**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**July 11, 2022**

**6:45 PM** Officer Casey Morgan was sworn in by Town Clerk Belinda Yeaton. Officer Morgan is our newest part time officer to join the MVPD.

**7:00 PM** Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman John Quinlan. Also in attendance was Selectman Jack Esposito and minute taker, Joan Cleary. Selectman Howard Brown was present via Zoom. Quinlan led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Karen Mitchell came before the Board to discuss having an Artisans show this fall. They want to do the show both indoors and outside in the parking lot under tents, probably in October. The Board is agreeable; Karen will get back to us with a firm date. Bonnie Angulas inquired to the status of the AARPA Grant funds.

The Board reviewed the minutes of 6/27/22. Esposito motioned to accept the minutes of 6/27/22 as written seconded by Brown. All in favor. Esposito motioned to approve the non-public minutes of 6/27/22 as written seconded by Brown. All in favor.

**7:10 PM Department Head Meeting**

**Officer Kristopher Wolf – Police Department**

* They’ve received a $7,500 grant for body cameras, which is a 50/50 match.
* Casey Morgan will begin field training with Officer Reppucci this Friday.
* Officer Johnson leaves for the Police Academy August 1st. It is a 16-week course.
* Officer Wolf leaves for the border mission training mid-September. He will be in Texas early October. He can be there up to 470 days.

**Heather Kennedy – Recreation Director**

* The summer concert series kicks off on Wednesday with Sam Robbins. The second week we will hear Copilot. Third week is the Double Crossers which is a local band. The Fire Dept. will have their concessions stand.
* Planning is under way for Lamson Farm Day which will be held on September 24th. They will be looking for help with the pies and beans, etc. They will also need physical help with setting up for the event and will be looking for volunteers for heavy lifting the weekend of September 17th.

**Bonnie Angulas, Library Director**

* Friends of the Library had a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 27th at their meeting for the Little Free Library. The old maple tree in the back of the library has been transformed and appears on the global map of littlefreelibrary.org. Todd Wilkins removed the tree in September; Ray Lyons created a rooftop. Spencer Lovette framed the roof and Vallencourt Roofing supplied the shingles and work. JoAnn Kitchel and her family did the creative work to make a fairy treehouse with a cabinet full of books to take and share. This was sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
* 188 children have registered for the Summer Reading Program; excellent attendance with pre-covid numbers.
* The Senior Summer Session has weekly gatherings aimed at connecting, educating and socializing with our seniors. Week 1: MV Historical Society/Strawberry shortcake; Week 2: 4th of July Potluck Picnic/Patriotic Purposes Committee talk; Week 3: Bingo; Week 4: Meet & Greet with the MVPD; Week 5: Watercolor painting class; Week 6: NNH Humanities to Go Musical Performance; Week 7: Wilton Town Hall Theater; Week 8: Ice Cream Social. Also sponsored by Friends of the Library.
* NH State Library is offering a free Strategic Planning Workshop to library directors interested in creating or updating a plan for their library. Angulas has signed up and attended the first of 4 meetings led by 3 professional consultants. Eight libraries are participating.

**Ben Crosby, Highway Director**

* The backhoe is back in service. Parts alone were a little over $9,000. He is waiting on labor charges.
* Received updated quote on liquid asphalt. They are out ditching on Hutchinson/Old Wilton Rd now; then will be out ditching on Francestown Tpke. next week. Paving is scheduled for the last week of July.
* The new hire has completed the steps of the hiring process. He will be starting 8/1/22. Crosby has one more person he is interviewing tomorrow.
* Crosby would like the Fish & Game Club to take a bigger role in the Fishing Derby. Quinlan stated that the club is willing to partner with the DPW.

7:45 PM Esposito motioned to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue seconded by Brown. All in favor.

8:00 PM Esposito motioned to come out of non-public session seconded by Brown. All in favor. Esposito motioned to seal the minutes seconded by Brown. All in favor.

The Board discussed the makeup of the Strategic Advisory Committee. This is a creation of the Selectboard set up to review the Master Plan, see if it’s up to date and come up with suggestions. They will also create a new Capital Improvement Plan for the town, which is basically an outline of major expenditures and/or projects over the next ten to twelve years. It will be strictly advisory; they will submit to both the Planning Board and the Selectboard at the end of the year. The Board went over the list of volunteers. Quinlan thinks we’ve covered all the bases as far as demographics and people from different walks of life. The names he’s collected so far with a couple from Brown are Paul Lavertu, Eileen Naber, Andrew Stokinger, Heather Stine, Tim Angulas, Pim Grondstra, Shawn Yamamoto and Chris Blunt. Brown likes the fact that we have some new people involved. Esposito motioned to accept the list of names seconded by Brown. All in favor.

**8:05 PM Senator Ricciardi**

Senator Denise Ricciardi came before the Board to discuss the last two years in the State Senate. She highlighted the accomplishments made so far and offered her assistance for the future.

**8:30 PM** As there was no further business before the Board Esposito motioned to adjourn seconded by Brown. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary