

*Select Board Meeting Minutes*

*Monday, July 15, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall*

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Richard Johnson (arriving at 6:02 p.m.), Selectman Bernie Rideout, and Selectman Mike Carrier. Selectman William Hodgman was excused. Also present were Kim Worden, Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, Finance Director Jodie Holmquist, Sean Leary, Bob Truesdell, Taran Benedict, Julie Seymour (from 6:07-6:19 p.m.), and Chief Evans.

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

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of July 8, 2024, July 15, 2024; the public and non-public minutes of July 1, 2024 and public minutes of July 8, 2024, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Rideout-aye; Diorio-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Johnson arrived.

*New Business:*

An Application for Driveway Permit for Karen Hammond of 54 Monument Road was presented. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the Hammond Driveway Permit, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Diorio-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Raffle Permit #19 for Hinsdale VFW Post 4234 for assorted money amounts, with weekly drawings to 8/12/24 was presented. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** for the Chair to sign Raffle Permit #19, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

A Notice of Voluntary Merger of properties owned by Kenneth F. Howe III and Heather A Howe was presented. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to approve the Voluntary Merger re: Howe, second by Carrier. Brief discussion followed. Motion passes unanimously.

There was a Hinsdale Town Hall Facilities Rental Request by SAU 92 School District for 8/26 and 8/27/24. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to have the Chair sign the Town Hall Facilities Rental Request, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

An Application for Open Container for Heather Jutras for a Birthday Party on 8/31/24 was presented. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve the Application, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

An Appointment for Terry Zavorotny as Emergency Management Director was presented. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve the Appointment of Terry Zavorotny, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

*T.A. Reports/Requests:*

T.A. Lynch handed out oil bids regarding Town buildings, Historical Society, and Schools. She added that it looks like Discount Oil is the lowest for fuel oil and kerosene and we currently use Discount Oil. After review of the handout:

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Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to continue with Discount Oil at the rates provided, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch indicated that she had bond paperwork for signing. This is on the bridge, scale and refurbishment of fire trucks over fifteen years. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to sign the bonds, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to sign the remaining related paperwork, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch shared the finalized retention from the auction, amounts back on the tax rolls of \$300,700. The Town is retaining \$161,047.59 after paying out excess over bids.

She met with Brownfields Committee last week and they approved asbestos removal be funded.

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Julie Seymour, Tax Collector, came in to discuss a property where there was a previous agreement to get a loan. The party was unable to get a loan but will pay up within 12 months. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to have the Board sign a Payment Agreement for 36 Gateway Drive, second by Carrier. Julie added that they paid \$1000 today and agree to pay \$500 a month, each month. Motion passes unanimously. Julie left the meeting.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Johnson has a Cemetery Meeting tomorrow.

Selectman Carrier has a Library Trustee Meeting on Wednesday.

Chair Diorio spoke to Bob Truesdell re: a plan re excess trash bags which Bob will speak to.

Selectman Rideout has a HEDC meeting on Thursday.

*Public Comment:*

Chief Evans mentioned that they had oral boards today and will have a couple more before month end.

Bob Truesdell spoke of the full time Transfer Station changeover going pretty well. He may need another person at the Transfer Station to help out around the yard, perhaps 20 hours per week. They will need another compactor. He will need to figure out the inventory of the blue bags after the end of the year and what the cost to the Town is. He feels they can then be sold as a regular trash bag at a reduced rate to clear inventory out. He also mentioned they might be good to use for Earth Day and perhaps in town buildings.

Sean Leary spoke of the recent Brownfields meeting on removing hazardous materials. Monadnock Economic Development Corp. is looking to get that funded and we're at the top of their list. He understands that the demo grant leaves the foundation and they will need to figure out the process to be done for capping that.

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T.A. Lynch added her thoughts on including the former Police Station on there for asbestos removal. Sean will send T.A. Lynch information on that scope of work.

Taran Benedict spoke of getting information from the real estate agent today for the property on Plain Road, the projected site for the Fire Station. They are requesting money for deposit to hold the property until the Special Town Meeting. The sellers were willing to come down to \$399,000 on asking price. They would like \$8000 as a refundable deposit under the stipulation of a date for a Special Town Meeting. T.A. Lynch responded that we don't have a date; the paperwork has been sent to the Dept. of Revenue Administration. She thinks we are looking at late August or early September. We want to do all we can to not lose deposit. T.A. Lynch agreed to step in and go through the Town Attorney. Discussion followed.

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the spending of \$8,000 for a refundable deposit when a date is given by the Court for a Special Town Meeting, second by Johnson. The vote was as follows: Johnson-aye; Rideout-aye; Diorio-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:34 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,  
Secretary