

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 16, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman William Hodgman, Selectman Richard Johnson and Selectman Mike Carrier. Selectman Bernie Rideout participated via telephone. Also present were Kim Worden, Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, and Sean Leary.

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order. Selectman Rideout was present via telephone, calling in; explaining he was out of state, could not be present in person, and was alone in a separate room.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of September 16, 2024; public and non-public minutes of September 9, 2024, second by Hodgman. The roll call vote was as follows: Hodgman-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; and Johnson-aye. Motion passes.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Lynch revisited last week's mention of the COLA increase recommendation in order to finalize budgets. As of today, the index is 3.4% and she recommends 3% COLA with up to 2% merit. Discussion followed. Selectman Johnson suggested waiting another week before deciding. All supported his suggestion.

T.A. Lynch informed the Board the clock hands for the Town Hall will be reinstalled the week of October 3rd. They are waiting for key fobs to be installed on the front doors prior to the contractor finishing the doors. She expects this to take a couple weeks.

Property closing on 59 Plain Road is moving forward. She spoke to the realtor and DTC Lawyers today.

She has been given information for quotes for cameras at Town Hall and parks; has also been given a list of possible grants and will look into these. If we proceed, there would be a warrant article. In the meantime, due to recent vandalism concerns, she ordered two wireless cameras for \$125.

T.A. Lynch has the SRO MOU for the Board's review to be approved and signed next week.

T.A. Lynch mentioned her budget discussion suggestions and having the Board meet with some of the Department Heads as a separate workshop on a separate evening. This would take place before presentation to the Budget Committee. Discussion followed to include notes being added to the budgets and her request to Departments to include as much helpful information as possible in the notes section. All were fine with having workshop(s) on another day beginning the week of October 7th.

Board Comments:

Selectman Hodgman will have a Parks and Rec Meeting this week.

Selectman Johnson expressed his disappointment surrounding the Special Meeting yesterday: The Fire Department came to the Board; the Board did what they could to get them before the taxpayers; and no member of the department spoke in response to a single question. He felt it was not the Selectmen's presentation and if he had to do it again, he would vote against holding a special meeting.

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Selectman Carrier will cover for Selectman Rideout tomorrow at the Planning Board Meeting. Selectman Carrier also mentioned a recent Conservation Committee Meeting and honoring Gordon Schofield. Their intent is to plant a tree and introduce a plaque. He wondered what the Town's position would be on where to plant the tree and the maintenance. T.A. Lynch suggested perhaps at the Historical Society property.

Selectman Rideout requested a non-public re: reputation.

It was announced that the Board would be going into a non-public session. Members of the public left the meeting.

6:17 p.m. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II (c) reputation, second by Johnson. The roll call vote was as follows: Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; Carrier-aye; and Rideout-aye. Motion passes.

6:28 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

6:28 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion to adjourn**, second by Carrier. The roll call vote was as follows: Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; Carrier-aye; and Rideout-aye. Motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary