**Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

**March 11, 2024**

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

**Brown** noted that he received a call regarding Weston Hill Rd with concerns that water is going across the road and there is trash and possibly oil in the water. He reached out to DES but has not heard back. **Esposito** feels he should call Ben Crosby with this; we may get a faster response from DES if the Town DPW calls. **Brown** stated that we have not yet posted the job for Rec Director. He feels that since tomorrow is the polling and Wednesday night is Town Meeting, we should post tomorrow. The Board reviewed the minutes from 3/4/24. **Esposito** motioned to accept the minutes of 3/4/24 as amended seconded by **Brown.** All in favor. The Board discussed taking shifts for the Town Election. **Esposito** will take first shift, **Quinlan** second shift and **Brown** third shift.

**7:15 PM Department Head Meeting**

**Police Department – Chief Mark Slavin**

* Officer Casey Morgan completed CIT school. This is a 40-hour crisis intervention training where they are taught to understand the signs and symptoms of mental illness and how to safely de-escalate a crisis situation. 5 of the 7 officers are now CIT trained; the other two will be trained.
* New data terminals have been installed in the cruisers; they were able to get rid of the big laptops and switch to the tablets. They now have better visibility in the cruisers. The tablets are detachable. Tomorrow they switch over to the E-citation and E-complaint system; they will be able to print out in the cruiser. This will save time and all be done electronically.
* 4/24 Hosting a class for soon to be drivers and their parents. They did this class last year and got great feedback so they are doing again.
* 4/27 Drug Take Back Day – done twice a year.
* Officer Kris Wolf is back from the National Guard.
* Shuttle service is set for Town Meeting; will have a school bus here from 6:30 – 11pm. Five officers will be on duty to assist with parking, etc.

**Fire Department – Chief Jay Wilson**

* Pump maintenance was done in February.
* Grant application was submitted last Thursday; Becci Schwarz did a great job with it.

**Library Director – Bonnie Angulas**

* Held their second community conversation that was focused around the CIP. Paul Lavertu and Pim Grondstra came to present with Eileen Naber on zoom.
* Hosted Meet the Candidate last week; very successful turnout of about 70 people.
* Friends of the Library will host the Election Day Bake Sale tomorrow.
* MVLCF notified the Library Trustees of additional donations which officially brings the bond amount down to 1.99 million. We can anticipate that they will amend the warrant article on the floor of Town Meeting.

**Recreation Director – Heather Kennedy**

* Crotched Mountain ski program wrapped up on 2/16.
* Egg Hunt preparations are under way; the event will take place on Sat., 3/30 at the MVVS. Looking for donations from town departments for the golden egg baskets.
* Spring Gala is scheduled for 5/18/24; the theme is the Olympics. The parade is shaping up nicely and there will be some events on the green.
* Bands are lined up for the Summer Concert series.

**Highway Director – Ben Crosby**

* Starting to look at roads to be paved this year; hoping the budget is passed with the increase to the Tarring/Sealing line. We have some drainage issues with all the rain we’ve had. Weston Hill/Gregory have been hit hard and will be a major focus so as to mitigate any future issues.
* Getting info on new replacement for the ‘07. Its looking more like we are not going to go with International because of availability; they are 16-18 months out for a cab and chasse. Western Star seems to be the one who can deliver relatively fast. Once we get through Town Meeting, he can place the order for the chasse and we may receive by late summer. We will go with either HP Fairfield or Viking out of Vermont for the upfitting. As of now, Viking is coming in at a lower cost than Fairfield.
* He has come up with a list of Transfer Station Rules for Solicitations. The Board will review.
* **Quinlan** mentioned an area of Old Amherst Road which is in need of immediate repair. Crosby will address.
* **Esposito** spoke of the last meeting with the SRLD at which it was decided that we will try again at recycling clear plastic.

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

**7:45 PM Esposito** motioned to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

**8:00 PM Esposito** motioned to come out of non-public session seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

**Esposito** motioned to seal the minutes of 3/11/24 seconded by **Brown.** All in favor.

**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