

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, Selectman William Hodgman and Selectman Richard Johnson. Also present were Kim Worden, Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, Finance Director Jodie Holmquist, Sean Leary, Ruthann Rideout, Bob Truesdell, Kaylee Howe, Jessica Green, Todd Page, and Josh Green.

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

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifest of March 11, 2024 and the public and non-public minutes of March 4, 2024 second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Diorio reminded the Board that elections are tomorrow and discussion followed on availabilities at the polls.

New Business:

A Deed without Covenants for 21 Paddock Park property and for 6 Gateway Drive Property were presented due to full payments being made. T.A. Lynch has one more coming soon and sent a letter to the two remaining tax deeded parcels regarding last attempts.

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to sign both Deeds without Covenants, second by Hodgman. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented was a Tax Abatement for 8 Robbins for 2023 in the amount of \$928.14 due to a mobile home being moved and never removed from taxes. Discussion followed. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to abate \$928.14, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

Elections are tomorrow.

Search proved that a survey is needed and Accurate Title recommends that in order to move forward for land on Old Chesterfield Road.

Information was received from the Town Attorney related to amendments on the floor, budget, and Right to Know Request. If the operating budget is amended on the floor and specifically states not to fund the Transfer Station and decreases the amount, then there is no choice but to not fund it. If the operational budget amount is reduced, with no explanation of from where in the motion, then the Transfer Station will still be funded but the overall operational budget would be reduced.

Due to changes with Casella, it prompted the need to update our dumpster ordinance, which is now called container ordinance. A public hearing is being scheduled. Discussion followed on recent information from Casella. Selectman Johnson reiterated that they presented us with a scenario that is not feasible for Hinsdale

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and service will be there if residents choose to use the services.

Josh and Bob are working on updating our ordinance. Bob had good news: he found that the container with tires is a compactor box and bought a shipping container instead for \$2700 (vs. 12,000).

Board Comments:

Selectman Hodgman mentioned there was a School Budget Forum. Apparently, there was a mistake on the MS-27 where state revenues were not included. If revenue was comparable to last year, the amount to be raised by taxes is estimated at 9.1 million (24+% hike).

Selectman Johnson wanted a statement for the record: "I want to state, for the record, that the Selectboard has not voted to change the staffing of Town Hall by adding a permanent, part-time position".

Selectman Carrier thanked all for the moment of silence and prayers for the Major family.

Todd Page from Mt. Pisgah ATV Club was present. He was asking for road access for ATV's from the bottom of Streeter Hill to T-Bird on a year-to-year basis. He spoke of their club having good trail patrol, they have cleaned up trails, are willing to chase down offenders if needed, and have approval from Chief Rataj. They have a CO officer on board with this, and indicated that DOT says they can do road crossing if they get approval. This would be out of a driveway and less than a mile to T-Bird. They make sure there is appropriate eye protection and helmets, OHRV stickers are on all, and comply with road laws. They are also responsible for signage. Selectman Johnson indicated that he is not opposed to this but there is a need to document it, get it in writing, run it by the Town Attorney in order to do it right. Todd was asked to get a letter of support from all including T-Bird, and driveway land owner, Bob Harcke. Todd thinks it would be good for the Town; eventually they would like to purchase an access to the rail trail; with this being the first step to see if it will work. Selectman Hodgman added that Hinsdale has established itself on outdoor recreation, it is being done in many other places where there are ATV shared roads. He would also like to make sure we are following the legal route. Bob Truesdell was asked if he had concerns and he responded that there used to be trail access which created a lot of erosion. That would be his concern. Todd responded that this was one of the reasons they want to use the driveway. Todd will collect letters of support.

Citizen Comments:

Josh suggested having a (\$5) dump sticker table at Town Meeting for those that wanted to get one in advance. Bob responded that the new stickers are not in yet.

Selectman Hodgman suggested perhaps waiving that dump sticker fee for this year. Discussion followed. Bob mentioned again the idea of a *punch card* to offset the sticker fee and lack of free dump day by allowing free disposal of certain items (that ordinarily would have a disposal cost) with ticket punch.

Selectman Johnson asked about the letter to representatives. T.A. Lynch is still working on that.

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The Board mentioned going into a non-public. Members of the public left the meeting.

6:34 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)-personnel, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:27 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

7:27 p.m. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to seal** the non-public minutes, second by Hodgman. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:27 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Hodgman. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.
Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary