

*Select Board Meeting Minutes*

*Monday, June 10, 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, Sean Leary, Bob Truesdell, Kaylee Howe, Wayne Dingman, and Chief Evans.

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

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests June 10, 2024 and the public and non-public minutes of June 3, 2024 second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

*New Business:*

First presented was a Community Development Proposal for Municipal Solar Grant for signatures. Selectman Hodgman asked if this had been talked about previously. T.A. Lynch responded that it had and was delayed a few times and just opened up. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to sign the Community Development Proposal for Municipal Solar Grant, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Next, was an Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit, received today. This was for Cheryl Gilbeau for a wedding and reception to be held at the Community Center on 7/4/24. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to sign the permit for Gilbeau at the Community Center on 7/4/24, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

A letter of Thanks to Colleen Hayes was drafted for signature. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** for the Board to sign the letter of gratitude to Colleen Hayes, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

The Eversource 2023 Abatements Request recommendation from Skip Sansoucy was for denial of the request. This was received and reviewed. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** for the Board to sign the denial, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously. Brief discussion followed.

T.A. Lynch spoke of contacting list serve to towns of similar size re: Fire Department rates of pay. She heard back from five towns and discussed findings and calculations starting at \$17.86. She indicated this is \$2.26 more than where we start our firemen. She ran this by Chief Zavorotny. FF1 (18) is proposed to \$17.86 for an increase of \$5921.20; FF/Driver (7) is proposed to \$18.24 which increases \$2486.00; LT (5) is proposed to \$18.61 for an increase of \$3164.00; Capt. (3) is proposed to \$18.98 for an increase of \$2034.00; Deputy Chief (1) is proposed at \$19.34 to an increase of \$582.00; and Chief (1) is proposed at \$20.13 for in increase of \$970.00. Mechanic remains at \$30.00. The total increase being \$15,157.20. Chief has it in the budget to do this now or we can look at it for the next budget. Board discussion followed. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the increase, effective 7/1/24, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-abstained; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes. Selectman Hodgman thanked T.A. Lynch for her work on this.

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T.A. Lynch added that she and Jodie attended a finance conference and some towns do blended overtime re: calls after hours. They found an exception, an RSA, from US Dept. of Labor which makes special provisions for Fire Department and law enforcement during off work hours. She has letters for employees that work for the Town and for the Fire Department to sign per US Labor law pertaining to overtime.

Two of the Community Center air conditioner units have been repaired. One unit needs to be replaced as a tree was growing through it. A new unit, with labor, will be \$4,500. Capital improvement funds can be utilized. The other two units repair and parts totaled approximately \$450.00 The refrigerator needs to be cleaned and is running in the red. Dompier has been called to look at that. The Community Center will be closed the first week of July. Notice will be posted and email/phone messages will be redirected to T.A. Lynch. This will also be put on the website. The new Program Director cannot start until July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Holt grant funds were received for Day Camp Scholarships in the amount of \$2500.00. Parks & Rec received \$2000.00 for sports equipment and Farmer's Market received \$1,500.00. Funds for the clock repair in the amount of approximately \$18,000.00 have not been received yet.

T.A. Lynch and Jodie will be out of the office on June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> for financial training.

T.A. Lynch will have two non-publics.

Selectman Hodgman asked if we are able to refund a past renter due to air conditioner failure a few weeks ago at the Community Center. T.A. Lynch responded that they were refunded \$50. Further refund decision is up to the Board. Discussion followed. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to refund** that renter a total of \$125, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

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Chair Diorio brought up the issue of the traffic light in front of Runnings and recent request of Deborah George. The light is in the middle of the road, the DOT plan is to move the light back towards the river, and Deborah's fear is they're going to take the light away and of safety concerns. There was a court order that they are not allowed to move it at this point. Currently it flashes yellow east and west and red exiting Runnings. Deborah has indicated that she has a nationally recognized restaurant chain interested but they won't come if there isn't a light there. She's asking for the town's support and wants the town to endorse a letter to abide by the court's ruling. Discussion followed. Chair Diorio feels we are abiding by an earlier decision made. Bob Truesdell was asked for his input and he felt there was no direct effect as to Highway. T.A. Lynch will look for the original letter and backup. The response was supportive that the light should stay in town for safety reasons.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Johnson attended a cemetery meeting.

Selectman Carrier had a Conservation Committee Meeting last week. They will not have one in July.

Selectman Rideout mentioned that the HEDC Meeting was pushed back.

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*Public Comment:*

Bob Truesdell had a request for use of the old (former) Historical Society Building from Chris of the Farmer's Market. They would like to store Farmer's Market items there. Discussion followed. There is plenty of room. There remains an amount of Historical Society things that need to be gone through by Sharron. He also mentioned other items and furniture that could be utilized or sold. Some items are of questionable ownership. T.A. Lynch added that eventually they would like to have some meetings there, for groups like Beautification, however there is no furnace. Selectman Hodgman suggested putting together a list of needs for that building for the Holt grant. The Board was fine with allowing Chris to store Farmer's Market items.

Bob also mentioned that he is working with Josh and Josh will put together a handout flyer re: FAQ for the Transfer Station.

Chief Evans attended an FBI course last week which offered good information on wellness and employee retention. There were also tips on recruitment videos and the Holt grant was received for that. She was happy to report that the phone system was in.

Sean Leary was in Keene for the Community Power Meeting; however, it turns out the meeting is for next Monday.

T.A. Lynch asked Wayne Dingman, as School Board Rep., if he could get a meeting scheduled for an MOU between Town, School, Cal Ripken, and Bob.

The Board noted they would be going into non-public. Members of the public left.

6:37 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II (e) negotiation, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:55 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

6:55 p.m. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II (b) hiring, second by Hodgman. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Hodgman-aye, and Johnson-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:03 p.m. Meeting reconvened. There was brief discussion on working on Town Administrator's review.

7:06 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,  
Secretary