

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 24, 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). Kim Worden attended in-person. Chief Rataj, Sean Leary, Bob Truesdell, Wayne Dingman and Jill Decker 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. Chair Diorio noted the schedule may be juggled a bit. He also mentioned problems that Bob Truesdell, Highway Superintendent had encountered over the weekend including that the town fuel pump went down. This affects Fire, Police, School, Highway, Water & Sewer – town vehicles. Bob described that they got it back up and running *temporarily*. An electrician will be back in tomorrow to plumb. Bob will update the State and hopes all that they are doing now will suffice. He described an electrical short, an initial attempt to fix, and creating alternate power. They have a quote of \$4585.35 to replace the leak monitoring system. He described the alternative of daily testing, recording, and reporting to the State. He added that the inside unit is obsolete and they can't get more parts. They could disconnect the pump and fabricate a base or replace the pump. He described the history. In the future they will need to look at this for capital improvement.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 5/24/21; and public and non-public minutes of 5/17/21, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

First presented was an Application for Driveway Permit for Walter Stephens, 20 Spring Street, Map 46 Lot 88 to redo existing driveway. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the Driveway Permit for Stephens, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was an Application for Driveway Permit for Brett Eastman, 90 Monteiro Drive, Map 20 Lot 25-21 to pave existing driveway. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion** to approve the Driveway Permit for Eastman, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

A Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for John Lamay for Tax Year April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022, Northfield Road, Map 6 Lot 6 was presented. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to approve the Notice of Intent, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, an Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Class of 1981 c/o Jim Stanclift for event at Community Center on 8/14/21 was discussed. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion** to approve the Open Container Permit for Class of '81, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

Due to T.A. Collins being away, Kim mentioned that there was a Letter for signatures re: MOU with Friends of Hope Engine Company. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve and sign that letter, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Board Comments:

Selectman Johnson mentioned the Financials and that he likes what is different, starting with the motor vehicle fees and pointed out that now the offset is in there.

Selectman Kondrat wondered about revisiting the mask ordinance: going unmasked for events if fully vaccinated - - except in the Town Hall. Discussion followed which included that there is a feeling that most are comfortable with that and that enforceability is challenging. Selectman Kondrat **made a motion to amend** the Mask Ordinance to recommend it for unvaccinated attendees at events; it is still mandated at Town Hall, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

It was announced that the Board would be going into non-public session with Chief Rataj.

6:15 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made **a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91: A-3, II, (b)- hiring, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Kondrat- aye; Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:39 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Johnson **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.

Chair Diorio announced that they had just hired new Police Officer Jillian Decker and congratulated her.

Selectman Carrier gave an update on the Library. The Assistant Librarian position is now posted. They will maintain status quo re: hours, wearing masks, etc.

Bob Truesdell, Highway Superintendent, updated the Board indicating that he has not been able to do line striping describing the many reasons encountered. Discussion followed. Bob indicated that they will stay on top of it and do it as quickly as they can.

Sean mentioned that the Planning Board also had the solar presentation and there were a few extra slides for them. He will be emailing members to see if they will have a Parks and Rec Meeting this month as he doesn't have the Minutes at this point. Chair Diorio updated him on 14 proposed returns for Pool and Camp combined and 9 proposed new hires combined for a total of 23.

Chair Diorio mentioned that he received a text from Karen Atkins re: concerns of electricity downtown and at the School fields for Art in the Park and Night Before the 4th. Bob added that he found breakers were flipped and thinks it may have been part of the same power surge that he experienced. They will be testing them tomorrow.

Chair Diorio also mentioned that he spoke with the Tax Collector and two previous owners are wanting to repurchase (including payment of fees).

Chair Diorio mentioned the upcoming auctions and wondered if there will be viewings. Selectman Johnson thought that normally the auctioneers would set that up. There was discussion that viewings should be posted and they weren't widely advertised in the past. They would like to be sure viewing is posted well in advance.

Chair Diorio read the appointment and took the oath of Jillian Decker as police officer.

Goals: Chair Diorio suggested discussing social media next (meeting) and another subject tonight as T.A. Collins requested to be present for that discussion. Selectman Kondrat indicated that her intention was *communication* in general. She re-introduced the Troy Town News, talking about events, activities, letter from selectmen, group information, etc. This goes out monthly; they get sponsors-area businesses contribute and she thinks it is cheaper. Discussion followed. That newsletter gets mailed and distributed throughout town. This gives a bigger platform to get information out. It was brought up that T.A. Collins mentioned possibly recording meetings and putting them on YouTube. Bob added that he has watched Winchester's meetings on Facebook Live and those helped him stay informed. Sean added that you can keep them indefinitely with a YouTube channel and can cross link. Sean added that he was allowed to reorganize the town website recently and it is better and easier to navigate. Selectman Carrier asked Sean if he did computer mapping and mentioned a retired person who may be willing to help. Sean is happy to help but would also be okay if there is someone else in mind. Chief Rataj highly suggested that no comments be allowed and gave his reasons. Bob felt either YouTube or Facebook would be easier than trying to get into Zoom. All agreed. Chair Diorio added that the newsletter was a good idea and everyone could look into this and check them out prior to June 21st when it will be discussed further. Selectman Kondrat would like to see things put on the website too for residents to see. She described Swanzy's posting of agenda, draft minutes, minutes, and backup. They also have a TA Memorandum posted that goes in the "packet" as well. Discussion followed on how that could be accomplished and how helpful it would be.

7:18 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.

7:42 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout **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.

7:43 p.m. Selectman Johnson 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.

8:19 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

8:25 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary