road M28/L2.

T.A. Collins had a meeting with Jennifer Goodman from NH Preservation Alliance and with Andrew Cushing. Andrew is drawing up wording to have title signed by Mike Foerster. Jennifer is working on a MOU and they will meet again on May 6th for further discussion. Memorandum will be reviewed by the Town Attorney prior to completion.

T.A. Collins indicated we will be receiving around \$386,796 in two allocations from the American Rescue Plan Act. There will be stipulations on the use of the funds. Funds can go to water and sewer infrastructure improvements. These will need to be placed in a separate account and we have until December 2024 to spend. Possibilities were discussed. She mentioned looking at the NLC site under Allocation Tool. She also noted there are going to be some programs for rental assistance, mortgage assistance, food assistance, and other resources available (prior to use of town's resources).

T.A. Collins informed the Board that Rick Carrier is into energy savings and is forming an Energy Committee/Community Power Committee. She added that we have two pieces of property right on the grid with nice exposure. She already took the Plain Road property off the auction list and would also like to remove the land on Old Chesterfield Road. She indicated that these two could be an asset if solar panels are put in. She said that Rick had planned a similar project for Chesterfield. That later fell through due to a glitch. We would not have a generation fee and felt this was a way of offsetting an expense. Discussion followed. It was asked and confirmed that the town would have to hire a developer. There would be an 8-year payback. She would like the Board to look at the properties at some point. The next step is to wait to see what Rick comes back with. The properties will be taken off the list for now, with the idea they can go back on the auction list in the future.

Goals were mentioned. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** Selectmen Goals for 2021, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously. The Board will sign them and T.A. Collins will make copies for Town Meeting and get them on the website. There was discussion on upcoming Town Meeting. T.A. Collins will make handouts on the following: Image of the new Bridge, Existing Bridges, Copies of Warrant Articles, and School Street Project.

Board Comments:

Selectman Rideout mentioned there will be a Parks & Rec meeting this coming Thursday and he will have a non-public.

Selectman Johnson would like to get numbers for the first quarter January through March. Jill noted she sent an email today on some of that info.

Selectman Kondrat would like, for the next Budget, to stop separating salaries in order to have a clear picture. Discussion followed on reasons they are separated between departments, complying with accounting standards etc. Selectman Kondrat felt there should be a better way of outlining salaries and benefits, to eliminate confusion, especially for the Budget Committee. Jill can start to break it out and suggested she could do that on an Excel Spreadsheet.

T.A. Collins noted there was a recent Budget Committee meeting on Wednesday re: questions and answers on the School Budget. Sean added that he, Holly, and Tom met with Dennis and Ken on Friday. They went over questions. Tom explained all and they thought it would be a good idea for the whole committee to review and discuss all. Selectman Rideout asked if we will get extra money for school funding. Sean responded that it is shaping up for there to be money coming from the State. The big influx will be from the federal government with stipulations. Selectman Rideout

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wondered if it would reduce the overall budget. Discussion followed to include that It can be used to supplement, not supplant.

Chair Diorio mentioned a Fire Department Building Committee Meeting to take place tomorrow evening. He thinks they may want to have two meetings a month.

Citizen Comments:

James MacDonell received the letter re: time cards and is good with that but has a concern as to account for working from home time, especially after hours, noting requests received in evenings and on weekends. Discussion followed. T.A. Collins suggested noting start time and end time; and giving examples. She also mentioned that soon we will be opening up Town Hall offices. Selectman Kondrat added that Walmart is now offering vaccines, which might be an option for some.

It was noted that the Board was going into non-public.

7:03 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (c)- reputation, second by Johnson. The vote was as follows: Diorio–aye; Johnson–aye; Kondrat– aye; Rideout–aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:13 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

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7:27 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

There was brief discussion as to attendance next week's meeting.

7:29 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary