

*Select Board Meeting Minutes*

*Monday, June 3, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Police Department – Training Room*

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Richard Johnson, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman William Hodgman, and Selectman Mike Carrier. Also present were Kim Worden, Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, Finance Director Jodie Holmquist, Ann Diorio and Sean Leary.

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

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifest of May 5/28/24 and 6/3/24 and the public minutes of May 20, 2024 second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

It was noted that the Town Clerk rescheduled and will not be present tonight.

*New Business:*

First presented was a Tax Abatement for Tom Blaney re: 37 Gunnar Way, in the amount of \$6.00 for 2024 (taxed for outbuilding no longer on parcel). Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to approve the Tax Abatement re: 37 Gunnar Way, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Next presented were two Tax Abatements for Dave Coretto of Waterbury CT re: 72A Liza Way, in the amounts of 9.83 for 2024 and \$37.48 for 2023 (no outbuilding). Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to approve the two abatements re: Coretto, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

A Vendor Permit Application for Dawn Hastings, Street Eats LLC d/b/a Grill Shack to be located at 801 Brattleboro Road, Hinsdale was presented. Following a question and discussion that it falls under roadside commercial, Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the Vendor Permit, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

An Application for Driveway Permit for Thomas Moses, Contractor for property at Map 37 Lot 7-1 Oxbow Road was submitted. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** for the Chair to sign the Driveway Permit, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

There was a Certificate of Yield Taxes Assessed and Warrant Timber Tax Levy re: Darrell Grant and Christopher Mullaly Map 33 Lot 19 Middle Oxbow Road in the amount of \$1890.00. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to approve the Yield Taxes and related paperwork, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

The following five Applications for Open Container/Alcohol Permits were submitted:

Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Patti Buraczynski for Hinsdale Lion's Club Picnic on Saturday June 15, 2024 at the Pavilion;

Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Gail Ames for Farewell Open House on Saturday 6/22/24 at the Pavilion;

Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Melissa Lowe for Birthday Party on August 3, 2024 at the Community Center;

Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Sara Winter for Birthday Party on August 17, 2024 at the Pavilion; and

Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Laurissa Goslant for Bridal Shower on August 17, 2024 at the Community Center.

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Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to approve** the above listed five as a **slate** of Open Container/Alcohol Permits, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Lynch presented the Bond paperwork (Loan Agreement), four copies to be signed by Chair. Treasurer and Town Clerk will also be signing. This is for the bond to refurbish fire trucks, scale, and balance for bridge. Discussion followed on history. Four copies of Certification will be signed by Clerk.

Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to vote to authorize the Town of Hinsdale to enter into a Loan Agreement with and to sell its bond to the Bond Bank, second by Hodgman. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch informed the Board that all reviews were done except hers. She presented the part-time salary schedule. Chair Diorio suggested that in order to make progress, the Board take the recommendations for merit and COLA and if someone rises above or very low, that the Board be made aware of that. T.A. Lynch pointed out that part-time volunteers, elected officials, and Fire Department have gotten COLA only. Chair Diorio suggested that at some point, the Fire Department may deserve a bump. Chief Zavorotny needs to present that for revisiting in the future and that was not considered in the study. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to accept T.A. Lynch's recommendations on part-time, Fire Department, and elected officials for COLA, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-abstained; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes.

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Ann Diorio was present to discuss the Town of Hinsdale Welfare Department General Assistance Guidelines that the Board was previously emailed. She pointed out that it's been ten years since it has been updated. Colleen wanted to make sure it was updated before she left. Applications and decision-making have been refined, making very noticeable differences, as well as updated RSA's. Ann felt that Colleen should be commended for it. Discussion followed. A letter from the Board to Colleen will be drafted.

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to approve and accept the amended new *General Assistance Guidelines*, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch thanked Ann. She also reminded the Board that Chief Evans was away at training this week.

Andrew Smith re: Community Solar was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. but was not present this evening.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Hodgman informed the Board that the Fire Department Building Committee met a few times with Mike Petrovick and the Plain Road property came up again. Initially this property was ruled out but Mike checked it and was reasonably impressed. He will take time to look at the Rt. 119/Plain Road intersection and is confident that it potentially could be modified to eliminate hazardous concerns. Discussion followed to include potential of other sources of grant money and that the intersection should be part of the Master Plan.

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Selectman Johnson will have a Cemetery Meeting tomorrow.

Selectman Carrier will have a Conservation Committee Meeting on Wednesday.

Selectman Rideout has a HEDC Meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Sean mentioned that the date may change.

Sean Leary will be attending his first community energy meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 in Keene. He is our representative/citizen volunteer to the Cheshire Community Power Governing Committee.

Chair Diorio mentioned that he was contacted late last week by Deborah George on further concerns she has of a very dangerous situation with the traffic lights by Runnings. Discussion followed to include the change in traffic pattern. Deborah has a detailed email that he has not yet received. He will forward it to the Board once he receives it. The Board can look at it for discussion next time. There was further discussion on future traffic patterns at the plaza, options and a couple of inquiries of interest in the bridges (once closed).

The Board noted they would be going into non-public.

6:42 p.m. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II (b) hiring, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:54 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

6:54 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.

7:04 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

7:04 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II (e) negotiations, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:18 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to seal** the non-public minutes, second by Carrier, *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.

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7:29 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

7:30 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,  
Secretary