

Present: Chair Diorio, Selectman Megan Kondrat, Selectman Mike Carrier, and Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Jill Collins and Kim Worden. Selectman Bernie Rideout attempted to connect via Zoom, however was unable to participate. Police Chief Rataj, Sarah Hudon, Sean Leary, and James MacDonell also attended. Bob Truesdell attended briefly.

Senator Jay Kahn and Bill Nebelski, both on the Agenda, were not present.

6:07 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order.

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the manifests of 7/19/21 and 7/26/21 and minutes both public and non-public of 7/12/21 and 7/19/21, second by Kondrat. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye, Kondrat-aye, Carrier-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously. As there was no manifest cover sheet for signing, T.A. Collins will bring that to the next meeting.

New Business:

First presented was a Sewer Abatement for "In Good We Trust", 11 Creampot Hill Road, in the amount of \$515.23 for 2nd quarter 2021 (outside watering, sewer portion abated). Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve the Sewer Abatement for In Good We Trust, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, a Water Commitment in the amount of \$119,788.12 and Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$96,716.40 for 2nd quarter 2021 was presented. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve the 2021 2nd Quarter Water and Sewer Commitments, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Abatements were presented: Public Service of NH dba Eversource; for year 2014 in the amount of \$144,793.47 and for 2016 in the amount of \$133,142.04. T.A. Collins informed the Board that this was regarding settlement from BTLA, it was BTLA's decision, and we have to abate. Discussion followed. T.A. Collins will talk to the attorney to reach out and see if we can credit for 2021. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve both abatements, as stated, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, an Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Linda Torunski at Community Center on 8/28/21 for a Celebration of Life was presented. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the Application for Torunski, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Bob Truesdell, Highway Superintendent was present to update the Board. He indicated that the inspector for the fuel tanks had been there to test below the pumphouse. It failed. He described preliminary options for a leak monitoring system and putting in a sensor and the cost. He was uncertain if it would be enough to pass. He described other options, what would be involved, and their high costs. Discussion included doing necessary capital improvements and a need to put money in reserve for this. Every three years they are tested.

Other updates: Bob met with Accura re: sidewalks. The River Road closure is awaiting FEMA to inspect before doing work. Bob updated the Board on his discussion with Frank Podlenski on the side mount tractor.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to go ahead and buy the tractor for \$5,000.00, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Bob informed the Board that by the end of the day tomorrow, there should be water back (on Northfield Road).

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins reported that property auctioned at Jackson Drive went to the second bidder for \$25,000. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** for the Vice Chair to sign the paperwork, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Diorio-abstained, Kondrat-aye, Carrier-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes.

T.A. Collins gave an update on deeds prepared that she received full payment on. James questioned the Plain Road property and she responded that she combined land and mobile home into one deed. The (auctioned property) deeds to be signed were for Oak Hill Road, Plain Road, Brattleboro Road, and Monument Road. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to sign the four deeds, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m. Public Hearing began and Chair Diorio read the following notice:

**Notice of Public Hearing
Town of Hinsdale, New Hampshire**

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of the Town of Hinsdale will conduct a public hearing on **Monday, July 26, 2021, starting at 6:30 p.m.** at the Hinsdale Police Department Training Room, 10 Main St, Hinsdale, NH to accept testimony regarding the following matters:

To accept testimony in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, regarding the acceptance of unanticipated monies in the amount of \$204,511.23 or more, to be allocated from Distribution of Local Fiscal Recover Funds (LFRF) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to be used for eligible activities.

Questions are to be addressed to the Hinsdale Town Hall, Office of the Selectmen, 11 Main Street, Hinsdale, New Hampshire. Individuals having special needs covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act should notify the Selectmen's Office at least 5 days prior.

T.A. Collins stated that money will be allocated by the State of New Hampshire. This is for infrastructure, economic development, and a number of other things. If we don't accept it, the State will keep it. There is hope that this could help offset cost of water lines as drilling alone is approximately \$111,000. She was uncertain as to the amount for connections. She began the application process and will need the *Assurances of Compliance* to be signed by the Chair and a signature for acceptance and reporting to the U.S. Dept. of Treasury.

