

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 21, 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 Sean Leary. Taran Benedict, Troy Benedict, Terry Zavorotny and Gary Seymour joined the meeting shortly after the meeting began.

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

Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the manifests of October 14, 2024 and 10/21/2024 and public and non-public minutes of 10/7/2024, workshop minutes of both 10/9/24 and 10/15/24, second by Rideout. The vote was as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

Chair Diorio requested a moment of silence in memory of Walt Stephens who recently passed. A moment of silence was observed.

New Business:

Abatements were presented for April and Harve Prater re: 33 Plain Road 0048-0002-00MH: 2022 in the amount of \$128.71 BMSI error; 2021 in the amount of \$128.71 BMSI error; 2023 in the amount of \$129.08 BMSI error; and 2024 in the amount of \$64.54 BMSI error. The mobile home portion was double billed. T.A. Lynch clarified that when the town obtained the property through tax deed, it was merged as one (mobile home and land). Selectman Carrier **made a motion** to approve the Prater abatements on the mobile home, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

The Tax Collector forwarded a Newfound Title Services LLC Contract to the Board for approval and signature. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** for the Chair to sign and execute the contract, second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

A contract for Rescue Inc was provided. The assessment for contract year 2025-2026 is \$97,713; for 2026-2027 is \$98,700, and 2027-2028 is \$99,687. Selectman Hodgman **made a motion** to have the Chair sign the new contract for Rescue, Inc., second by Carrier. Motion passes unanimously.

An Application for Open Container/Alcohol Permit for Cookies by Courtney was presented for a public Halloween cookie decorating event on 10/25/24 at the Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to approve the Permit for Cookies by Courtney at the Community Center, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

It was mentioned that there will be a non-public re: reputation later.

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T.A. Reports/Requests:

T.A. Lynch mentioned an Employee Holiday event at the Community Center on December 12th starting at 6.

She is applying for Hinsdale to be a NH BEA Housing Champion (business economic affairs). By earning this designation, communities become eligible for two additional sources of funds (infrastructure and per-unit grants). More information will be provided at the conference on the 30th.

She will be meeting with Sean Leary and Josh Green soon to discuss 79-E.

The County rate is in and is down \$108,824 from last year to \$1,175,907.

A letter has been written to Steven Weaver for signature by the Chair. She explained that this is regarding a complaint and there will be a 3rd party review. Selectman Carrier **made a motion** for Chair to sign the letter to Weaver, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

T.A. Lynch reminded the Board and gave a tentative schedule for Meeting with the Budget Committee on Monday, November 18th. They will join the Board at 6:30. The Select Board is also to meet with them on Wednesday November 20th at 6.

She handed out information from the Town Attorney, being an explanation of Right To Know and discussed an email she will send to all other town committees.

T.A. Lynch mentioned that she had a response from the attorney to Ombudsman regarding Kelly Gilmartin's filing. She will email it to the Board.

Board Comments:

Selectman Carrier mentioned a library trustees meeting.

Selectmen Johnson mentioned that the Cemetery Committee is working on setting their next meeting.

Selectman Hodgman mentioned the Parks and Rec Meeting being moved to tomorrow night. He is unable to attend. Selectmen Johnson initially offered to cover and found he could not. Selectman Carrier will try to cover this meeting.

Public Comment:

Sean mentioned that HEDC has a zoom meeting on Thursday at 6:30. There will be a meeting with a residential developer on Monday at 4 between T.A. Lynch, Josh, Sean and Max Beane. This developer recently bought property across from Main St. Market.

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

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Taran Benedict, Terry Zavorotny, Gary Seymour, and Troy Benedict were invited to stay for that (until 6:46 p.m. when all four left the meeting).

6:21 p.m. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to enter into non-public** session under RSA 91:A-3, II, (c)-reputation, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

6:56 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

Selectman Hodgman **made a motion to seal** the non-public minutes, due to the fact that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board, second by Johnson. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Hodgman-aye; Johnson-aye; and Carrier-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

6:57 p.m. Selectman Johnson **made a motion** to adjourn, second by Hodgman. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden,
Secretary