

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2024**

Present: James Bailey – Chairman, Richard Pelletier – Selectman, Iris Campbell – Selectwoman and Laura Buono, Town Administrator

Others present: Joyce Bosse, Riche’ Colcombe, Angelo Trodella, Tyler Trodella, T. Trodella, Meleny Nagy

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. OPEN SESSION

Political Signs: Currently the Transfer Station Political Signage Policy is that political signs must be removed the day after an election, or they will be disposed of. Riche’ Colcombe is asking the Board to consider giving candidates a week or put the signs off to the side for pick-up, after a week they can be thrown away. The Board briefly discussed this request and felt that a weeks’ time is reasonable. Chairman Bailey made a motion to allow political signs to be picked up from the Transfer Station no later than 5 days after all elections, after which the signs will be disposed of. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Windsor Road Speed Limit: Riche’ Colcombe brought a concern to the Board and said the speed limit on the portion of Windsor Road that is in Windsor is 35 mph while the portion that is in Hillsborough is 25 mph. She said while she was out canvassing for votes, she was asked about that and told the individual that she would bring it to the Board with a request to change the portion in Hillsborough’s to 35 mph so that it is the same as Antrim. Ms. Buono explained to the Board that a request such as this is sent to the Highway Safety Committee to discuss, and then they forward their recommendation to the Board.

Parking Stickers/Fee – Riche’ Colcombe asked if those who purchase parking stickers, does this mean they will have a reserved spot. Chairman Bailey said the parking stickers will be for overnight parking, during the day, the 2-hour minimum is in place.

Police Department - Ms. Colcombe publicly thanked the police and fire departments for the hard work they went through a week ago, and said they made the Town proud.

2. ROSE GARDEN HANDS, LLC

Meleny Nagy, owner of Rose Garden Hands met with the Board to discuss the remaining painting that is needed on the dormers at the Museum (Ms. Nagy was awarded the bid in 2022 to paint the Museum). Ms. Nagy told the Board that she does not have a safe solution that she is comfortable with to reach and paint the dormers and is willing to return the cost to the town. Chairman Bailey said to Ms. Nagy that she bid on the project to be complete and feels it is Ms. Nagy’s responsibility to finish the project by either painting the dormers herself or hiring someone to do so. Ms. Nagy explained that she has tried to hire but no one will take the job. Chairman Bailey said as a businessperson, Ms. Nagy needs to own up. Ms. Nagy said she has exhausted all options; she will return the money (\$2,500) and the job can go out to bid, the needed material has been stored in the basement (5 gallons of paint) of the Museum. Chairman Bailey said to Ms. Nagy that she is responsible to fulfill the bid that was awarded to her, either Ms. Nagy hires someone or the town

does it at Ms. Nagy's expense. Selectman Pelletier asked what the towns recourse is if Ms. Nagy is unable to finish the job. Ms. Buono said we would need to talk to the town attorney for advice if that were the situation. Selectman Pelletier agrees with Chairman Bailey and feels Ms. Nagy needs to do more research. Ms. Nagy asked for a deadline. Chairman Bailey said he would like to see the job completed by June 1, 2025. Ms. Nagy will investigate scaffolding companies and Ms. Buono will try and find the name of the vendor who installed the roof at the museum.

3. PUBLIC HEARNG – RSA 79-E FOR 2 BRIDGE STREET

Chairman Bailey opened the public hearing a 6:55 pm for a RSA 79-E Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive for 2 Bridge St.

Mr. Angelo Trodella said his plan is to renovate inside and out 2 Bridge St. along with 8 Bridge St. RSA 79-E will hold the assessed value as the building is revitalized the increase in value will not be taxed for 5 years allowing money available to be put into the building.

Public Comments:

Riche' Colcombe said the RSA states the Board could add an additional 2 years of tax relief for a project that results in housing units. She also asked the status of the demolition grant. Ms. Buono is working with the state on the grant. Mr. Trodella does have a quote for demolition.

Joyce Bosse felt the current assessed value is too high for 2 Bridge St.

Chairman Bailey closed the public comments and closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm. The assessor will complete their submittal for the Board to consider on the assessed value, the Board has 45 days to respond.

4. MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the meeting minutes dated September 11, 2024. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

5. MANIFEST

Chairman Bailey made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 19671 – 19694 a/k/a Vouchers #38 & 39 in the amount of \$223,098.21 (includes 205 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 032474 – 032570 a/k/a Voucher #33 in the amount of \$165,268.62. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for September 25, 2024. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- Intent to Cuts – Map 7 Lot 50 Hall Road Map 10 Lot 19 Hall Road

7. UNSEAL NONPUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Bailey made a motion to unseal the following 2002 Nonpublic Meeting Minutes: December 11, December 30, July 24th (to be filed in personnel file of employee), December 4

November 6 (to be filed in personnel file of employee), October 23rd (to be filed in personnel file of employee). Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to Unseal the following 2003 Nonpublic Meeting Minutes May 14, November 5. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

8. GRANT – HIGHWAY SAFETY

Ms. Buono presented the Board with paperwork from Chief Parsons for a Highway Safety Grant for patrols which needs a motion to accept the agreement and then sign and initial the pages of the agreement. Chairman Bailey made a motion to accept the Highway Safety Grant Agreement in the amount \$15,086.25 as part of the Police Department. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

9. NH EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Ms. Buono stated that Chief Parsons has been working on changing the emergency notification system for Hillsborough from CodeRed to the NH Emergency Notification System which is free for communities. She said the final document to be submitted is an appointment from the Board to appoint Chief Parsons as the primary contact. Chairman Bailey made a motion to appoint Chris Parsons as the primary contact for the NH Emergency Notification System. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

10. INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

Mike Tardiff from the NH Planning Commission is putting together some funding options for a continued infrastructure study outside the TIF District having to do with sewer in hopes of bringing funding opportunities. Water & Sewer can put up \$10,000, the balance of \$30,000 would fall onto the town, this is a matching grant (\$40,000 would become \$80,000). Chairman Bailey asked what the difference in this study will be compared to the study that has already been completed. Ms. Buono said the study will close the gap to allow the town to apply for other funding, she can find out the specifics. Ms. Buono will contact Mr. Tardiff to move forward.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

A true record
Mary Whalen
Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

James C. Bailey, III, Chairman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

Richard Pelletier, Selectman