There were no public comments or questions.

6:33 p.m. Public Hearing Closed.

Following the Public Hearing, Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to accept \$204,511.23, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to sign the two documents assuring compliance (re: the Public Hearing), second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins gave an update on River Road to include that Mike Vignale came down and viewed the damage and gave suggestions. Some trees were cut; FEMA will be coming and they need to move on taking care of the road. She will check on status tomorrow. Thankfully the water line is on the opposite side.

T.A. Collins indicated that they are almost done with the water main project and will be starting the sidewalk project. She is getting ready for the audit: Thursday is the "test day" for audits and they will be here Labor Day week to work on the audit. Selectman Johnson asked about the undesignated fund balance and whether it was as of June 30, 2020. Her answer was yes. It was noted that they kept the absolute minimum there and the balance was used to pay down the taxes. She explained that "committed" has to do with projects. Selectman Johnson asked how soon we will know the numbers for 6/30/21 and she replied in the Fall, perhaps the end of September. Selectman Johnson asked about putting the tax breakdown information on the website.

Board Comments:

Selectman Carrier attended a Library Trustee Meeting. T.A. Collins added that she had given Alan information of available monies to apply for and she will send Selectman Carrier an email with that information.

Selectman Kondrat noted she will be away for the next meeting. She suggested revisiting communication goals and coming up with the next topic.

Selectman Johnson will be away the 9th and 16th.

T.A. Collins will be away the 23rd. She suggested tours of our buildings and getting ideas for capital improvements. September was suggested as a possibility for that.

Chair Diorio attended the Parks and Rec meeting last week. They were reviewing policies and procedures, specifically treasurer's procedure. He added that they had a pretty good outside meeting.

Citizen Comments:

Sean Leary noted that he was away for work during the Parks and Rec Meeting. The Planning Board Meeting consisted of approving minutes. They are now required to hold twice per month meetings. School Board expects to receive the unassigned fund balance information on 8/18 and can put on the agenda to discuss a joint meeting with both boards. He would like information as to discussion topics, ideas and setting a date. T.A. Collins suggested budget as a possible agenda item.

Chief Rataj thanked Sean for his help recently with providing drone assistance. Chief updated that he was hoping to have a candidate for the academy soon but that didn't work out. He is moving his schedule a bit in hopes to do something with local kids. The possibility of some grant money was mentioned. They are close to the grant-writing

phase of funding for a program re: social work with kids. He mentioned detail money, last week providing 104 hours for \$3952.00. Selectman Johnson asked the status on the cruisers. Chief Rataj indicated they are very close, waiting for a title then ready to go for detail. One is on the lot now and they are ready to order the next two with a four-month turnaround. One out-of-commission vehicle is being used for parts.

James MacDonell discussed possibilities for the next round of auctions. He described one property on Old Chesterfield Road, on a parcel between 195 and 213 Old Chesterfield Road where there was a subdivision approved in 1988. This has 154 feet of frontage (21-3-2). He added that the Town has had it for 20 years.

He mentioned 102 Prospect Street. T.A. Collins added that it is in the process of eviction and will be available for sale.

He mentioned 128 Plain Road which we took in 2017. T.A. Collins added that she had talked to the Board about that property and an idea for that.

He also mentioned a dirt lot on Canal Street in the business district with frontage (two houses have right of way). All other properties owned are park, forest, or town buildings. Discussion followed.

Chair Diorio indicated that August 9th is the goal date to have a list of these properties.

James suggested further discussion in a non-public re: reputation.

7:06 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion to enter into non-public session** with James MacDonell under RSA 91: A-3, II, (c)- reputation, second by Johnson. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:55 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

7:55 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to enter into non-public session** with James MacDonell under RSA 91: A-3, II, (a)- personnel, second by Kondrat. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Johnson made a **motion to seal** the non-public minutes re: (c) reputation, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Kondrat-aye; and Johnson-aye.

8:05 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to seal** the non-public minutes re: (a) personnel, second by Johnson. The vote is as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Kondrat-aye; and Johnson-aye.

8:06 p.m. Selectman Kondrat made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary