

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jack Esposito and Jim Whipple.

Chairman Quinlan opened the meeting, and asked for nominations for a new Chairman for the upcoming year. Esposito expressed an interest in being Chairman. Whipple nominated Esposito for the Chairmanship, and the nomination was seconded by Quinlan. All in favor. Jack Esposito will serve as Selectboard Chair until the 2017 Town Meeting.

Esposito invited Quinlan to finish chairing the current meeting, Quinlan accepted.

Housekeeping items:

- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Reviewed minutes:
 - Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes of February 22, 2016 as written. All in favor.
 - Esposito motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes of March 7, 2016 as amended. All in favor.
- Discussed advertising for a Recreation Director.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting

Chief Wilson of the Fire Department:

- Wilson asked if \$300 of the mechanics budget could be transferred to the R&M of Engine #3. Board Agreed.
- Wilson thanked the Highway Department for constructing the training structure for the FD.
- Wilson asked if the PD could order the defibrillators that were voted in at Town Meeting. He figured that the PD already has an open account with the vendor since they have already purchased defibrillators. for the cruisers. Board agreed.

Officer Reppucci of the Police Department:

- There are 2 grants that need to be signed; one for the annual speed detail and the other for the DWI detail. Board signed both.
- The 2014 cruiser had a water pump failure. Luckily, it was covered by warranty as this is a costly repair.
- The new cruiser is in and waiting for financing.
- The WEX Card is saving the Town quite a bit; \$1.31/ gallon vs \$2.67 at the State Shed.

Mike Ypya Highway Director:

- The 2012 International Dump is in the shop at Liberty; there was an odor of raw fuel. No word yet.
- We need to hire someone to do the lawn mowing this summer. Buzz cannot work any more hours than he does at the transfer station.
- The PD has pointed out a few roadside trees that have been cut down for firewood. It appears that the trees taken were probably already dead.

Esposito asked if the two very large dead pines trees on Weston Hill between the Transfer and Twin Oaks should be removed. Ypya said that he would take a look at them.

Quinlan stated that the road rights-of-way should be cleared of all trees as the roads are worked on this summer. He also asked if Brox has in-house civil engineers that can re-engineer Old Milford Road for us.

Ypya does not believe Brox has that type of personnel.

Bonnie Angulas Library Director:

- The Daland Trustees voted to fund the library's portion of the building study voted in at Town Meeting. She believes that they voted \$8,000 to \$10,000 for this endeavor.

- Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 26th from 10:00 am to noon-ish at McCollom Field.
- Angulas suggested publishing the ad for the Recreation Director on the Town Web Site, Mont Vernon Chatter and the Amherst Citizen.
- All of the Departments are on board for Spring Gala.

Esposito asked Angulas what her personal feelings were about when the Daland Trustees will move forward on a new library. Angulas said that there will be a Warrant Article for the Town to consider in 2018.

7:50 pm End of Department Head Meeting.

Board reviewed the drawings provided by Verizon Wireless for the shelter proposed for the Town Hall lot for housing cell tower equipment. The actual "tower" would be hidden inside the cupola at Town Hall.

Board would like Verizon to come back to a Selectmen's meeting to discuss the placement site; they do not like where it has been proposed and think it would show too much from the road.

8:05 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown