**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2023**

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

Joann Kitchel came before the Board to gain information on our plastic recycling issues. **Esposito** explained that it is not an issue of cost; the fact is that people were throwing plastics other than clear milk jugs in the container which contaminates the load and it then has to go to the incinerator. We have been dealing with this for almost a year. People just don’t follow the rules on what can go in there. Once that load gets contaminated, it’s unusable to the recycler and has to go to the incinerator. Ben Crosby stated that we were notified by the Souhegan Regional Landfill District that it has been contaminated for so long that it is now costing to haul and dispose of. Kitchel asked if we have looked into having someone sort it for us. We do not have the manpower or resources to do that.

Amy Wyman thanked Crosby for replacing the Wallace Lane sign.

**7:15 PM Department Head Meeting**

**Heather Kennedy – Recreation Director**

* They are in the 5th week of the Summer Concert Series. They have had four very successful concerts on the green with very minimal modifications for weather changes. She expects that they will have another successful one for the grand finale on Wednesday.
* They have started preparing for Lamson Farm Day which will involve children’s games, Pocket Lady and pony rides. The date for this is September 23, 2023.

**Bonnie Angulas – Library Director**

* Joann Kitchel completed her 10th Summer Reading Program on Friday night in the MVVS MPR with a magic show. They had 206 kids registered in the program. They tracked how many books were read; according to the reading logs they read 3,637 books which is a new record. Joann hosted 33 programs with a total of 1,310 attendees. The program was greatly enhanced this year by grants and gifts from the Friends of the Library, the Sophia G. Daland Trust and the NH Charitable Foundation/Amherst Label/Calvetti Fund. The Friends of the Library will host a laser tag event to get the teenagers out for one last fun event before they go back to school.
* They have two humanity grant programs coming up:

8/12/23 A Walk Back in Time, the Secret of Cellar Holes

8/21/23 Story Telling Through Traditional Irish Music

* 8/16/23 The Meet & Greet with the new SAU39 Superintendent and the new Principal. The goal is to develop better communication and a stronger relationship.
* The 1st Amendment Auditors made a lap in southern NH and stopped at 8 libraries and a variety of Town Halls. They were very successful in antagonizing the staff in New Boston at the Whipple Free Library. That short video has gotten 67,000 views because of how abrasive they were. The staff was not trained in how to deal with them. Bonnie would like us to look into the NHMA to see if there is webinar training for handling this kind of situation.

**Chief Jay Wilson – Fire Department**

* Getting ready for September for our vehicle maintenance.
* Still waiting to send out the HME to get the body work done on it from the damage caused last year.
* Call rate has been fairly steady.

**Chief Mark Slavin – Police Department**

Chief Slavin is on vacation; he emailed the following:

* Officer Soboliev’s academy got pushed to January. Roman began phase 2 of his FTO which means he is handling calls with a field training officer observing. This later academy date will push back the timeline of when he will begin solo patrol by a month or two.
* Corporal O’Keefe presented about internet fraud to the Library Summer Senior Series.

**Ben Crosby – Highway Director**

* Weather permitting, Brook Rd will be paved starting 8/8/23. Have had some issues over the weekend with people moving the barricades and driving thru.
* Issues at Transfer Station with people coming in with large pieces of furniture. Our attendants are not able to or allowed to pick up to put into the open top container or the compacter. If people can haul it to the Station, they can lift it into the open top or the compacter. This is not a used furniture store; we may need to start charging for big pieces being left on the pavement.
* The new trailer is scheduled to be delivered to the Transfer Station at the end of the month.
* Has two quotes to extend the sprinkler system at the Highway Garage for the Board to review. **Esposito** motioned to accept the Artec Sprinkler Corp bid in the amount of $13,000 for the sprinkler system in the Highway Garage seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.
* Submitted the application for the Clean Diesel Grant; should hear something back by October.

**7:40 PM End of Department Head Meeting**

**7:45 PM** The Board reviewed the minutes of 7/24/23. **Esposito** motioned to accept the minutes of 7/24/23 as written seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

**7:50 PM** As there was no further business before the Board **Esposito** motioned to adjourn seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary