

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 6, 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 Zoom meeting in a moment of silence for those who have the virus and the essential workers.

Board reviewed the minutes of 3/30. Roberge motioned seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of March 30, 2020 as amended. All in favor. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes and Esposito; yes.

Health Officer, Rich Masters said that the numbers are continuing to rise. The CDC recommends everyone wear a cloth face covering when out. You can make one that attaches to you with rubber bands. The Town employees should be wearing these if they are not already wearing masks.

Roberge said that if they are working in a truck by themselves it isn't necessary, but if they are out on a job they should be.

Masters feels that they should carry one in their trucks just in case they need to interact with the public.

Roberge offered that they may want to put a sign on the trucks to stay 6' back.

Esposito said that it is most important at the transfer station.

Roberge agreed and said that the new traffic pattern seems to be working; everyone is cooperation.

Masters reminded everyone that this has been declared a Federal Disaster and FEMA will be reimbursing towns for their Covid-19 expenses.

Esposito asked Masters to make a list of things that would be reimbursable expenses.

Roberge asked what the timeframe is that we should be keeping track of expenses, the end of the year?

Masters said it could be that.

Esposito mentioned the ZBA meeting scheduled on Zoom for tomorrow at 7:00.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint David Sturm to the ZBA. Berry; yes, Roberge; yes, Esposito; yes

Esposito asked Berry to make sure all votes are done by roll call.

Roberge said that the survey company said that there is no stamp on the plan because the variance hasn't been approved yet. He will stamp it as soon as the ZBA grants the variance.

Roberge asked Bonnie Angulas if she was getting a lot of phone calls at the library.

Angulas, Library Director, said that there is someone there from 10:00 to 3:00 to take phone calls. They have asked people to send questions by email so there are not too many phone calls. I have issued virtual library cards. Apollo has on-line access. People are worried about renewing their books. We have renewed all books through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Roberge asked if there was any input from the Chief as to how their 20-hour shifts are going.

Esposito said that he is in touch with Furlong daily, and he hasn't mentioned it.

Esposito said that he has heard from the Highway Director, Ben Crosby, who says that the '05 pickup needs new injectors and a new exhaust. Cost is around \$3,000 and Crosby thinks it is worth it.

Roberge asked if it will impact him greatly if he can't use it right away.

Berry asked if it is the truck we use for the lawnmower and cemetery work.

Esposito said that he believes it is.

Roberge feels that the Board should think about this for a week or so.

Esposito said that we don't know how the July tax bills are going to go with everyone out of work.

Berry said that he thinks every town in NH is going to have a revenue shortfall.

Roberge asked if we could get something from the tax collector regarding people asking about the deferment of taxes, and ask if there is anything from welfare.

Brown said that she hasn't seen any increase in welfare calls yet.

Esposito said that Lyndeborough is going ahead with its paving of their end of Salisbury Road. Crosby wants to go ahead with our portion of Salisbury Rd. from the line to Beech Hill Rd. We can use the Block Grant money.

Roberge agreed but is concerned with Hillcrest and Sean Drive; both of which are really bad. I'd like Crosby to weigh in on it.

Esposito said that it may cost less if we do it at the same time since we both use the same company.

Berry asked if we had heard from Fieldstone Land Consultants regarding the Brook Rd. culvert.

Esposito said that we had.

Berry feels that we should get the steel plates we borrowed back to Milford as soon as we can. We should put it out to bid now, so we know what we are up against.

Esposito mentioned that what Recreation Director, Heather Kennedy, did around town with the mailboxes and signs for essential workers was amazing.

Roberge said she has had people from surrounding towns comment on what a nice thing it was.

**7:40 PM** Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to go into non-public session. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Brown