**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**July 10, 2023**

**7:15 PM Quinlan** Called the meeting to order. Also present was Selectman Jack **Esposito.** Selectman Howard **Brown** joined the meeting via zoom.

Sheila Sturm approached the Board regarding the Summer Concert Series. She is now on the board of the MV Library Charitable Foundation. On the Aug. 9th event, they would like to be able to do some promotion for that event to help promote the MV Library Charitable Foundation in an effort to raise money to lower the cost of the library. They’d like to help promote that particular night and have some giveaways for the kids; something similar to what the Fire Dept. Association does with their fundraising with their cookouts. They think they can get a lot of people to go to that concert. They feel it would be a nice way to bring the town together and have a nice evening together. **Esposito** asked if she has coordinated with Heather Kennedy, Rec. Director. Sturm stated that she has emailed Heather but has not heard back as of yet. **Esposito** said he has no problem with it; coordinate with Heather on the details.

**7:25 PM – Department Head Meeting**

**Randy Wilson – Fire Department**

* Engine 1 is back from being repaired and is at 100% working order.
* Recruit training should be completed by the end of July.
* Call volume has been very high. They are ahead of their average of 110 calls; they are on pace for about 140 calls.

**Chief Mark Slavin – Police Department**

* Officer Jason Johnson attended the bike rodeo put on by the Boy Scouts and provided helmets to all the attendees.
* 6 of the 7 officers are now body cam operational
* Roman Soboliev will start the part-time academy on 7/29/23 and will graduate on 12/1/23. He will be fully operational by March of 2024.
* McCollom Building lights are all updated and operational.
* Calls for service are about the same as last year; car stops are higher and traffic accidents are lower. Arrests are down but most of the arrests this year are felonies with lengthy investigations.

**Ben Crosby – Highway Department**

* Battling the rain trying to get caught up on prep work for paving. There is no date set as of now for Brook Road paving which pushes back the date for reopening the road. They are on track to be done with the bridge by the end of next week.
* Crosby has found an office trailer replacement for the Transfer Station.
* Burn pile was burned today; it will reopen tomorrow.

**Bonnie Angulas – Library Director**

* Summer Reading Program is in full swing; 200 children signed up. At the ½ way point they have 1,415 books read.
* The NH Charitable Foundation/Calvetti Family Fund is sponsoring the trip to the Wilton Town Hall Theatre to see Beauty and the Beast. They are also hosting the magic show finale in August.
* Updated the story walk at Carleton Pond; the Conservation Comm. planted a variety of native species down there. The library put butterflies in their habitats down there to go with the plants.
* The adult summer reading challenge continues.; challenging adults to read 10 books this summer. It runs through Labor Day weekend.
* Senior summer social hour picnic had to be cancelled due to the rain. The next event is scheduled for 7/24 with the MVPD to talk about internet safety.
* Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation got their final numbers from NH Charitable Gaming events. They did a week in April and raised 17K and did a week in June and made 30K. Adding the 25% match from NEH came to a 58K fundraiser to be put towards the library project.
* The library will help to host the meet & greet to introduce the SAU Superintendent on 8/16/23.

**Heather Kennedy – Recreation Director (via email)**

* Great line-up of bands for the Summer Concert Series:

7/12/23 Monadnock Bluegrass

7/19/23 The Pop Farmers

7/26/23 Sam Robbins

8/2/23 Mango Groove Steel Drums Band

8/9/23 The Incidentals

All concerts start at 6:30pm and go until 8:00pm. The MVFDA will offer dinner concessions.

There will be a variety of town groups joining at some of the concerts. The purpose of inviting town groups is to assist in giving them the opportunity to spread the word that their group exists, their mission, what they are currently/actively doing in the community, advertise for an upcoming event, solicit new members, etc. Providing a giveaway or treat is fine to do, but not at all necessary—just having a presence, banner or sign, possibly a flyer with contact info, etc.

**7:40 PM** The Board reviewed the minutes from 6/26/23. **Esposito** motioned to accept the non-public minutes of 6/26/23 as written seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor. **Quinlan** motioned to seal the non-public minutes of 6/26/23 seconded by **Esposito.** All in favor. **Esposito** motioned to accept the public minutes of 6/26/23 seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor.

**Cleary** discussed the acceptance of a 12-acre parcel being donated to the Town by the Pinchard estate. The parcel is located on Francestown Turnpike and will give direct access to the town forest.

**Esposito** strongly feels that we need to readdress adjusting the elderly exemption for next year. **Quinlan** agrees that we should look at adjusting the thresholds. **Esposito** feels we should change the income limit. Right now, the maximum income is 40K and no one can live in this town on 40K. **Quinlan** suggested we adjust for inflation.

**8:00 PM** As there was no further business before the Board **Esposito** motioned to adjourn seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary