

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 29, 2013

Present: Chairman Mike Darcy; Selectman Gallagher; Selectman Morel and Selectman Rideout.  
Selectman Ebbighausen and TA Collins were absent.

6:00 p.m. Chairman Mike Darcy called the meeting to order.

Selectmen reviewed the Manifest.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2013, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2013, with changes as follows:

- Page one, paragraph three, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, adding "performs" after "standard".
- Page one, paragraph three, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, adding "schedule should be scheduled" after "Standard". Adding "Under examples of essential duties, add and Head Life Guard in #1 and #3". Take out "I" in third sentence.
- Page one, paragraph three, 7<sup>th</sup> bullet, adding "and sixth word" after "word".
- Page two, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet, adding "and the fourth work in #6" after "Duties".
- Page two, paragraph two titled Grounds Maintenance, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet, second sentence adding "and season to seasonal" after "exercises".
- Page two, paragraph two, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet, fourth sentence, adding "and submit in 10" after "15".

Selectman Rideout second the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Non-Meeting Minutes 1-5, of July 15, 2013, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Manifests of July 22, 2013 and July 29, 2013, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to have the Chair sign an Alcohol/Open Container Permit for a Memorial/ Celebration of Life, August 4, 2013 at the Heritage Park Pavilion, from 12:00pm to 7:00pm, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve the following tax abatements, abatements due to a computer charging interest in error, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

- Robert Cornellier, property located at 11 Keene Drive, abatement in the amount of \$81.92 for 2012.
- Wayne Temmen, property located at 72 High Street, abatement in the amount of \$121.13 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2012.
- Roger Miller, property located at 1 Canal Street, abatement in the amount of \$101.50 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.
- Richard Barnes, property located at 50 Old Stage Road-40 Brattleboro Road, abatement in the amount of \$92.82 and \$13.46, for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.

- Brian Quinn, property located at 144 Middle Oxbow Road, abatement in the amount of \$61.74 for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2012 and \$3.00 for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2012.
- Lewis Major, property located at 99 Prospect Street-40 Chesterfield Road, abatement in the amount of \$146.45 and \$1.76 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.
- Barry Vabombarde, property located at 180 Tower Hill Road, abatement in the amount of \$127.70 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.
- Eugene Beaugregard, property located at 817 Plain Road, abatement in the amount of \$175.17 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.
- Edgar Berry, property located at 72 Fox Run Road, abatement in the amount of \$127.64 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.
- Marc Sprague, property located at 17 Hillcrest Street, abatement in the amount of \$7.95 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.
- Nicole Garabedian, property located at 655 Oxbow Road, abatement in the amount of \$45.86 for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2012.

The Selectmen request clarification regarding the error in the tax system.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to sign form from State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration stating the Assessing Office will not be using the PA-28 form in 2014, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

6:30 p.m. Chairman Darcy asked Edwin Smith to join the Selectmen to discuss denial of abatement of property.

Mr. Smith gave the Selectmen a handout for their review. After the Selectmen reviewed, Mr. Smith went over his finding, comparisons and Taxpayer's RSA 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality. (see attached)

Discussion of 13 Main Street property.

Selectman Morel made a motion to table approval of abatement pending explanation from assessor, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion of 6 Main Street property.

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Selectman Gallagher made the suggestion to Mr. Smith to still submit application to BTLA to begin the process, applications need to be in to BTLA by September 1, 2013. The Selectmen will re-address possible abatement after assessor's review, no later than August 12, 2013.

7:03 p.m. Chairman Darcy opened the Public Hearing regarding revised Water and Sewer ordinance.  
"see separate minutes for public hearing"

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing was closed.

7:15 p.m. Chairman had Mr. Mike Mulligan join the Selectmen to discuss signs that have been posted on the Brattleboro/Hinsdale bridges and traffic signs.

Mr. Mulligan was asked if the signs that were posted were his signs. Mr. Mulligan stated that his attorney advised him not to answer the question.

Mr. Mulligan was asked if he had permission from the State of New Hampshire to post signs on the Brattleboro/Hinsdale bridges and traffic signs. Mr. Mulligan refused to answer the question.

Chairman Darcy explained to Mr. Mulligan that the Selectmen had no problems with his protesting, that it is his right, but for safety reasons, he needs to stay out of the road way and all signs need to be removed from the area when he leaves.

Chairman Darcy thanked Mr. Mulligan for coming in to meet with the Selectmen.

Mr. Mulligan expressed dissatisfaction with the Board, say they were not allowing him to speak uninterrupted.

There is a public meeting regarding the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Brattleboro/Hinsdale Bridge project, that will be held on August 1, 2013 at the Brattleboro Union High School.

