

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2019

7:33 pm Esposito called the meeting to order. Also present was Selectman Kim Roberge. Chief Wilson came before the Board to discuss MACC Base. They got the audit back and Captain Frye, Milford's Rep to MACC, noticed that there is approximately \$240,000 sitting in an account that should have gone back to the taxpayers. Literally don't know where it came from. We tracked it over the past since 2012 – 10k, 15k, I know exactly where it came from. It came from the money put aside in case of emergency repair or for emergency equipment. We had a conversation w the auditor. It's actually going to be his last year anyways on the recommendation from Quinlan, we talked about that. We think that's what he did; he saw this line item and put it into this account to save it in case something broke or blew up or whatever. But he never got permission from anybody that we know of; I never gave him permission, Jason never gave him permission. He never mentioned that there was a surplus. The money is all accounted for; there is no embezzlement or anything like that. We think he just transferred the carry over money. We are figuring it out. Wilson has directed Jason to call in the auditor and find out why the funds are there and track where the funds came from. Roberge asked Wilson to have the last five years year end statements as well as the last five audits sent to us. Wilson will talk to Jason about that. Roberge asked if there is another company to bring in for an audit. Wilson said they are going to do so; they were changing auditors this year anyways.

7:43 pm The Board reviewed and signed the checks and manifest. The Board reviewed the minutes from 2/20/19. Esposito motioned to accept the minutes of 2/20/19 as amended seconded by Roberge. All in favor. Roberge asked to have the minutes from 2/11/19 separated and posted as two sets of minutes; one for the Public Hearing and one for the Selectmen's Meeting. Esposito mentioned the intersection of Purgatory and Old Wilton Road. There is discussion on making that a four way stop. Roberge will drive up Old Wilton Road tomorrow. Roberge brought up the 2/11/19 public hearing. Mr. Murphy commented that there are 199 towns in the state of NH and only one town spends more money per students than we do. She didn't think it appropriate to debate that during the town budget hearing but wants it to be on the record that the cost per pupil based on the education.nh.gov is that Mont Vernon spent \$16,123.86 per pupil and the state average is \$15,981.46. So we are \$142.40 over the state average. Milford spent \$16,151; Hollis spent \$15,789. So we are right at the state average. There is no way that that was an accurate statement. There is not only one town that spends more money than us. There will not be a meeting next Monday as two of the three Selectmen are unavailable. Thursday is available if there is a reason to meet. Roberge asked what are we doing regarding the Chief's review and his contract? Esposito will go speak with the Chief.

8:00 pm As there was nothing further before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Cleary