**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**June 12, 2023**

**7:00 PM Quinlan** called the meeting to order. Also present was Selectman Jack **Esposito** and Selectman Howard **Brown.**

The Board reviewed the minutes from 6/5/23. **Esposito** motioned to accept the public minutes of 6/5/23 as written seconded by **Brown.** All in favor. The Board reviewed the non-public minutes of 6/5/23. **Esposito** motioned to accept the non-public minutes of 6/5/23 as written seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

The Board signed the delinquent dog license report. The Board signed the manifest.

**7:15 PM Department Head Meeting**

**Chief Mark Slavin – Police Department**

* As of 6/20/23 they are switching to the E-Crash System thru the state. Right now, when they fill out accident reports, they do it in their internal software in the PD, then print them out and ship them to the State through the Post Office. They were trained last week by the state through E-Crash which is basically an on-line electronic format. It’s a quicker way of reporting our crashes for our statistics and other purposes. It’s going to open up E-Ticket and E-Complaint for the PD; there will be grant money coming in October. They will apply to get all new laptops for all three of our cruisers. It will be a 75/25 match. Becci Schwarz will be doing the grant application.
* We are in receipt of the new cruiser. There were issues with the radio but it’s been fixed.
* Last weekend Officer Soboliev represented the PD at the Special Olympics Summer Games out at UNH Durham and passed out awards to all the athletes.
* On 6/1 Souhegan High School started a new tradition and did a graduation walk at the MVVS. All the graduating seniors were bused up here; Chief Slavin and Corporal O’Keefe escorted them with lights and sirens. If Souhegan continues to do this, the MVPD will continue to escort them as well.
* The body worn cameras program is almost here. They have all the body cameras; three of them are trained on them and they have to train the rest of the department. They are finishing the policy; should be implemented by tomorrow. By mid-next week all of the department will be operating the body cam program. Slavin gave a demo.
* The MVPD would like to switch their firearms to the Glock 45 with the optics and weapon mounted light. He has gotten one quote and will get two more quotes. The one quote is at $6,500 which includes the trade-in, new holsters, light, optic and gun. Eight weapons in total. He has the money in his budget.
* Sgt. Daigneault had DARE graduation on 5/26/23; both classes passed. They got Sal’s pizza, Black Forest cake and a canine demonstration by former MV Officer Mike Barrett. They have started their Caught in the Act program where the local youngsters get slushies from the MVGS. This program will run through Labor Day.

**Bonnie Angulas – Library Director**

* The Summer Reading Program kicked off on Memorial Day Weekend with their annual outdoor display created by JoAnn Kitchel’s talented family. This year the theme they are going with is Reading is Magic. The MVVS came over one class at a time for a field trip as well as the Principal. They opened up registration Saturday and have 147 children have already signed up. They should easily get to 200 children by the end of the summer. The program is free to the children of MV and partially sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
* The library received an unanticipated grant of $1,000 from the NH Charitable Foundation from Amherst Label/Calvetti Family Fund. This is specifically to be used to enhance the Children’s Reading Program so they have to spend it by the end of summer. These funds will support a private showing of Beauty and the Beast at the Wilton Town Hall Theatre in July and the magic show finale at the end of the program in August. They are very thankful for the support of the Calvetti family.
* They are hosting an adult summer reading challenge starting on the first day of summer and ending Labor Day weekend.
* Senior summer social hour starts June 26th; they will meet every other Monday at 2:00pm. The first event will be at the Town Hall. Members from the Historical Society and Heritage Commission are creating a history panel to talk about Town Hall past, present and future. This is aimed at our seniors but of course anyone can attend. This is also sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The police will join one of these events to discuss internet fraud; there is a musical performance, a game day, etc.
* They are doing a picnic on July 10th and she was going to invite the BOS to showcase an opportunity to speak with guests in a casual format over potato salad; she will get back to them.
* The Library Trustees continue to meet with various groups in town to address project concerns. They are meeting with the Planning Board, the Strategic Advisory Committee and the Conservation Commission.
* The Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation participated in NH Gives again this year. With the help of 204 doners, they raised over $28,000 towards the new library. With the addition of the NEH match, the total came to $36,000 in 24 hours.
* The Foundation received a NH prize for most doners and most money raised to a charity

in the greater Nashua area. That is quite an honor; they even beat out SHARE.

**Fire Department – Chief Jay Wilson**

* Hoping that Engine #1 is in its final week of repair and they can get it back next week.

**Highway Department – Ben Crosby**

* Kids Fishing Derby was last Sunday; the turnout was great with the weather. There were between 80-90 kids registered; about 135 fish were caught. Thank you to all who donated. The Fish and Game Club had 8 volunteers come down; they were impressed with the whole layout and want to take on a bigger role next year. **Quinlan** commended Crosby for all the hard work he put into the Derby. Purgatory Falls Club is looking to get more involved and take the pressure off Crosby. Crosby thanked Lucien Soucy and Steve Bent for the cooking; they cooked 100 each of hamburgers and hot dogs.
* Brook Road bridge project is moving forward a month ahead of schedule. They are about to pour the second abutment concrete. Crosby still wants to keep the road closed until the paving is complete.
* Crosby submitted quotes for other paving around town. The Board will review.
* Crosby will meet with Amherst DPW on Thursday for a progress update on their Mont Vernon Road project.
* Roadside mowing is scheduled for next Monday.

**7:45 PM Esposito motioned to go into non-public session to discuss a contract negotiation matter that falls under RSA 91-A:3(d) seconded by Brown. Quinlan, yes; Esposito, yes; Brown, Yes. Motion passed.**

**8:00 PM Esposito motioned to come out of non-public seconded by Brown. Quinlan, yes; Esposito, yes; Brown, yes. Motion passed.**

**Esposito motioned to seal the non-public minutes seconded by Brown. Quinlan, yes; Esposito, yes; Brown, yes. Motion passed.**

Chief Wilson discussed the damages to the fire station fire alarm panel and the generator. The fire alarm panel is approx. a $3,000 repair and the generator is $3,500 in unanticipated expense. Lucien Soucy went through the breakdown. **Brown** asked if insurance might cover; Soucy does not think that insurance will cover it at its age because it’s considered a normal wear and tear part. **Esposito** motioned to take $6,500 out of the Repairs & Maintenance to Town Buildings line for the purpose of repairing the generator and fire alarm panel at the Fire Station seconded by **Brown.** All in favor, motion passed.

The Board went over an abatement which they were not able to approve.

The Board signed the manifest and checks.

**8:15 PM** As there was no further business before the Board **Esposito** motioned to adjourn seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary