

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 8, 2019

**7:00 pm** Meeting called to order by Chairman Jack Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kim Roberge and Tim Berry.

- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

### **7:15 PM Department Head Meeting**

#### **Library – Bonnie Angulas, Library Director**

- This is National Library week. We are encouraging new people to come in and get a library card.
- Peep dioramas are due to the library by this Friday to enter the contest.
- Tim Berry is painting the whole library building for the Trustees.
- The Trustees are working on 2 RFP's: 1) for the sitework, 2) for a professional fundraiser.
- Harry Potter camp is scheduled for school vacation. This year it will be from 9am to 3pm every day and lunch will be served.
- The Friends of the Library are accepting donations for their Spring Gala Book and Junque Jewels sale.

#### **Police Department – Chief Furlong and Sgt. Daigneault**

- Chief attended a LEAD conference which has curriculum for each grade level. They will continue to do DARE in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, but will add LEAD to a younger grade.
- The grant for speed and message board was denied.
- The Congregational Church held a seminar called "Until Help Arrives". It taught CPR and what to do in an ice storm etc.
- Officer Johnson is excelling in his class at the academy and will graduate on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM.
- We are all set with security for the Easter Egg Hunt and Spring Gala.
- The NH Dairy Goat Assoc. is having a raffle and selling tickets in Town. They need a permit.
- The Chief asked for an update on the cleaning position and was told that we are still looking for someone.
- The Town Clerk informed the Chief that she was changing the alarm code to get into her office so that only she can get in there.
- We are hosting another table-top exercise at MVVS.
- Furlong asked if the Board could look into the contract for the cell tower on Cross Road. It should have a clause allowing Mont Vernon Emergency Services to add an antenna free of charge.

Sergeant Daigneault presented a proposal to change our Special Duty Billing as we are near the bottom of the list of towns in the area. Board agreed and Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to change Special Duty Billing as follows as of 4/15/19: Officer from \$40 to \$45/hour, Town portion from \$17 to \$18/hour, and Cruiser rate from \$20 to \$15/per hour. This will put us around average for surrounding towns.

#### **Recreation – Heather Kennedy**

- Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 AM.
- The PTA put together 50 eggs with a voucher for PTA paraphernalia in them.
- Spring Gala's theme is "Picnic in the Park" this year. Everything is on target. The FD and N2N are adding one portable toilet to go in the Town Hall parking lot for the use of people running in the race and eating at the pancake breakfast.
- Will be having a "Battle of the Bands" instead of the Lip Sync Contest.
- Wes Sonner is the parade coordinator.

#### **Fire Department – Randy Wilson**

- Tanker 1 is out of service for 4 – 6 weeks.

- Three new recruits are almost through the vetting process.
- Tonight's training is in reference to cancer within the fire service.

**DPW – Ben Crosby**

- To solve the Salisbury Road mud problem, not including tree removal, with 18' of pavement the overall estimated cost including reclaiming, grading, paving and culverts would be \$406,344. Most companies recommend 20' of pavement; we would need 30' of room to include shoulders etc.

Berry asked how many feet of culvert and was told 680'.

Esposito asked if it could be done in stages and over a couple of years and was told yes, they could do the ditching and culverts this year.

- The other paving that was scheduled to be done was: Hillcrest and Levesque; reclaim and pave and Wilton top coat. Total estimated cost for these three: \$111,077.

Esposito said that the priority is to get Salisbury drivable.

- Another project is to get a dust control program in place; we could rent the equipment. If you rent the equipment, the vendor will sell the solution to us for \$.99/gallon to treat the dirt roads.

Berry asked about the trouble we are having with the compactor at the transfer station.

Mark Butcher explained that we are getting a new one (part of our dues) and are waiting to schedule the install.

**8:00 PM End of Department Head Meeting.**

A couple (Town residents) came before the Board to set up a payment plan for becoming current on their property taxes. Board agreed with their plan and told them to put it in writing and give it to the Tax Collector.

**8:15 PM** The Supervisors of the Checklist came in to speak with the Board.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Supervisors will move their work to the Selectmen's meeting room so as to alleviate the conflict with the Town Clerk.

Roberge asked that they no longer communicate by text – that written communication should be by email.

Berry asked that they keep track of their hours in the building for insurance liability purposes. Supervisors agreed to both requests.

**8:40 PM** Board discussed the confusion over what the Police Chief's pay would be. The Selectmen agreed that the spirit of the original conversation was to set the Chief's pay at \$80,000. His weekly pay should reflect \$80,000 divided by 52 until Town Meeting next year. Esposito will speak with the Chief.

Esposito let the Board know that Gary Daniels, the Chair of the Milford BOS, has invited him to meet to discuss MACC and find out where Milford plans to go from here.

Esposito would like the minutes, beginning with the April 1<sup>st</sup> printed version, to be condensed. He feels that there is too much detail and only a summary of discussions need be printed. Esposito has conferred with NHMA and found that only summaries need be published, along with anything voted on or decided on.

Roberge said that she agrees to a point. She has heard that some Townspeople would like the meetings televised, and lacking that, the minutes are the only record of what is going on in our meetings.

Esposito asked that the others bring the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> back next week with their thoughts on condensing.

**9:10 pm** As there was no further business before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Brown