

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 29, 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, Jessica Green, Bob Truesdell and Kaylee Howe.

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

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifest of April 29, 2024 and the April 22, 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 1st Quarter 2024 Water Commitment in the amount of \$107,252.52 and the 1st Quarter 2024 Sewer Commitment in the amount of \$96,607.21 were presented for approval. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve 1st Quarter 2024 Water and Sewer Commitments, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, a Water Abatement for Beverly Bernier for the 1st quarter 2024 was presented in the amount of \$44.55 re: right-of-way (well). Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to approve the 1st Quarter 2024 Water Abatement for Bernier, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

A Tax Abatement for Leighann Cwikowski for 3rd and 4th quarter 2023 re: 30 Gunnar Way was presented. It was mentioned that this is in the Thicket Hill Campground, and she was charged for an outbuilding that is no longer there. Selectman Johnson made a **motion to approve** the abatement for Cwikowski, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

A new contract, 2027 Full Statistical Update Revaluation Contract with Vision Government Solutions, Inc. was discussed for approval. Selectman Hodgman pointed out that under the compensation section the written amount differed from the numerical amount: "Two Hundred Fifty Dollars per hour (\$200/hour)". Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to approve and sign the contract with correction stated, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

The following three Applications for Open Container were presented and approved:

- 1) Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Marc Sprague on 6/1/24 at the Community Center for graduation party;
- 2) Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Sarah Hudon on 5/4/24 at the Community Center for Wedding;
- 3) Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Wayne Dingman, Jr. on 11/16/24 at the Community Center for Birthday

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve all three Applications for Open Container/Alcohol Permits, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

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T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Lynch explained that she would need the Board to vote to authorize her to sign paperwork re: the WWTP Asset Management Grant. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to authorize Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch to sign paperwork pertaining to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Asset Management Grant, second by Hodgman. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

She handed out information on the Clock Tower received from Valley Restoration LLC and indicated that this will need to go to Town Meeting and she will be looking into grants for this work. The work needed is quoted at \$252,293.00. \$64,000 is just for staging. They took a lot of pictures while up there removing clock hands. Hands were wooden and will be replaced with aluminum. She applied for a grant for the hand replacement portion in the amount of \$18,895.00. Discussion followed. T.A. Lynch will forward a copy of the information to the Board.

Senator Shaheen's Office put the Town in touch with Director Buxton from NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management to assist with BRIC Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant. She will be meeting with Director Buxton this week (FEMA-River Road).

The Select Board Meeting will start at the Transfer Station on May 6th. On May 13th it will commence at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

T.A. Lynch mentioned that the Town Attorney sent along the same guidelines at Acting Chief Evans, on RSA 215: A:6, which state "must have public hearing 14 days in advance in a public location in the city or town and notification to abutters by verified mail pursuant to RSA. Selectmen may authorize the use of sidewalks and Class IV, Class V highways for use by OHRV's. The petitioner shall bear the expense of verified mail notifications to abutters of property for which OHRV use is sought." Also included State of NH DOT Office of the Commissioner Declaration Ruling No. 2016-01 Approval and Regulation of OHRV Trail Crossing within the State Highway Right of Ways, attached which state:

"The Selectmen have the authority and responsibility to review this proposed OHRV use on Town's Monument Rd. , which is where this particular off-road OHRV trail connects to near Lot 77 on Monument Rd., and then to use the left turn portion of Monument Rd. down to a portion of the Town's Old Brattleboro, following which they would be able to make a left hand turn at the end on Monument Rd. onto Old Brattleboro Rd., which would lead them down to the State's Brattleboro Rd., which they are separately seeking authority from the State to be able to cross Brattleboro Rd. from that Old Brattleboro Rd. location to the convenience state/gas station that's across Brattleboro Rd."

The difference being that this regulation is from trail to trail.

T.A. Lynch added that Todd Page stopped by her office to verify the list of abutters. He still has no approval from NH DOT to cross Rt. 119. A Public Hearing is set for May 20th at the Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. Certified notices to abutters will go out, and public hearing notice will be put in the newspaper, all paid for by Mt. Pisgah Club.

Discussion followed. Selectman Johnson would like to have this run by Primex.

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T.A. Lynch met with Jon Ashley from Dubois and King pertaining to the application for Clear Water SRF, providing a quote of needs at the WWTP for the first feasibility study. They are getting information together to do a quote.

She will be advertising again for Full Time Transfer Station employment, noting that one application came in today. She will also advertise again for the Sports Director position.

T.A. Lynch and Jodie will attend the NHGFOA Conference in Whitefield NH on May 2nd and 3rd.

She will get the Board paperwork in order to begin her review. The proposed Summer Meeting Schedule for off nights (No Meetings) will be 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5, 8/19, and 9/2 (Labor Day). She will email that to the Board.

Jodie met with GWorks today and she expressed her displeasure to them for taking so long. They indicate that on 5/20 we will be put into the cloud. They are working on payroll (entering by hand) to get NHRS' blessing which is extremely important and complicated. Jodie hopes March financials can be out next week. Reports will need a little tweaking but they are finally making good progress as it's been a long and frustrating journey.

Board Comments:

Chair Diorio will be going to a meeting in Concord tomorrow with T.A. Lynch, Michael Bergeron, and Bob Harcke to talk about the future vacancy of the HCP building.

Selectman Hodgman will have a Fire Department Building Committee Meeting tomorrow.

Selectman Rideout mentioned that he talked with Bob Harcke on the phone and there will be two developers attending the next Planning Board meeting.

Citizen Comments:

Bob Truesdell informed the Board that the scale is up and in place at the Transfer Station and ready to go this weekend.

Acting Chief Evans mentioned that they got the Evidence Room Audit done and the auditor got them a free wireless scanner today. They are getting back to pre-covid numbers and are very busy. She expressed appreciation for supporting the department. She is excited to have two officers out of the Academy soon.

6:28 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary