

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2021 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman Megan Kondrat, Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden. Sean Leary, Kathryn Lynch, and Chief Rataj also attended.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 10/12/21 and 10/18/2021; and public and non-public minutes of 10/4/21, 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 Land Use Change Tax for Richard and Wendy Parent and Heath Mink was presented. This was a partial release for Map 25, Lot 007 on Plain Road. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to approve the Land Use Change Tax**, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Collins indicated that since she is just returning from vacation, she will email the Board tomorrow with an update of what's going on. She will be doing Budget entry work. Selectman Johnson asked if she has received anything from the auditors yet. She has not.

Board Comments:

Selectman Johnson asked about the sidewalk project status. T.A. Collins indicated they will be back in the Spring to finish the area from School Street to Pleasant Street due to change order delays. He also asked about the Street Light Project. T.A. Collins responded that that has been going on and some lights do not have good wiring; pictures of those have been taken and sent to Eversource; and the project is nearly complete except near the sidewalk project.

Selectman Carrier spoke of the town cleanup on the 10th. Hopefully by Spring there will be more interest and ideas. He noted that Casey Piehl and Jillian Decker of HPD, and Alec Fleming, Troy Benedict, and Taran Benedict of HFD, did an outstanding job of cleanup near the bridges. Selectman Carrier also updated the Board on the Library Trustee meeting and indicated that Nikki Ebbighausen has been hired as Assistant Librarian.

Chair Diorio mentioned that there was prior discussion on a position for website assistance and a \$2500 stipend was approved. Sean Leary has kindly volunteered in the past, has accepted this offer, and the Board is very grateful.

Citizen Comments:

Sean Leary mentioned a Planning Board Meeting tomorrow evening which will include an action plan for the Master Plan. Parks and Rec will meet next week. He has stepped down as School Board Chairman and Holly Kennedy is now Chair. Holly and Jim O'Malley will share the representation to the Select Board.

Chief Rataj mentioned concerns with equipment for the two new cruisers due to covid delays and cost increases on radios and electronics. He is about \$8000 short on outfitting them but is working on that matter. He indicated that he will be back to ask to move someone's vacation time from this year to next due to someone being out and due to scheduling issues. For trash, he has a 3-tiered plan of attack: 1) Plans for officers to be out and cleanup the Rt. 119 corridor; 2) Having zero tolerance PD Policy on dumping and littering; 3) Exploring the Ordinance in handing out heavier penalties. They are working with the Prosecutor's Office for prosecuting more crimes. Selectman Carrier added that the Chief is planning on doing interview boards next week and asked permission to represent the Selectmen. All agreed.

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Public Hearing

6:15 p.m. The Public Hearing began re: the following:

Chair Diorio read the Notice of Public Hearing on Monday October 18, 2021 starting at 6:15 p.m. at the Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room, 11 Main St., Hinsdale NH to accept testimony regarding the following matter:

To accept testimony in accordance with RSA 31:95-b, regarding the acceptance of unanticipated monies in the amount of \$50,143.23 or more, to be allocated from County of Cheshire, New Hampshire Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds County ARPA Municipal Supplement.

T.A. Collins added that this needed support if over \$5,000.00. Chair Diorio has a contract to be signed with the Board's approval. There are the same stipulations and contingencies as the prior amount and this will be added to the \$209,000.

Sean Leary asked what stipulations. Discussion followed on water infrastructure and the possibility of replenishing those funds. T.A. Collins added that motor vehicle registrations were down giving examples of campers and second vehicles not being registered.

6:18 p.m. Public portion closed.

Selectman Rideout made a **motion to accept the funds and sign the contract**, second by Carrier. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; and Kondrat-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

Public Hearing concluded at 6:19 p.m.

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6:19 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Kondrat. Motion passes unanimously.

Board adjourned and attended the Open House and Public Informational Session for Next Era (Chariot Solar) upstairs in the Auditorium.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary