

## *Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, November 8, 2021 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall Community Room

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Richard Johnson; T.A. Collins and Kim Worden. Selectman Carrier was excused. Bob Truesdell, Chief Rataj, and Holly Kennedy also attended.

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order.

Selectman Johnson made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 11/8/2021; and public and non-public minutes of 11/01/21 second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; and Johnson-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

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### *New Business:*

First presented was a Hinsdale Town Hall Facility Rental Request for Sunday December 5, 2021 for Fire Department Children's Christmas Party. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** and for the Chair to sign the Rental Request for the Fire Department Children's Christmas Party, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, a 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sewer Abatement for *In Good We Trust* at 11 Creampot Hill in the amount of \$230.31 for outside watering was presented. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to approve** the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Sewer Abatement for In Good We Trust, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Finally, a 2021 Sewer Abatement for *Pelloni* at 45 Northfield Road in the amount of \$89.35 for outside watering was presented. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Sewer Abatement for Pelloni, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

### *T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Collins gave the following update:

- Budgets are almost done. She will finish them and deliver them tomorrow.
- Next Era plans to donate \$1000 to the Food Pantry and \$1000 for the Fire Department Children's Christmas Party.
- Veteran's Day is Thursday. Town Offices and most departments will be closed.
- Next Wednesday, she and Kathryn will attend the NH Municipal Association conference.

Chair Diorio asked about the sidewalk project status. T.A. Collins indicated that curbing is being worked on; paving will take place this week; they will finish by the school and downtown to Prospect Street; and place a beacon by mid-November to return in the Spring to finish.

Chair Diorio asked about the status of the Boat Landing Project on Prospect Street. T.A. Collins responded that this is tied in with the 2022 bridge project work.

T.A. Collins also mentioned that she will work on a letter to the State (William Lambert and Peter Stamnas, with a cc: to Deborah George) re: neutrality on the blinking light matter, while also conveying a safety concern. Attorney Ratigan will review the letter prior to signature of the Board. Bridge staging was discussed.

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*Board Comments:*

Selectman Rideout wanted to bring forward to Jill and the Board that there should be an engineering discussion on possible sewer infrastructure in the commercial area in light of further money availability. Discussion followed to include that this has not passed in the Senate.

Selectman Johnson will be the new School Board Representative and plans to attend the meeting on Wednesday.

Chair Diorio added that Selectman Carrier has agreed to be the Planning Board Rep. Chair Diorio noted that there will be a Fire Department Building Committee Meeting tomorrow night and he understands that the engineer will be there. T.A. Collins added that Mike Vignale was planning to be there.

T.A. Collins commented on the wall work near the PD. Chief Rataj acknowledged that Nick Shaink had donated money and the work was being done by George Newman. T.A. Collins also commented on the new LED lights downtown.

*Citizen Comments:*

Chief Rataj discussed that we currently have two operational cruisers. One cruiser is at L&O. Cost will be about \$3000 to \$4000 for repair and to get it operational and expects that next week we will be back up to three cruisers. It will be six weeks out before receipt of the new one. He has also called Dodge to get a quote on an AWD Charger. They will be getting back to him and he will come back to the Board with that information. He was thanked for keeping the Board updated.

Holly Kennedy, School Board Rep. stated that she wanted to clarify that Selectman Johnson would be the representative. She informed him that the meeting would start at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday at the S.A.U. and masks are required. She understood that a couple weeks ago information was given out on a school tax rate which was incorrect. Jill responded that she estimated the tax rate according to what was in the Town Meeting information. Holly just wanted to clarify where the numbers came from and Jill discussed her estimates.

Chair Diorio noted that the Board would be entering into non-public. Members of the public left the meeting.

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6:23 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91: A-3, II, (e)- negotiation, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; and Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:31 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout **made a motion to seal** the non-public minutes, second by Johnson. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; and Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

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6:32 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91: A-3, II, (a)- personnel, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio–aye; Johnson–aye; and Rideout–aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:39 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Rideout **made a motion to accept** Robert Johnson's resignation and retirement, with regret, second by Johnson. The vote was as follows: Diorio–aye; Johnson–aye; and Rideout–aye. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Collins mentioned she would need to schedule a Public Hearing re: Water and Sewer rate increases.

6:42 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a **motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91: A-3, II, (a)- personnel, second by Johnson. The vote was as follows: Diorio–aye; Johnson–aye; and Rideout–aye. Motion passes unanimously. T.A. Collins and Kim Worden were excused.

6:58 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

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

6:59 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary