

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes March 9, 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 and signed checks and manifest
- Board reviewed and signed (2) Intent to Cut applications.
- Board reviewed the minutes of 3/2/20. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of March 23, 2020 as written. All in favor.

Esposito told the Board that he had called Randy Herring to let him know that the DPW took down the speed limit sign on Beech Hill Rd and will be re-installing it when they can.

Esposito also let everyone know that he had looked into the cost of water testing at Chem-Serv. It would cost \$125 to \$200 to get a good test including one for Radon. This is more expensive than what the State is offering.

Esposito has ordered a sign from the Hillsborough Correctional Facility to post at our glass container at the transfer station for \$42.00. Hollis has the same one, and it explains what can be thrown in for recycling.

7:15 PM Department Head Meeting Bonnie Angulas – Library Director

- Thank you to Jack and Tim for attending the “Meet the Candidate” session; there were probably about 40 people who attended the Town Meeting talk.
- The Friends of the Library are hosting a bake sale at voting on Tuesday the 10th.
- Madison Safer has given her notice at the library.
- On Thursday, March 26th there is a talk about Brook Trout.
- Wizarding Camp is full for April vacation.

Kevin Furlong – Police Chief

- Voting tomorrow – sent in a pamphlet on hand sanitizing at Town Meeting.
- There were 2 Untimely Deaths last month.
- The mail stolen from the Post Office was a professional job.
- The gentleman that girdled the tree has accepted a plea deal.
- We made a DWI arrest and confiscated 220 Xanax pills.
- Made an arrest Friday; someone speeding and weaving through the Eversource cones.
- Gave a tour of the Police Station to the Girl Scouts.
- Girl Scouts are going to be going door-to-door selling cookies and don't need a Peddlers License.
- Had a meeting with the Amherst Police Chief. Amherst has a new Town Administrator who is amenable to have Mont Vernon join their dispatch center at approximately the same cost as we are paying now. They will have to hire another dispatcher.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint Chief Furlong to work with Amherst to see if going with Amherst for dispatch service makes any sense.

Ben Crosby – DPW Director

- A tractor-trailer took out the Old Wilton Road street sign, post and bracket. Crosby will get the information to the office so that an invoice can be sent to the owner of the vehicle.
- We are starting seasonal clean-ups with ditching etc.
- Looking at reclaiming and paving Sean Drive, the Lyndeborough end of Salisbury to Beech Hill Rd and Hillcrest. Total estimate is \$92,848.

Crosby was asked about the cost of the reconstruction of the culvert on Brook Road. He said that he calls the engineer hired for the job at least twice a week and has received no call back.

Roberge asked why the gates to the Transfer Station were closed so early the other night.

Crosby said that the parking lot was full of cars, and the containers were nearly full.

Esposito stated that the gates are to remain open until the posted time.

Crosby told the Board that there was another break-in at the transfer station. 6 cpu's and 3 or 4 laptops were stolen. He is looking into setting up a camera for the transfer station and one for the highway garage.

Mark Butcher may be back "Light Duty" by the end of the month.

Jay Wilson – Fire Chief

- Asked that the \$1000 deductible from the toilet not shutting off be split between the Town Hall Repairs and Maintenance line and the Fire Station Repairs and Maintenance line since the septic is used by both buildings.

Esposito asked Wilson what happened exactly.

Wilson explained that the toilet didn't shut off and the filter got plugged between the effluent and the pump. He said that Wetherbee Plumbing suggests cleaning the filter twice every year.

- The Fire Wards opened the bids for the fire truck and have found that the warrant article can be reduced from \$600,000 to \$585,000 and the bid is good for 30 days.

Roberge asked; if the warrant article passes, when will they be going for another truck and was told 2030-2032.

Heather Kennedy – Recreation Director

- Saturday, April 11 from 10:00 to 11:30 will be the egg hunt, games etc.
- Can I count on all departments to provide a basket to be used for a prize? All departments agreed.
- Had a recreation meeting in February – no one came.
- Spring Gala is set for May 16th with Charlie York filling in as emcee. The theme will be very similar to last year. Key players meeting will be coming up soon.
- The Summer Concert Series is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday evenings from 7/8/20 – 8/5/20.

David Sturm – Town Moderator

Esposito said that we want to keep Town Meeting moving.

Sturm agreed.

Berry asked how someone from the audience would move an article up in the lineup and was told she could make a motion for article 12 to be heard before article XX. The Town would need to vote on that.

Roberge asked if non-residents could speak.

Sturm said that Town Employees can, and the Moderator would determine if any other non-resident can speak.

Roberge asked if Mr. Petrovick was going to be able to answer questions and was told yes.

8:10 PM End of Department Head Meeting

Kennedy came before the Board to ask about Rich Master's request to have the Road Race that benefits N2N fall under Recreation so that there would be no charges for the Police detail, or that the Recreation committee would pay the charges.

The Board decided, because the Race benefits a private entity (even though the recipients of N2N funds are Town residents) they cannot mingle their money or expenses. The Lamson Farm Commission must pay for police details on Lamson Farm Day, as they are not a Town Commission, and so should N2N.

Roberge said that DEW will have a 10-minute presentation with a poster board at Town Meeting.

Esposito asked if the Town owes them any more money if the warrant article is defeated at Town Meeting and was told No.

Steve O'Keefe has volunteered to sit on the Zoning Board. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint Steve O'Keefe to the Zoning Board with a one-year term. All in favor.

8:40 PM As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown