

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Police Department Training Room

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Richard Johnson and Selectman Mike Carrier and Selectman William Hodgman. Also present were Kim Worden, Ann Diorio and Jodie Holmquist. Others present were: Dennis Nadeau, Dan Seymour, Karen Johnson, Sean Leary, Alex Duso, Bill Nebelski, Kenny Howe, Bob Truesdell, Wayne Dingman, Julie Seymour, Mike Bomba, and April Anderson.

5:45 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order for Selectmen discussion with Bob Truesdell on the Transfer Station. Bob and Kathryn had worked on three proposals and Bob detailed all three in light of finding that curbside pickup will not be continuing as it has in the past (no contract option). He discussed at length the proposals indicating that they would have to run it for a year in order to evaluate. For 2022-2023 curbside and transfer station expense was \$414,456.00. After pay-per-bag and transfer station revenue, the total cost was about \$250,777. The total cost on the three proposals were \$121,141.00 (Proposal 1 with 2 Full Time Employees), \$95,343.00 (Proposal 2 with 1 Full Time Transfer Station Employee, and 1 Part-Time Transfer Station Employee), and \$69,545.00 (Proposal 3 with Two Part-time Employees). Discussion included revenue ideas, increased volume, the need for two people (one to run the scale and the other to run the yard, and for safety). Bob felt they should have it open a minimum of three days with one late night. Selectman Johnson thought going smaller was better with fine tuning it; Selectman Hodgman felt the numbers work with overall decrease and are less than what we currently pay. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to move forward with Proposal 2** at cost of \$95,343.00 (1 Full Time Employee and 1 Part-Time) to approve Transfer Station Budget at \$307,253.00, second by Rideout. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously. Following further discussion, Bob will email the Board potential bids.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of January 2, 2024 and the public minutes of December 26, 2023 second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to accept** the Asset Management Grant of \$30,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

[6:17 p.m. Budget Committee was called to order.]

Tax Collector:

Tax Collector Budget was discussed and request was adjusted to \$50,107.81 due to Town Clerk and Tax Collector Budgets (3 positions) not properly expensed in the past and being corrected for the coming year. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to tentatively approve Tax Collector Budget at \$50,107.81, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Budget Committee TA'd this.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk budget added two hours per week for Deputy Town Clerk. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to tentatively approve Town Clerk budget at \$126,042.76, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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RR:

After discussion with Budget Committee on fine details and fees to make sure expenses are covered; and that only three households used the hazardous waste service; Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to adjust Household Hazardous Waste line to \$1.00, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Police Department:

It was discussed that this was previously reduced by T.A. Lynch by \$13,000 for cleaning service and by \$2500 for Water & Sewer. There was extensive discussion on Facilities Maintenance and repair position to town owned buildings. Chief Rataj was not present.

Government Buildings:

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to tentatively approve Government Buildings at \$140,267.20, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

PD (again)

There was further mention that this was TA'd at 1,747,350.96 on 12/18/23. Budget previously TA'd this also. Dan Seymour voiced concerns with this budget. Budget Committee would like to revisit this budget next week with Chief Rataj present.

Public Comment:

Bill Nebelski clarified his support of a position.

Karen Johnson asked for clarification of Janitors salary for Library and Highway. She will check with T.A. Lynch upon her return.

Board Comments:

Selectman Hodgman mentioned that the Fire Department Building Committee will be interviewing an engineer the week of the 9th.

Selectman Carrier will have a Conservation Committee Meeting.

It was agreed that the Budget Committee will join the Select Board Meeting at 6:30 next Monday at the Town Hall.

[7:32 Budget Committee adjourned.]

7:32 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary