**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 2023**

**7:00PM Quinlan** called the meeting to order. Also present was Selectman Jack **Esposito.** The Board viewed a moment of silence in memory of those who were lost on September 11, 2001.

Eileen Naber questioned whether or not we would need a fire suppression in the new library; has that issue been resolved? **Quinlan** stated no it has not; it is still a point of contention between the Fire Chief, the Library Building Committee and the Architects. The State Fire Marshall could be involved as well as there is an appeal process. There are further discussions to be had. Bonnie Angulas said that it comes down to the Fire Code. It has been discussed; if Chief Wilson doesn’t respond in a timely fashion, the Library Building Committee has to assume to go above him if he’s not going to respond. The delay is not from the Library Building Committee.

Cleary received a call from the Amherst Town Administrator, Deam Shankle. He called regarding the Amherst Ambulance service which we have been paying a flat rate of 17K for years. They are asking where is there a contract allowing for that as we should be paying upwards of 60K +. The last written document he found was from 2006 and before that 1978. Shankle would like there to be a meeting between the two Boards to revisit the situation.

**7:15 PM Department Head Meeting**

**Randy Wilson – Fire Department**

* Engine #2 is going out for repairs from the damage done during the fire on Pond Road; will be gone for about two weeks.
* Call volume is pretty steady.
* Working on budget numbers.
* Paint on the Fire Station front doors is oxidizing. They are figuring out if it is cleanable and sealable or if they need to be repainted.

**Sgt. Aaron Daigneault – Police Department**

* Fire & Burglary systems have been updated at McCollom Bldg.
* Handicap elevator at McCollom Bldg. needs a new ramp.
* DWI’s are up; two burglaries in the last month. They were targeted, not random.
* The new date for the part-time academy is the end of January 2024 through May 2024.

**Bonnie Angulas -Library Director**

* Principal of MVVS had them all over for the opening day of school.
* Fall programming has begun; Lap Sit & Storytime is starting 9/21/23. There is a big increase in kids between 0-3yrs of age.
* Four Junior book clubs are all full; this if for grades 1-6.
* For the adults there are a series of paint nights and a knitting club with Eileen Naber. The three adult book clubs will go through the end of December.
* Friends of Library have a fundraiser on Sat. 9/30 called the Harvest Market which will be held in the MVVS MPR from 9am-3pm.
* The Mont Vernon Library Charitable Foundation is hosting a fundraiser Sat. 9/16 at Station 101. They will receive $1 a beer for every beer sold between 12-9pm.
* First Amendment Audit came into the library last Thursday afternoon. There was an altercation with a patron in the parking lot and they did post a YouTube video.
* The plan is to keep the library tent up until the end of September weather permitting.

**Heather Kennedy – Recreation Director**

* Lamson Farm Day is on 9/23 from 10-3pm. Recreation Dept. will provide children’s games, the Pocket Lady and pony rides at the event, as well as some 4-H things.
* Candy collection for Halloween will start in October; they will be putting collection boxes out.

**Ben Crosby – Highway Director**

* Caught up on all the paving; they may come back and do some washout damage. Catching up on shoulder gravel.
* Waiting to see when we will get the Transfer Station trailer delivered. Getting a quote from the electrician on timeline and cost of updating with Eversource. We will need a new meter as the current one is not up to code.
* Trucks are running well; one minor repair will be done on the backhoe. The fall servicing on all the trucks was done over last few days.
* Developing pothole down on Old Amherst Road needs to be addressed.
* Road line painting has been stalled due to all the rain.

Sgt. Daigneault came before the Board regarding the Mont Vernon MACC Base surplus amount. It was agreed that we are requesting that our surplus amount of approx. 25K be returned to Mont Vernon.

Additionally, MACC Base will be encumbering funds from 2023 in the amount of approx. 21K t pay for the needed 2024 recorder maintenance and refresh.

The Board reviewed the 9//6/23 minutes. **Esposito** motioned to accept the public minutes of 9/6/23 as amended seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor.

The Board reviewed the non-public minutes from 9/6/23. **Esposito** motioned to accept the non-public minutes of 9/6/23 as written seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor. **Esposito** motioned to seal the minutes of 9/6/23 seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor.

**7:50PM Esposito** motioned to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor.

**7:55PM Esposito** motioned to come out of non-public session seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor. **Esposito** motioned to seal the non-public minutes of 9/11/23 seconded by **Quinlan.** All in favor.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Cleary