

Selectmen's Meeting – Hinsdale Police Department Training Room
Meeting June 7, 2021

Present: Chair Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Richard Johnson, TA Jill Collins and CDC Kathryn Lynch. Selectman Megan Kondrat was excused.

Members of the public present: Chief Charles Rataj, Superintendent Bob Truesdell, Sean Leary, Chief Terry Zavorotny and Ralph Meima-Green Lantern Solar.

Joining Via Zoom: No public joined via zoom.

6:00 pm Chair Diorio called the meeting to order. Selectman Carrier made a motion to approve the manifests dated June 1st and 7th and minutes public and non-public dated May 24, 2021. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Carrier made a motion to approve the open container permit for Smith dated 7/17/21. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the open container permit for the Lion's Club dated 6-25-21. He was seconded by Selectman Carrier. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the water abatement for 122 Meetinghouse Rd. He was seconded by Selectman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the tax abatement for 48 Gunner Way. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the Tax Warrant in the amount of \$2,894,623.27 for the 1st quarter and \$2,894,613.36 for the 2nd quarter of 2021. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the Agreement with James. R St. Jean Auctioneers. He was seconded by Selectman Johnson. Discussion followed: Agreement is the same as last time. Six properties, ads will run in three papers and will run twice. All fees go to the purchaser. Scheduled date of July 17th. TA Collins will ask them to also include the Brattleboro Commons. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the Deed with Covenants for Walter Dascomb. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. Discussion followed: Tax bill was not paid in full and there is an outstanding water bill. TA Collins has sent the owner a letter that both bills need to be brought current. The motion passed unanimously.

TA Collins explained she will need to encumber into the fiscal year 2021-22 the amount of \$25,000 appropriated in the 2020-2021 Town Warrant Article #10 – Replacing Streetlights. We are waiting for final inspection costs so we can get this project under contract. Our hope is the contract will be signed prior to fiscal year end, but would like to encumber these funds in case it is not. Selectman Johnson made a motion to encumber. He was seconded by Selectman Carrier. The motion passed unanimously.

6:15pm Ralph Meima, Director of Development, Green Lantern Solar was present to introduce himself to the Board. He handed out background information and maps of the companies' current solar arrays. He explained that Green Mt. is based out of Waterbury VT. They work throughout the State and into Maine. The focus on medium sized arrays and are under Vermont's net metering program. Due to a possible

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legislation change in NH his company has an agreement with Wayne Corse for the past few years. If the laws change, he would like to install a solar array in the gravel pit at 205 Meetinghouse Rd. This would be a net metered array and provide electricity for any town or school facility. If the law passes, he would come back with a concrete financial offer. In Vermont his company works with Green Mt Power and offers electricity to BMH, Youth Theater, and other places.

Discussion followed: If the law passes, he would need to look at all electric bills from the Town and School to see the amount needed. If they could provide the town and school buildings adequate coverage there would be little to no overage back to the customer. They cannot upsize the array, it is only offered to town or school facilities. The application has passed the preapplication process with Eversource. He will be in touch with Kim or Kathryn with an update on the Law.

TA Collins suggested a few updates to the face covering ordinance. Para two strike outdoor area and outdoor facilities. Para three add and facilities are strongly encouraged and masks are not required while eating. Selectman Johnson asked that they revisit the ordinance in 30-60 days.

TA Collins explained that the Town Clerk will be closed due to vacation the week of July 4th and August 9th – 12th because she does not have a deputy. The TC has posted this on her door, town's website, and Facebook groups. Selectman Johnson asked if residents could go to Winchester in her absence, (no that is for emergency's only). Chair Diorio asked if there are any updates on prospects for the Deputy position, (no). Chair Diorio asked if it could be advertised in other papers like the Reformer or Commons. TA Collins commented that it is hard to find a candidate that is also a resident. Chief Rataj has a suggestion and TA Collins will look into it.

TA Collins explained that the EPA would like to access the McGoldrick Property for the removal action. This is at no cost to the town. They will remove as much as they can. More investigation on the P-fasts will be need in the future at this time they will not be disturbing those. Selectman Carrier made a motion to have the Chair sign the Access Permit. He was seconded by Selectman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

TA Collins explained that a letter was sent regarding the Hope Engine building. There are people willing to be members on a committee. The letter explained that managing the committee would be up to that group. Also that they should be working with Andrew Cushing to become a 501C. TA Collins is willing to help the committee set up a zoom meeting at the CC.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the open container permit for Zavorotny dated June 12th. He was seconded by Selectman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

CDC Lynch was at the meeting to submit the assessors' recommendations for 2020 Abatement Applications. She passed out all of the recommendations from both George E. Sansoucy and M&N Assessors. Selectman Johnson asked it to be looked into to tax the poles that were left after Eversource's updates last year. CDC Lynch will contact Sansoucy's office to see what can be done.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to deny the 2020 Eversource's Abatement Application. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to pass over the Northern NE Telephone Abatement Application. He was seconded by Selectman Carrier. The motion passed unanimously.

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Selectman Johnson made a motion to deny the 2020 Thicket Hill MHC LLC Abatement Application. He was seconded by Selectman Carrier. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to deny the 2020 HCP Abatement Application. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to grant the 2020 O'Connor tax map 25 lot 7-1 Abatement Application. He was seconded by Selectman Carrier. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a motion to grant the 2020 O'Connor tax map 25 lot 7 Abatement Application. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Carrier explained that there was no Conservation Committee meeting this month due to no agenda. He spoke with Curtis Levasseur, he cannot join the Hazard Mitigation meetings because he is not out of work until 5pm. It was suggested that a time be found that will work for Curtis to join the meetings.

Selectman Johnson had not comment.

Selectman Rideout explained that due to lack of an agenda the Parks and Recreation Committee did not meet last month. He would like to request a nonpublic later.

Chair Diorio was happy to say that Art in the Park had over 700 attendants, it was well received. Nice day in the park for families. The electric was checked by Highway Superintendent Truesdell and he thanked him.

New Business

Public Comment: Highway Superintendent Truesdell had no comment. Chief Rataj explained that the department is very busy. They had three car searches this week. New staff is eager and keeping busy. Chief Zavorotny explained that they are busy as well. A fire truck in the shop for repairs.

7:03 pm Selectman Johnson made a motion to enter into a non-public per RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) reputation. He was seconded by Selectmen Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

7:19 pm the meeting reconvened. Selectman Carrier made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

7:20 pm Selectman Carrier made a motion to enter into a non-public per RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) reputation. He was seconded by Selectmen Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

7:22 pm the meeting reconvened. Selectman Johnson made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. He was seconded by Selectman Carrier. The motion passed unanimously.

7:30 pm Selectman Carrier made a motion to enter into a non-public per RSA 91-A:3, II, (b) personnel with Highway Superintendent Truesdell. He was seconded by Selectmen Johnson. The motion passed unanimously. TA Collins and CDC Lynch were excused.

8:04 pm the meeting reconvened. Selectman Johnson made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. He was seconded by Selectman Rideout. The motion passed unanimously.

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8:05pm Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn. He was seconded by Selectman Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

CDC Kathryn Lynch