

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes January 13, 2020

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kim Roberge and Tim Berry.

Esposito led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Board reviewed the minutes of 1/6. Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of January 6, 2020 as amended. All in favor.
- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Brown recounted the NHMA's take on whether the \$10,000 for the Heritage Commission Fund should be presented as a warrant article or as a line item in the budget.

If it is presented in the budget and gets taken out at Town Meeting, the Selectmen can move money into that account if they can find it elsewhere. If it is a warrant article and gets voted down, no money can be put into that fund, period. Also, the fund is reported to the state as a line item on the MS 636.

Esposito feels it should be a line item.

Berry agrees.

Roberge said that if it was earmarked for a specific project, she would go along with it.

7:15 PM Department Head Meeting.

Bonnie Angulas – Library

The Daland Trustees have a written note:

2019 Library Statistics

- 14,010 library visits
- 16,115 materials checked out, 2280 Overdrive digital downloads
- 1,476 library card holding members
- 801 new materials added
- 231 programs were offered with 3,784 total attendees
- 203 children registered for the summer reading programs; read 1544 books
- 13,432 # of materials in the library collection.

Winter programs:

- Adult reading program
- Overdrive info night; Thursday January 23rd
- Two Adult Book Clubs

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- 2020 Census Collaboration Saturday, January 18th
- Lapsit and storytime Thursdays

Podcast "Tiny Town Library" will continue in 2020

- The Library Trustees were interviewed last week
- PTA Board is coming in for February
- David Sturm is coming in March
- They would like some Town Departments to come in starting in April

The maple tree in front of the library was removed by Todd Wilkins at the direction of the Daland Trust.

Heather Kennedy – Recreation

- Easter Egg hunt will be April 11th.
- Spring Gala will be May 16th.
- Wants to “grow” the day to day programs like exercise, volleyball etc...

Chief Jay Wilson – Fire Department

- Tanker is all set
- Ice water rescue training on January 25th. At 1:00 pm. Purgatory Falls Fish & Game has donated a new Ice Rescue Suit.

Roberge asked Jay about the light at the pond, and when we will get it in.

Wilson said after the pole is in and MV Electric does their part then Eversource can do the job.

Esposito asked about MACC.

Wilson let the Board know that MACC wants to renew the contract for only one year. His recommendation is to put together a communication group with Wilton so that if Milford pulls out, we can be more prepared. If MACC still exists after Milford pulls out, you need to see if Milford would allow MACC to continue to rent out the 4th floor of the Milford Town Hall. My biggest fear is that if Milford pulls out all the employees will leave to find jobs elsewhere.

Berry said that we should be proactive now.

Furlong said that the best idea may be to stay with Milford; we need to be open to staying with them even though the relationship has been strained. He asked if we know how much it will cost to be a customer.

Esposito said he didn't know, but the cost of being a customer in Goffstown is half what we are paying now.

Roberge stated that the frequencies are owned by MACC.

Furlong said no: the police frequency is owned by Milford.

Wilson offered that it is a very small cost for them to dispatch Mont Vernon – they don't have to add any personnel, whereas another agency probably would.

Berry said that if we sit down with Milford as Mont Vernon and Wilton, we would have more pull.

Wilson agreed and again suggested forming a group to look into all of this.

Chief Kevin Furlong – Police

- Police Statistics and Training compliance forms were submitted today.
- We closed out the year on New Years Eve with a car accident, foot pursuit and use of taser.
- Dare is starting up on Tuesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 and from 2:00 to 3:00.
- Have 2 minor repairs needed to cruisers: 1 cracked windshield and cruiser #3 was backed into at the PO.
- Over the weekend a ratchet strap let go at the transfer station and hit a resident's car.

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- We did make an arrest on the tree girdling. Charges included: reckless conduct, illegal timber harvest and criminal mischief.

Ben Crosby - DPW Director

- There were a few mud issues today. We worked on Salisbury today and will do Joe English tomorrow.

Berry asked about progress with Fieldstone.

Crosby said that they will write up a summary as to where we stand with the DES. We are going for a replacement in kind for the culvert on Brook Road.

8:00 PM End of Department Head Meeting

Esposito mentioned that the tentative plans for the Town Hall renovation were in the back of the room.

Angulas took exception to the plan to go ahead with the reno this year.

Esposito said that he had spoken with Chief Furlong regarding the proposed new cruiser and the 4th officer. He said that if both the Budget Committee and the Selectmen vote against the new cruiser, he will take it out of his proposed budget. If either of the two support it, he will leave it in and let the Town decide at Town Meeting. We haven't had any trouble with the cruisers and I don't want to start now.

Berry said that we will let the budget committee hash it out.

Esposito asked for the engine run times on the cruisers. Furlong will bring them in.

8:30 Heather Kennedy asked if she could go ahead with Matt Morrissett's volleyball program. He has agreed that it will be adult only and at least 50% Mont Vernon participation. She would like to say yes to him.

Esposito said that it is ok as long as he has met our requirements.

Roberge reminded her that all participants will have to sign a waiver.

Kennedy asked if she will be able to keep the recreation committee's storage upstairs in the McCollom Building while the renovation of the Town Hall is ongoing.

Berry stated that there will be a lot more things stored over there, but that she will not be kicked out.

9:00 PM As there was no further business before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to adjourn.
All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown