



# Albany Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Albany, New Hampshire  
December 11, 2019

**Call to Order:** At 5:44 p.m., Chairman Hiland called the Selectmen's meeting to order.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Attendance:**

Members present: Rick Hiland, Cathy Ryan and Joe Ferris  
Town Administrator: Kathy Golding  
Public: none

**New Business:**

- **Approval of December 4 minutes and December 4 sealed minutes:**  
*Selectman Ferris made a motion to approve the December 4 minutes as submitted, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0). Selectman Ferris made a motion to approve the December 4 sealed minutes as submitted, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).*
- **Approval of the consent file:** *Selectman Ferris made a motion to approve the consent file as presented, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).*

Reviewed & signed manifest	\$10,104.83
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- **Attend preliminary hearing on January 6:** Chairman Hiland will represent Albany at the preliminary hearing on the Moulton case.
- **Sign Selectmen's deed:** *Chairman Hiland made a motion to sign the Selectmen's deed for the town owned property auctioned on December 7, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion. Selectman Ferris asked if payment has been received. Chairman Hiland replied the winning bidder has 30 days to pay. He is having a title search done before making the final payment. If he backs out, there is a second bidder who would still be interested in the property. A vote on the motion was taken and all were in favor (3-0-0).*

**Town Administrators Report:**

A motion for periodic payments was filed in small claims court for a taxpayer that has not responded to the small claim filing. The Town Administrator will investigate the possibility of filing motions for periodic payments for the remaining taxpayers that have filed responses and hearings have be scheduled.

There is as much as a 75% increase in electronic tax payments this year. The most ever since electronic payments became available to the taxpayers. \$1,249,134.30 has been collected so far. Today was the due date for property taxes.

There has been no response from the Lower Mount Washington Valley Solid Waste District representative regarding the inquiry about Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) days and if Conway covers Albany as part of our contract with them. North Country Council has requested that Albany raise and appropriate money to hold joint HHW days with other towns. The subject will be placed under old business for next week's meeting.

Chairman Hiland asked the Town Administrator to add the 2020 budget on next week's agenda under old business. He would like to get a list of Albany library cardholders and a report of how many Albany children have used the recreation center this year from the Town of Conway. Chuck Merrow, Treasurer, printed updated budget reports for the Board to review.

Selectman Ferris noted again that the stakes on the property on Bald Hill Rd. are in the Town's right of way and it poses a safety problem. The stakes must be moved back. The Town Administrator will reach out to Curtis Coleman, Road Agent, again. The subject will be placed under old business on next week's agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS:** None

**Old Business:**

- **NH State Surplus** – in process
- **Town Hall – building maintenance** – 2020 budget
- **NH State Bridge Aid** – in process
- **Chapel Committee/Historical Society** – in process
- **Federal Land Access Program (FLAP)** – in process
- **Business Roundtable meeting** – TBD
- **Cable TV contract (2021)** – Chairman Hiland made contact with a representative and is waiting for a phone call back to set up a meeting and discuss broadband as well. NH Municipal Association is hosting a webinar next week on cable contracts.
- **Route 16 Moulton property** – in process
- **110 Golden Oaks Rd.** -waiting for ownership documentation

- **Vendor/Vending cart ordinance** – in process
- **Small Claims Court** – payment hearings December 17, 18 & January 22

**Other Business (and Board reports):**

**Planning Board – Rick-** the Planning Board held a public hearing on amendments to the zoning ordinances. They will be forwarded to the Town Administrator to be placed on the 2020 Warrant.

**NHMA – Rick** – next meeting is December 20.

**Carroll County Broadband – Rick** – next meeting to be held tomorrow in Wolfeboro. There will be a presentation by Consolidated Communications.

**Conservation Commission – Cathy** – next meeting is January 7 at 5:30 p.m.

**School Board – Joe** – SAU 9 board meets tomorrow where the budget will be presented.

**Other:**

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Next Meeting:** December 18 at 5:30 p.m.

**NonPublic Session RSA 91:A-3 II (a):**

At 6:05 p.m., *Chairman Hiland made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and a second session citing RSA 91:A-3 II (c) if necessary, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call, Chairman Hiland aye, Selectperson Ryan, aye, Selectman Ferris, aye (3-0-0).*

At 6:29 p.m., *Selectman Ferris motioned to move into public session, seconded by Chairman Hiland, all were in favor. Roll call, Chairman Hiland aye, Selectperson Ryan, aye, Selectman Ferris, aye (3-0-0). The second nonpublic session was not necessary and removed.*

At 6:30 p.m. it was determined that the minutes of the session shall not be publicly disclosed. *Chairman Hiland motioned to seal the minutes, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information will likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call, Chairman Hiland aye, Selectperson Ryan, aye, Selectman Ferris, aye (3-0-0).*

***Chairman Hiland made a motion to accept Kathy Golding's resignation as Town Administrator with regret and would like to wish her the best of luck in her new job, Selectperson Ryan seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).***

An estimate for work to be done on the town hall building was received by Ray Desmarais. It will be scanned and e-mailed to the Selectmen for review. It will be placed under old business on next week's agenda.

**Adjournment:**

***At 6:38 p.m., Chairman Hiland made a motion to adjourn, Selectman Ferris seconded the motion and all were in favor (3-0-0).***

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Golding  
Town Administrator