7:45 p.m. Tammy Stebbins and Morgan O'Malley joined the Selectmen to discuss possibly extending the Camp Program.

Selectman Rideout mentioned to the Selectmen that he attended the Recreation Committee Meeting, and extending the Summer Program was brought up. Selectman Rideout suggested to Mrs. Stebbins and Ms. O'Malley to come before the Selectmen for discussion.

Mrs. Stebbins informed the Selectmen that the idea of extending the Summer Camp Program for two weeks would give the children addition activities between the space of current Summer Camp ending and when school begins. There would be three members of the staff; Tammy Stebbins, Morgan O'Malley and Alexa Schultz. They are looking into donations for lunches and snacks from Hannaford and Wal-Mart. She discussed that the fee for attending would be \$30.00 per week and the fee would cover the costs of the camp to run.

It was asked if the extended camp would be covered under the Town's liability insurance. This needs to be looked into.

It was asked how the three staff members would be paid. Would it be compensation or come out of the Summer Program's payroll.

The Selectmen asked them to discuss with Mike McCosker the following items prior to approval of the Summer Camp extension:

- Looking into if the Summer Program extension would be covered under the Town's liability insurance.
- If the extension would be consider "camp" or "babysitting".
- How the three staff members would be getting paid.

If the extended Summer Camp program was covered under the Town's liability, the Selectmen will re-address the request at a quick Selectmen's Meeting on August 5, 2013.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to sign Notice of Intent to Cut, property located at Map 49, Lot 21, owned by Kyle Kronrat and property located at Map 16, Lot 4, Map 16, Lot 5, owned by Gary Grover, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to sign New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration's Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in which Federal and State Forest Land is Situated 2013:

- Pisgah State Park, number of acres (per DRED) 721, value per acre 821, total assessed valuation 591,700.
- Wantastiquet Mountain Natural Area, number of acres (per DRED) 469.6, value per acre 1521, total assessed valuation 714,200.
- Bear Mountain State Forest, number of acres (per DRED) 156, value per acre 500, total assessed valuation 78,000.

Selectman Rideout second the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to approve Tax Abatement for Rhea Nevers, in the amount of \$260.30 plus interest for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2012, camper need to be assessed as of 4/1/2013, moved in 10/31/2013, was removed 7/23/2013, Selectman Morel second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Rideout made a motion to direct the Water Rents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013, in the amount of \$112,688.84 and Sewer Rents for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2013, in the amount of \$77,366.90, both with interest value at 12% per annum from August 26, 2013, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to approve Tax Abatement for Bob Martineau, in the amount of \$76.86, for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2013, assessment dropped from \$12,800 to \$6,600 due to year of camper determined by assessor, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Morel made a motion to approve Permanent Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemption, Veteran Tax Credit, case id #07-2013, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

A letter from Donna Cole was presented to the Selectmen regarding a request for a payment arrangement for her water and sewer bill. Selectmen had a brief discuss and decided to table the request until they could speak with her and re-address on August 12, 2013.

Chairman Darcy discussed a meeting that was had with Mr. Shapiro, Attorney Steven Bonnette, Dave Mann and himself regarding the New Police Station project. The issue was straighten out and will get the agreement in writing.

A Thank You letter to Theresa Sepe was presented to the Selectmen regarding her resignation.

Selectman Rideout discussed following up with the water payment plan on the property located on River Road. Following up with Dennis Nadeau, Water and Sewer Superintendent, was requested regarding discussion with property owners.

Selectman Morel requested for the Selectmen to set a date to finish up reviewing job descriptions and pay rates.

Selectman Rideout requested the Selectmen to keep in mind looking at the budget and on call pay, as promised to the Water Department.

Selectman Gallagher mentioned that he brought informational binders to the Selectmen's office today for possible new businesses interested in the Town of Hinsdale.

Selectman Morel requested a future discussion regarding the Town of Hinsdale employees pay grade rate coming out and merit base pay coming in.

A member of the public mentioned on Thursday, August 1, 2013, at 6:00pm, at the Brattleboro Union High School, there is a public meeting regarding the bridge project Draft Environmental Assessment.

8:30 p.m. Selectman Gallagher made a motion to go into Non-Public Meeting, under RSA 91: A-3, II (c) Reputation, Selectman Rideout second.

Vote was as follows: Darcy-I; Gallagher – I; Morel-I; Rideout-I.

Motion passed unanimously.

8:35 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to come out of Non-Public, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Gallagher made a motion to seal the Non-Public Minutes, Selectman Rideout second. Motion passes unanimously.

8:35 p.m. Selectman Rideout made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Gallagher second. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alicia A. Marshall  
Secretary