

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 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, Acting Chief Melissa Evans, Josh Green and Jessica Green.

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

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifest of April 22, 2024 and the April 15, 2024 public and non-public minutes, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

New Business:

The five Police Department Mission Statement entries were reviewed and voted on. #4 was selected by three selectmen and #3 was selected by one. The winning entry: *"To protect and serve our community with integrity, professionalism, and compassion, ensuring the safety and well-being of all citizens through proactive policing and community partnerships."* This entry was submitted by Sgt. Gosetti and Officer Cooper.

First presented was the Delinquent Water Payment and Discontinuance of Water Service Notice to be sent out tomorrow. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to sign the Notice, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, there was a Notice of Intent to Excavate (4/1/24-3/31/25) and Warrant for Collection of Taxes for Michael Renaud, Map 19 Lot 19, Brattleboro Road. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve the Notice of Intent and Warrant, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

The Walmart Settlement Agreement was presented. T.A. Lynch clarified that she inadvertently stated \$18,275,000 last week and it should be \$18,250,000 that we settled on. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to sign the Walmart Settlement Agreement for \$18,250,000, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch spoke on the Police Budgetary needs after mentioning the municipal financial meeting that she and Jodie attended. The Board's approval is not needed unless it's a transfer between departments. They need six computers at \$10,006.00 Line item is Computers and will have \$4636.29 remaining balance. There will be enough to cover the rest of the year's computer needs. Phones at \$9,538.99. The line item is Phones and will have -\$6628.25 to be covered with \$4500 Animal Control MHS, \$2129 Water/Sewer Rent. Selectman Rideout questioned the number of phones and they were counted out a couple of times. Copier quote was \$5205.99. Acting Chief Evans mentioned that she found they don't service that one and she got a new quote for \$4599.00 for a better machine (same brand and does color). This will be Office Equipment line item. The Audit of \$3575 will be under line item Special Investigations. -\$6608.36 will be covered with full time salary. Even though it isn't necessary to get Board approval, they felt it was good practice and appreciated it.

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The Wastewater Treatment Plant received a grant from Clean Water SRF Grant Program for \$30,000 for Asset Management of the WWTP. They are finishing up paperwork and need a motion to accept the grant. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to accept the \$30,000 grant from Clean Water SRF Grant Program for Asset Management, second by Johnson. . The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch applied to the Holt Grant for *Clock Tower Phase 1*. Valley Restoration out of Litchfield CT will be on site April 24th for Clock Tower work. They will gain access using a rented 135' boom lift; remove (4) clock hands; inspect clock for further restoration; inspect tower and tower roof; add temporary sealant to any water penetration areas. Police Detail will be scheduled with Acting Chief Evans. They will invoice us after. Selectman Carrier asked that she put something on the website regarding traffic limitations.

T.A. Lynch has advertised Invitation to bid on properties at 101 Fox Run Road, assessed at \$24,000 and 21-3-2 Old Chesterfield Road, assessed at \$45,100. She had no bids on the parcel adjacent to Taryn Lane (off Pond Road) from the interested developer as he thought the price was too high.

T.A. Lynch discussed that Sansoucy recommended considering a statistical update to bring out equalization rate closer to 100%. As it stands right now, we are at 83% and losing hundreds of thousands of dollars annually in missed value. An update would cost approximately \$40,000. Discussion followed on that.

She will have a non-public for hiring.

Board Comments:

Selectman Hodgman met with Parks & Rec individuals and they held seven interviews. It is looking good for camp staff and life guards. Camp sign-ups are ongoing and many more are expected next month.

Selectman Johnson spent time at the Transfer Station on Saturday looking around. He extended kudos to the Highway Department and Bob. He asked if there was any news this week on River Road. T.A. Lynch responded there was no news.

Selectman Carrier attended a Library Trustee Meeting on Wednesday. They have been having phone trouble, which he learned has since been resolved.

Chair Diorio also spent time at the Transfer Station and stated that it's looking great. He mentioned the upcoming Fire Department Building Committee Meeting. Selectman Hodgman confirmed that it is scheduled for April 30th at 3 at the Fire Station.

Selectman Rideout had a Planning Board Meeting last Tuesday that he indicated went very well. He added that they invited Rick and construction people. Josh Green added that they asked Rick to reach out to developers so the Board could ask questions as to why they are choosing not to build in town, what are the issues, concerns, etc. Selectman Hodgman added that there are two RSAs that he can forward targeted

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toward commercial development, allowing tax breaks for a number of years, structured for certain projects. He thinks this would be a huge incentive for developers and something that could be considered for looking into next year.

Citizen Comments:

Josh Green found that for the month of March, the median home sale price in New Hampshire is \$500,000 with interest rates increasing recently too.

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

6:36 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II, (e)-negotiation, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

6:52 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to seal** the non-public minutes, *due to the fact that divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself*, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye; Rideout-aye and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:53 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II, (b)-hiring, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

6:54 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

6:54 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary