

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

### April 19, 2021

**7:02 PM** Meeting called to order by Select board Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kim Roberge and Tim Berry and minute taker, Joan Cleary. Esposito led the meeting in a moment of silence.

Esposito spoke with the Chief regarding a drug drop off at different police stations this weekend; Mont Vernon is not participating in this one. The Board tabled the 4/5/21 minutes until Laurie is back in the office. Berry motioned to approve the minutes of 4/12/21 as amended seconded by Roberge. All in favor. Esposito discussed the language for the Warrant Articles. Roberge spoke of the information provided from DEW in order to meet the needs in formulating the Building Renovation Plan Committee. Berry discussed the amount needed for new windows for the Town Hall. The Board discussed having two separate Warrant Articles; one for the new windows and one for the building renovation with all the cost deducted from the original estimate given last year. The Fire Dept. did not get the grant for the new truck they applied for and will now have to go with a lease/purchase on their Warrant Article. They also have applied for a grant for air packs (SCBA); the remaining funds needed will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> Warrant Article. A third Warrant Article is for the Town's communications upgrade for the PD, DPW and Fire Dept. We are waiting for final numbers on these. Roberge discussed the deadline date in getting these Warrant Articles to the Budget Committee. Joan will reach out to John Arico and request the Budget Committee meet the week of 5/3. Jay Wilson reported on the damage/repairs to the tanker. Repairs will be max of \$2,500. They can have it fixed in the next couple of weeks. This is the second time this has happened; with any kind of weld, it will keep failing elsewhere. A new tank will be around 25k - 30k installed. In future planning over next few years, they will seek to put money aside for a new tank replacement; the truck is expected to last until 2040-2045. He feels this was a poorly manufactured tank; we are one of several departments in the New England area that have these tanks that have dealt with the same exact issue. We have no recourse because the company went out of business. Roberge questioned if the repairs to the tank will be warrantied. Wilson said they can't warranty someone else's tank; they'll warranty their work. The Board tabled the website update until Laurie is back in the office. Berry motioned to adopt the new DPW Hiring Policy seconded by Roberge. All in favor. Roberge reported that the Town Hall Renovation Plan Committee is starting to get survey feedback from the Town's people regarding the renovation plan for the Town Hall. The committee will meet on Thursday at 7:00pm. The gazebo is in need of repairs. Esposito suggests putting caution tape around it until the DPW can get to it. Roberge thinks that the Rec. Committee is trying to pull together a shortened summer concert series; she feels the gazebo needs more than caution tape. She suggests the interior be closed off until we decide what's going to be repaired and who is going to do the work. There is a MACC Base meeting with Wilton next Monday night at 6:00pm. Joan will clarify time and zoom info with Milford. Esposito spoke with Atty. Quinn regarding the Weston Hill property. There may be an heir living in Germany; Quinn is handling the situation. Berry stated that we have received some complaints about people not pulling permits for accessory structures on their property that are larger than 120 sq. ft. We are not only losing permit fees but also tax revenue and need to come up with a solution for dealing with residents who are circumventing the building permit process. Roberge stated that the normal procedure would be that if a complaint comes in and no permit has been pulled, the Selectmen would direct the Building Inspector to issue a cease and desist based on the correct RSA. It's a fairly standard process. Some people may not know that they need to pull permits. The Board agreed that the information will be passed on to the Building Inspector for follow up.

**8:30 PM** As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned seconded by Roberge to adjourn.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Cleary