

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017

**7:00 pm** Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen John Esposito and Kim Roberge.

As the Board had previously reviewed the minutes of 3/27 and 4/2; Esposito motioned, Roberge seconded to accept the minutes of March 27 as written. All in favor. Esposito motioned, Roberge seconded to accept the non-public minutes of April 2, 2017 as written. All in favor.

MACC Base Director Jason Johnson, Fire Chief Jay Wilson, and Kevin Pomeroy came before the Board to discuss the upcoming work session with the Selectmen of Wilton, Lyndeborough and Milford regarding MACC Base. As Pomeroy has been asked to attend this meeting in Wilson's stead, Quinlan asked Johnson to outline the issues.

Johnson gave an overview:

There have been issues since the budget season starting in October, 2015. Milford Selectmen said that they would not put any money into new equipment, then asked what Johnson could do with \$200K. Their only real focus was to get MACC Base to fix their PD's communication problems. Johnson told them that they could install a repeater at one site (Milford) and add another town each year until they were on the same frequency. The Chiefs of Police got together and decided that they all want to be on the same frequency, and can't wait 4 years to get there. Johnson said for \$200K they could all be on the same frequency next year. At the next meeting, Milford said no and reduced the new equipment budget line to \$0. In April Milford wanted to throw out the health insurance that was put in in January. The Board representatives said that that was not acceptable. MACC Base lost two employees because of the uncertainty and upheaval - Milford had thrown into the air everything that make a job attractive.

Quinlan said that the Selectboards had a common meeting where Milford stated that they want to be able to talk to each other anywhere in Town using their hand-held radios.

Johnson explained that Milford is trying to re-write the contract. Some of which is necessary to retain capital reserve funds. Right now, every town has to vote to retain any surplus.

Esposito asked what they want to address at this next meeting.

Johnson said that no one has been given an agenda.

Quinlan feels that they have not been forthcoming about their intentions. All agreed.

**7:25 PM** Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to appoint Belinda Yeaton as Deputy Tax Collector. All in favor.

The Town got a report that the dam on Pond Road is failing. It is on private property and the State will be in touch with the property owner. Police Chief Furlong closed Pond Road to thru traffic for safety reasons.

There was discussion regarding the State wanting confirmation of our responsibilities regarding the new road(s) being built in the Old Mill Estate Subdivision. After careful consideration, it was decided that more information was needed from the Planning Board. Roberge will send a letter to the Planning Board asking for more information, and clarification of several points.

Quinlan stated that directly after the staff meeting next week we will be developing an agenda for the coming year. He asked the other Selectmen to come in with their objectives next week.

He explained that one of his own goals is to facilitate more communication between all departments, boards, commissions and committees. I want the Board to meet with each one of them and let them know what we expect from them and what they can expect from us.

**8:30 pm** As there was no further business before the Board, Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie M. Brown