**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2023**

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

Eileen Naber came before the Board to discuss the Strategic Advisory Committee. They’ve been going over ideas on how to work out town offices, town planning, etc. Everything hinges on the Town Hall being rehabbed which is predicted to be 5 years down the line. One of the options in their discussion was to build a new police station. Then you could move the Town offices over into the McCollom Building and then could rehab the Town Hall. Their thought was to look into building a new police station above the new proposed library site. There was discussion on the wetlands issue up in that corner of the property. Cleary questioned if we really want a PD up in the far corner of that property? Naber said it was all brain storming at this point; could it be a viable plan?

The Board reviewed the minutes of 8/7/23. **Esposito** motioned to accept the minutes of 8/7/23 as written seconded by **Brown.** All in favor. **Esposito** spoke with Ben Crosby about road line painting. The Budget Committee reduced that budget line by about $5,000. The intention had been to do Old Milford Road, Old Wilton/Wilton Road and the Francestown Tpke. white lines because of low visibility. Crosby got a quote of between 4-5K maximum to get it done. It needs to be done; Crosby thinks he can find that amount in his budget. The Board agreed that the work needs to be done.

The Board discussed last quarter 2023 goals. The Budget Committee is supposed to be chosen by Labor Day; **Quinlan** will get in touch with the Moderator. Cleary will be requesting budget numbers from all Department Heads by late September. **Quinlan** was at the Library Building Committee’s meeting Thursday. They are gearing up for next spring. They are keeping the same General Contractor that they already chose for the proposed library project, Turnstone out of Milford. They are asking the BOS to sign a new contract with Turnstone. It doesn’t mean anything unless the warrant passes in March; however, it will save us from getting charged with extra money from the Build America Buy America Act. If we were to wait, we would have to use union workers for everything and all the materials and supplies would have to be made in America, etc. It could easily add over 100K to the cost of the project. It’s the same contract that was signed a year ago. **Esposito** asked how much of an increase over last year’s figures is anticipated. **Quinlan** said they don’t anticipate an increase; there might even be a decrease. He asked if the Board is in agreement with signing the contract with Turnstone. **Esposito** does not recall anything being stated about the Build America Buy America Act from last year, but he’s no objecting to it.

**7:35 PM Brown motioned to go into non-public session to discuss contract negotiations and a personnel issue seconded by Esposito. All in favor.**

**8:00 PM Brown motions to come out of non-public session, second by Esposito, Quinlan yes, Brown yes, motion passed.**

**Esposito motions to seal the minutes from the 8/21/23 non-public session, second by Brown, all in favor, motion passed.**

**8:05 PM Brown** informed the Board that he will be away from 9/10/23 – 9/21/23.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary