

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024 meeting began at Transfer Station and resumed 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 Police Chief Melissa Evans, Sgt. Gosetti (for Transfer Station visit only), Joshua Green, Jessica Green, Wayne Dingman, Bob Truesdell, Casey Truesdell, Kaylee Howe, Allan and Frances Boucher.

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order at the Transfer Station for a site visit. Bob Truesdell gave a tour of the newly reorganized Transfer Station. He pointed out the new scale and newly added deck (tickets will be issued to each person and no one will be out of their vehicle while on scale); new bin to drop off clothing (Veteran owned company); recycling area to the right of scale; area for free metals; area for leaves, yard waste and compost (free); place for tires; place for corrugated card board and aluminum cans (free); and place for electronics. They repurposed the roof and siding on that building. There is a container for glass and commingled plastics and a container for loose paper (all three are free). Waste oil is also collected for free. Brush (5" and under) and pallets are also taken for free. Bob added that they also take propane tanks, car batteries, tires, white goods and electrical (for a fee).

6:21 p.m. meeting reconvened at Town Hall. Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 5/6/24 and public minutes of 4/29/24, second by Rideout. Selectman Carrier had a question on the payment to Firematic on the manifest for past due invoices that went back to 2022. Jodie responded that it was before she was here but she received the invoice, questioned it, and requested all copies. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

A handout was given to the Board on the Tax Collector's new office hours. Selectman Rideout questioned whether she can change hours without first coming to the Board. The answer was yes. There was also a question on whether and where new hours were posted.

New Business:

There were appointments presented for Jessica Green to the Rec Committee and Jessica Green as Alternate on the Board of Adjustments. Selectman Hodgman had a question as to whether appointments are coming from the boards. T.A. Lynch responded that Ann brought Parks and Rec to us and Zoning had a meeting. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to appoint Jessica Green to the Rec Committee, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to appoint Jessica Green as alternate on the Board of Adjustment, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously. Jessica Green was sworn in by Chair Diorio.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Lynch spoke with Director Buxton on Wednesday and he explained that there is mitigation money to fix River Road. He is reaching out to Region 1 Deputy Administrator FEMA and she expects to hear from him soon on how to proceed.

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The summer bond rate application (for all three bonds) has been submitted.

T.A. Lynch mentioned that the meeting in Concord went well and included lots of information and contacts. They will work with HEDC to help promote 600+ acres in Hinsdale for development.

T.A. Lynch requested permission to attend meeting at BTLA and make decisions on behalf of the Town regarding Eversource on May 22nd. Thirty other communities are participating. Josh will also attend. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to allow T.A. Lynch to go to BTLA and make decisions on behalf of the Town re: Eversource on May 22nd, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch mentioned that she will be applying for an energy audit of Town Hall. The total cost is \$4500 with 75% to be paid by grant and 25% paid by Town (Town to pay \$1125). This is the first step in applying for heating and electrical grants for the Town Hall. This sets us up for all types of heating and electrical grants and should be completed by December 2024. Selectman Hodgman thinks a CNA (Capital Needs Assessment) for the building should be considered, for now, and in five years, etc. Discussion followed. All thought that was a good idea and she can also look into funding for a CNA grant. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to give T.A. Lynch permission to apply for the energy audit, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch has been contacted by St. Jean Auctioneers. They will be here on June 15th, upstairs at Town Hall. She will need permission to sign documents of authority for that day only. The Board still makes final decision(s). Discussion on the properties followed. The auctioneer will give her something to post on the website, send brochures to abutters, and advertise. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to allow T.A. Lynch to sign necessary documents on auction day, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Frances Boucher read a statement she provided regarding a situation they'd like the Board to look into near the area of Monument, Hastings Circle and Rosemont Drive. She indicated that she lives on Hastings Circle and spoke of concerns, following torrential rainfall, with water seeping into and draining into their basement. She indicated that neighbors have similar problems and provided a couple of statements from neighbors. She spoke of places on Monument Road where culverts previously existed and were later removed. She indicated that neighbors want a meeting and consideration of what can be done. She added that the issue needs to be resolved in some way and wants consideration as to how the town will resolve this issue. She was thanked for coming in and told the Board will take this under advisement.

Board Comments:

Selectman Hodgman had a recent School Board Meeting.

Selectman Johnson has a Cemetery Committee Meeting tomorrow.

Selectman Carrier had a scheduled Conservation Meeting; however, it did not take place.

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

6:47 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.

7:10 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

7:11 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II, (a)-personnel, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

7:27 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

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

7:28 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary