

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

**Monday, May 3, 2021** meeting held at Police Department Training Room, Hinsdale

Present: Chair Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat and Selectman Richard Johnson (all attended in-person). T.A. Jill Collins and Kim Worden attended in-person. Chief Rataj, Sean Leary, Bob Truesdell and "Nicki", and Wayne Dingman also attended in-person. There were no participants 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.

Chair Diorio noted that he thought Town Meeting and District Meeting was well set up and thanked the school and School Board for doing that.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 5/3/21; and public and non-public minutes of 4/26/21, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

*New Business:*

A 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021 Water Abatement for Beverly Bernier, 532 Plain Road, in the amount of \$48.81 was presented. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** for the Board to approve and sign the abatement for Bernier, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, an Application for Driveway Permit for Jared Delano, Map 12 Lot 15, Tower Hill Road was presented. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion** to approve the Driveway Permit for Delano, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

The following were presented: Report of Excavated Material for Wayne Corse, Map 30 Lot 70 for Tax Year 4/1/19-3/1/20; Report of Excavated Material for Wayne Corse, Map 30 Lot 70 for Tax Year 4/1/20-3/1/21; and Notice of Intent to Excavate for Wayne Corse, Map 30 Lot 70 for Tax Year 4/1/21 – 3/31/22. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve all three (reports and Intent) for Corse, second by Kondrat. Following a question from Selectman Johnson on location of the pit, motion passes unanimously.

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*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

Jill presented the Board with the Summer Schedule for meetings noting that meetings can also be called by the Chairman if needed.

T.A. Collins asked if anyone had suggestions or changes to the updated Face Covering Ordinance that she sent to the Board earlier. With no changes mentioned, Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Face Covering Ordinance in public buildings, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins explained her idea to reopen Town Hall on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Due to expected confusion on alternating days for certain departments, she proposes to simply reopen it up for business and explained her ideas for entry, exiting, etc. It was agreed that it is time. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to approve the guidelines for opening of Town Hall**, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins mentioned that she was asked to testify at 9 tomorrow over Zoom regarding continuation of Zoom meetings until July of 2022 (Emergency Order 12). She asked the Board what positive results they had re: Zoom meetings. Chair Diorio felt it was convenient for some and legally the Board did the right thing. Selectman Kondrat felt it was beneficial

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and convenient to have quick meetings if needed, for example with legal. Jill added that some could avoid travel (and gave example of DOT attending via Zoom).

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Casey Piehl was in attendance re: her appointment as Police Sargeant. After introduction, Chair Diorio read the oath and she was sworn in, welcomed, and congratulated.

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Chair Diorio and the Board congratulated Bob Truesdell as Highway Superintendent and Wayne Dingman as Highway Foreman.

Bob updated the Board: He noted that they are running understaffed (with the two openings), making lists, figuring things out and trying to appease all. Chair Diorio asked if there have been any hiring leads. T.A. Collins stated that we are advertising. Chair Diorio suggested advertising again in the Sentinel. Bob added that the grader was broken but thankfully with the help of townspeople and Winchester, they were able to put it back together for about \$600 (vs. \$3000). Bob also updated the Board on the recent State Inspection of fuel tanks and the list of things that he will be required to do. He added that the sweeper broom is on backorder and prices have doubled for polybrooms. They are battling with a beaver problem and have spoken with Fish & Game. They are rebuilding picnic tables and have fixed the Billboard at the Community Center. He was told to keep up the good work! Selectman Johnson welcomed him to come before the Board if he had issues. Selectman Carrier thanked them for picking up bags following clean-up day. Bob noted there were 1100 lbs. of trash picked up on the town roads (not state roads) at clean-up day.

*Citizen Comments:*

Chief Rataj thanked the Board for their support and noted that due to waiting on cruiser parts, they can now roll all three cruisers into one Purchase and Lease Agreement to save money. Bob Truesdell mentioned that in the past, old cruisers have been handed down to town departments to use and was curious if this would be the case. Discussion followed and Chief Rataj indicated that there are plans for that. Bob also wondered if his department could acquire old handheld radios from the Fire Department for traffic control. It was noted that the Fire Department has to turn in their old ones as part of the purchase of new radios. Jill will check into it and noted that the Highway Department may have money set aside to use for radios.

Sean Leary has a Zoom meeting with Todd of Southwest Regional Planning Commission on Friday afternoon re: the economic development portion of The Master Plan. Todd did a good analysis of the Town and this will update their chapter for a guide or layout towards future development.

T.A. Collins asked Sean his thoughts on extending Emergency Order 12. He felt it was convenient and helps with people's comfort levels. As far as meetings for Planning, Parks & Rec, and School, he was in favor of extending it.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Carrier mentioned that there was a Conservation Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday but they will not be meeting. A Hazard Mitigation meeting will take place at the PD Meeting Room on Wednesday. He also mentioned that this past Sunday he, Chief Zavorotny, and Chief Rataj looked at the EOC Room in the basement of Town Hall.

Selectman Kondrat was curious as to increasing the number of people allowed at the Pavilion and Community Center. Discussion followed and T.A. Collins suggested that they should have Sarah in to talk about that. T.A. Collins added that they are looking into opening for Meals for seniors and have thoughts of introducing programs for seniors. T.A. Collins felt that 50-75 at the pavilion was fine. Sarah will be scheduled to come in next week to talk with the Board on this.

Selectman Johnson thought it was a great idea to open Town Hall again. His opinion is that Town Hall should be open 5 days per week and would be in favor of that. T.A. Collins noted that five years ago a study was done and they are actually open more hours to the public now than they were before. She pointed out that the Tax Collector and Town Clerk do not have to be there on Fridays.

Selectman Rideout attended a Rec Meeting on Thursday which was positive. They discussed the Summer Program and Youth Sports. Selectman Johnson asked if the pool was going to open. The answer was yes for camp and for appointments by family.

Chair Diorio requested a schedule of vacation dates from T.A. Collins and asked who would be handling Zoom in her absence. She pointed to Chief Rataj. Chief wasn't aware of that but agreed to do that in her absence.

Chair Diorio asked T.A. Collins where we are with the eviction process on the two properties. She responded that the Town Attorney is working on a letter re: vacancy. She noted that we have to offer assistance to them in finding a place to live. Discussion followed. Chair Diorio suggested letting the Town Attorney know that we would like this soon. T.A. Collins indicated that he is supposed to have a letter to her this week.

Chair Diorio asked how employees know what grade of pay they're on. T.A. Collins indicated that department heads know this information. He suggested it would be good for employees to know, perhaps in July. Selectman Johnson asked if the pay grade is secret or public. Jill indicated they could ask for it, and it is provided to department heads so they can do their budget. It was asked if there is a public document showing grade and minimum range, mid-range, and top range. Chair Diorio thinks all employees should be knowledgeable and informed, it should be provided to them for their own information. T.A. Collins indicated she could highlight that information and give it to them. Chair Diorio acknowledged that that would be helpful.

It was announced that the Board would be going into non-public session. Members of the public left the room.

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6:46 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made **a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)- personnel with Chief Rataj, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat- aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:24 p.m. regular meeting reconvened. Chief Rataj 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.

Documents were signed and T.A. Collins and Kim Worden were excused.

7:27 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made **a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)- personnel with Jack White, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat- aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

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8:17 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

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8:19 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary