

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 7, 2024 meeting held at Hinsdale Town Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman William Hodgman, Selectman Richard Johnson and Selectman Mike Carrier. Also present were Kim Worden, Town Administrator Kathryn Lynch, and Finance Director Jodie Holmquist. Others in attendance were Julie Seymour, Bob & Casey Truesdell, and Sean Leary.

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

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the manifests of October 7, 2024 and public minutes of September 30, 2024, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Lynch described the corrective deed for Tayzack to be signed by the Board. The first deed was rejected by the Registry on 40 Robbins due to the need to be a *Manufactured Housing Deed*, among other clarifications. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve signing the Manufactured Housing Corrective Deed Without Covenants, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

She heard from Dubois & King as well as BETA regarding the Feasibility Study for the \$100,000 Planning Grant. Her choice would be Dubois and King and gave reasons. Discussion followed. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to go with Dubois & King, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch mentioned the new clock hands were put back on and working at Town Hall. Some videos were taken during this process. There is a lot more work to be done, hopefully in the near future.

We will need to apply for a loan regarding the federal lead removal requirements. Jack is communicating the cost with Hazen & Sawyer in order to create a Warrant Article. This is to find out the amount we need to request. The Federal Government is requiring this nationwide. Currently towns are receiving principal forgiveness in the amount of 71%, however the suggestion is to apply sooner rather than later. Notifications need to be sent to the public by November 15th. All work is to be completed by 2034. Selectman Johnson suggested being able to sub out some of this work out if possible.

Julie forwarded T.A. Lynch a State of NH Election form to be signed by the Board. It is a notice for the Presidential Elections to inform the public where to vote. Selectman Rideout **made a motion** to have the Board sign the NH Election form, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch forwarded water rate increase information to the Board. Discussion followed on setting a date for a Public Hearing on Water Rate increases. It was agreed that this should happen at the end of March or early April.

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T.A. Lynch informed the Board that the IRS matter is being worked on again. She will resend the letter as phone calls go unanswered.

T.A. Lynch is working on estimated revenues for DRA MS 232. She asked if they would like to increase revenue by \$200,000 for the Transfer Station Anticipated Revenue. Discussion with Bob Truesdell followed. She also asked if they would like to increase revenue of Sale of Town Property to \$161,000 per the auctioned property retention. Discussion followed on this being offsetting. Revenues reduce the tax burden.

The Auditor will submit MS 434 within the next two weeks. He will be here on Thursday.

She mentioned that the School has given the Town the ability to borrow equipment such as a carpet shampooer and other flooring equipment, which is appreciated.

She has continued advertising for the unfilled position of Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator.

Staff are signed up for NHMA (New Hampshire Municipal Association) Conference on October 30th. Ann will cover the desk and there will be no need to close Town Hall offices.

The budget rough numbers show a 4% increase for 2025-2026. A workshop is scheduled for Wednesday at 6.

The Ombudsman Complaint was sent to the Town Attorney upon receipt of the paperwork today.

T.A. Lynch provided a handout of a Meet & Greet with Senator Ricciardi on the 17th.

The Special Town Meeting Minutes were emailed and were reviewed by Selectmen. Following discussion, Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to correct the Budget Committee Chair to Dennis Nadeau and the Vice Chair to Kenny Howe, and approve as corrected, second by Rideout. Further discussion followed. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Board Comments:

Selectman Rideout would like to have continued discussion on RSA 79-E (downtown revitalization tax incentives clarified by Sean) and 72:18 (other areas).

T.A. Lynch and Sean are scheduled to talk about it. Sean explained that these are possible tax incentives for businesses which will ultimately be reviewed by the Select Board. Warrant Articles would be needed in order to pass. These involve economic revitalization zones. He will first talk to the Town Administrator and then make a presentation within the next week or so on what each is and does.

Selectman Carrier had a Conservation Commission Meeting. The tree proposal in honor and remembrance of Gordon Schofield was discussed and if that takes place, they prefer it be near the Community Center by the river. The other alternative is a plaque on a bench down there. T.A. Lynch preferred the bench plaque idea as she spoke of a tree planted in another instance that recently had to be removed.

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Selectman Rideout suggested dedications in the Town Report include Gordon Schofield and Peter Zavorotny.

Selectman Carrier spoke on lack of membership in the Conservation Committee and of not being a lot of interest there. They have decided to go to quarterly meetings vs. monthly.

Chair Diorio mentioned he was glad the Waste Water Treatment Plant position is still being advertised as he would like to see that filled. He would like complaints addressed on the next Agenda.

Selectman Johnson mentioned previous talk of a Select Board and Budget Committee meeting and has not heard that anything has been scheduled. The only meeting known is the Budget Committee's Meeting for October 16th. He proposed an opportunity for Budget and Select Board to get before the voters to explain what happened at the Special Town Meeting. Selectman Johnson offered to take the lead on the explanation. Discussion followed.

Selectman Johnson also mentioned that the next Cemetery Committee will need to be scheduled.

Selectman Hodgman has a conflict with attending this week's School Board Meeting as the Select Board has a budget workshop.

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

6:54 p.m. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II, (e)-negotiation, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

7:06 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to seal** the non-public minutes, due to the fact that disclosure would render the proposed action ineffective, second by Johnson. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary