

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

### July 12, 2021

**7:00 PM** Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance was Selectman Tim Berry and minute taker, Laurie Brown. Selectman Howard Brown was absent. Esposito led the meeting in the pledge.

Resident, Eileen Naber, asked that the leach field for the library be clearly marked on the Town Green to avoid any accidental breeches.

Jessica Pomeroy, Chair of the Garden and Beautification Committee explained that she wants to have a "Bulb Drive" to augment the flowers around Town. She will be looking for donations of bulbs and garden soil. She also asked that the Board appoint two new members and one alternate to the Committee.

Board agreed to the "Bulb Drive".

Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito to appoint Sean Mamone and Zoe Fimbel as full members term ending 2023 and Mike Fimbel as an alternate member to the Garden and Beautification Committee. All in favor.

Esposito asked her to make sure she puts some kind of protective covering over the newly planted bulbs to protect them from animals.

#### **7:15 PM Department Head Meeting** **Randy Wilson, Fire Ward**

- The tanker is back with its temporary repair. The new tank will be ready late August or early September. The tanker will be out of service for a few weeks at that time.

#### **Kevin Furlong, Police Chief**

- Received a letter from the NRPC that the Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved. When we get it, the last page will be for the Selectmen to sign and then they must adopt it.
- The DOJ is offering grants for the purchase of body cameras. Deadline to apply is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bonnie Angulas asked how much the cameras will cost.

Furlong said \$3000 to \$4000 with a data storage fee of approx. \$13,000 annually.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was relatively quiet with the exception of a serious accident on South Main St.
- Speed sign data has again been posted on social media. He also asked for a firm date for the next round of poles for the signs to be installed.

Ben Crosby said that he will try to get them installed this week.

- Ordered one new radio and a new laptop for the cruiser.

Esposito asked if there is any equipment left in the 4<sup>th</sup> cruiser and was told "no".

#### **Heather Kennedy, Recreation Committee Chair**

- Summer concert series begins this Wednesday. There is one rain date scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Fireman's Association will be providing food and refreshments for all of the concerts.
- Summer Gala with a Twist will include the FD Pancake Breakfast, Book Sale, MVCC Lunch Concessions, Museum will be open, and there will be a concert to cap off the day with concessions from the Fireman's Association.
- Thinking ahead to Lamson Farm Day, we will be sponsoring the pony rides, children's games and the pocket lady.
- Kennedy thanked the Selectmen for getting the gazebo repaired and painted.
- She asked that the new sound system be added to our insurance as a rider.

#### **Bonnie Angulas, Library Director**

- We are at the ½ way point with the Summer Reading program and have 202 children registered.

- Received a \$750 grant from the Amherst Label/Calvetti family through NH Charitable Foundation for our Summer Reading program, and have reserved the Wilton Town Hall Theater on August 6<sup>th</sup> to show "The Jungle Book".
- There is a gallery showing on August 5<sup>th</sup> to showcase the teen artisan's work.
- Also received a \$1,000 grant from the American Rescue Plan Act that will be added to the Hoopla subscription.
- The Friends of the Library voted to have the Book Sale August 21<sup>st</sup> – on Summer Gala day.
- The Mont Vernon Charitable Foundation will be applying for a matching grant (max. \$300K) and will need a letter of support from the Selectboard.
- We have a job opening – Cassie Bragdon is subbing in for the rest of the summer.
- The cleaning person has not shown up for the last 3 weeks.

Esposito thanked her for hosting the luncheon.

#### **Ben Crosby, DPW Director**

- Jeff Trainor of Monadnock Services will try to spray the Town Green for ticks in anticipation of the Concert on the Green on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Paving will get started by month end.
- Posted the transfer station opening on Indeed and have received one reply.
- Both employees testing for their CDL have passed. They are now due their promised \$.50/hr raise.
- The '07 six-wheeler will be going in to Fairfield because the pins for the dump body have frozen.

Furlong suggested that the McCollom Building be pressure washed, as the siding is getting covered with mold and mildew. He also asked for an update on direct deposit.

L Brown said she would get to it shortly.

Naber asked if the transfer station attendants were allowed to help her with her trash and was told "yes".

Esposito asked if Crosby knew what happened with someone supposedly leaving things in the "Still Good Shed" and having the attendant throw them in the compactor right away.

Crosby didn't know of the incident.

Furlong stated that he had sent out an email to personnel to let them know that he gave his notice earlier in the day. He gave a 60-day notice, and will be leaving on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **7:50 PM End of Department Head Meeting**

Esposito referred to an email received from a resident asking about paving Grand Hill Road.

Crosby said that the resident claims to have talked to him every year for 6 years; I've only been here for 4 years. There are other claims in that email that aren't true.

Esposito said that he took a ride out there, and we should put it on our list for 2022.

Berry said that there are also drainage issues with the upper portion of that road. We may need to increase the size of the culvert.

Esposito said that we can look at the culvert, but it should be reclaimed and repaved.

Resident Kathy Marchocki asked if Map 1, Lot 8-1 had been given a house number yet.

L Brown said, yes, #93 and that she would need to renumber her house as #95.

Marchocki asked about the cottage, now numbered #93B

L Brown explained that the new 911 guidelines will probably not allow a number like 93B. and that it is possible that the cottage will be #95, and her own house will need to be #97.

L Brown will call 911.

Esposito asked Crosby to purchase bigger signs for the Wilton/Old Wilton intersection.

Esposito asked for a list of ADU's in Mont Vernon.

L Brown said that Berry had been given a list, and he was going to turn it over to the Board.

Berry said that he didn't have it with him. He also said that the Board needs better guidance from the Planning Board on ADU's. The NRPC will work on the ordinances.

Esposito said that the Board will wait until H Brown is back from vacation to take any action regarding Town Counsel's letter to the junkyard property owners.

Marchocki asked if there were certain criteria that determines if a property is classified as a junkyard.

Berry said that the State RSA's have that spelled out very well. He also stated that we are trying to get them cleaned up without having to go the litigation route.

Esposito said that he only anticipates one being obstinate.

Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the non-public minutes of June 28, 2021 as written. All in favor.

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Esposito said that he was surprised at the Police Chief's resignation. He has done a good job for us, and he has recommended one of his officers as a replacement. We will wait for H Brown to discuss his 60-day notice.

Berry said that he had given the tax deeding checklist from Town Counsel to the Tax Collector.

L Brown relayed that she had gotten another voice mail regarding the use of the two residences on 54 Weston Hill Rd.

Berry said that there are 6 unregistered vehicles there now. He had a conversation with the Building Inspector's wife who said that the position of the BI is that he will go in and inspect the things he can see, but that a structural engineer would have to be brought in if they are to get a CO for the 2<sup>nd</sup> residence.

Marchocki asked if the Selectmen's meetings were going to go back to being broadcast on ZOOM.

Berry said that the Board had been talking about it; there is a lot of equipment that would have to be purchased in order to facilitate that.

Board agreed that Esposito would sign the Waiver of Liability that came over from Attorney Tom Quinn's office regarding the Wilkins using a class VI road for a driveway and having to upgrade the culvert under the road.

**8:25 PM** As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Brown