

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 10, 2017

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

Andrew Bayer came before the Board to ask that they appoint Karen Mitchell to the Trustees of Trust Funds, replacing Kim Roberge who had to step down when she was elected to the Selectboard.

Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to appoint Karen Mitchell as a Trustee to Trust Funds with a one year term. All in favor.

Board reviewed minutes of April 3, 2017. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of April 3, 2017 as written. All in favor.

Brown made it known to the Board that last Wednesday, approximately 2:45pm an elderly woman from out of Town came in to ask directions. On her way out, she fell down the front stairs. A gentleman driving by witnessed the fall and stopped to help her. The police were called, who, in turn called 911.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting

Chief Kevin Furlong – Police Department

- Invited the Board members to DARE Graduation on Wednesday, April 19th.
- The 120-hour grant for DWI patrols has been very successful this year: in 2012, there were (3) DWI arrests, 2013 (6), 2014 (12), 2015 (16), and in 2016 there were (20) DWI arrests.
- There are still 2 part-time openings in the PD. He has a candidate that is now a full-time officer in Wilton that would like to join us part-time. The Wilton Chief is on board also.

Roberge asked how many hours are being added.

Furlong explained that the part time hours are already budgeted for what the PD needs. Adding more officers will give him more flexibility, and not add any more hours. The two part-timers we have now both work full time weekday jobs. This new applicant will be available some week days too.

- One of the cruisers had a flat tire, and since that cruiser was due for new tires anyway – all 4 were replaced.
- Over the weekend one of the sirens failed. Two-Way Communication came out and it is already back in service.

Kristie Gray – Spring Gala

- Everything is going well for Spring Gala
- Looking for more volunteers for the Dunk Tank (hint, hint, Selectmen)
- The Tree hanging over the green still needs trimming.

Quinlan said that he hadn't had a chance to talk with David Murphy, but that he would do that.

Bonnie Angulas – Library Director

- It is National Library Week
- Gearing up for Spring: Lap-sit, Story Time, Story Time at MVVS, and 200 kids for summer programs.
- Book clubs are just finishing up (4 different kids' clubs). All of them were full.
- This week there is "Florist for a Day" with Sue Ries.
- Joanne Kitchel applied for a grant for a "Learning Garden". It would be a \$2,800 grant from the Amherst Garden Club.

When Roberge asked how many children are enrolled in the book clubs, Angulas explained that there is a cap of 10 in each kids' club, but that the teen club is structured differently.

Mike Ypya – DPW Director

- 7th Annual Fishing Derby will be Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8am to 1pm.
- Has enrolled the new part-time highway employee in Transfer Station Training.

- With Chief Furlong, met with the owner of 5 Pond Rd. regarding the failing dam. Apparently, the new owners of 15 Pond Rd. are not aware that the dam is their responsibility. The State used to be responsible for any dam over 4', but that has changed to 6'. This dam is 5'1" and so must be privately maintained.
- Advanced Paving is back in Town to repair a spot at the junction of Weston Hill and Grand Hill Roads.

When Quinlan asked if the dip on Beech Hill could be repaired, Ypya said that he could shim it.

- Ypya wants to reclaim Cross Rd. this year, and then see what else we can do.
- Road sweeping is scheduled for April 26, 2017.
- Will be addressing the Town-wide beaver problem soon.
- The driveway on Cheever Lane that was in question will be installed over to one side of the turnaround. This is acceptable to both the DPW and the property owner.

When Roberge asked if we have any sub-divisions in Town where we have to maintain/repair retention ponds or infiltration basins, Ypya said that we do not.

Esposito reminded Ypya about the stop sign at the intersection of Mason and Old Amherst Rds. Esposito considers it an eyesore, and wants Ypya to make the intersection look neat.

Chief Jay Wilson – Fire Department

- Engine #1 has been repaired and is back in service. Perkins Pump will come back to do the 3-hour pump test.
- If there is any reimbursement from the insurance company, we may ask to use it to replace the exhaust on E#1, and the fuel tank on the Tanker. The exhaust is scheduled to be replaced in 2018, but is rusted out. The fuel tank has started to rust also, and that will cost about \$1,100.
- The Forestry Vehicle's brake lights do not work.

When Roberge asked how much that would cost, she was told – just the labor – 4 or 5 hours at \$50/hr.

Roberge asked if he had an estimate on the exhaust and was told – not yet.

Jay Wilson – MACC Base Representative

- Handed the Board a list of suggested MACC Base contract changes. One being that he would like to see each PD, FD and DPW represented on the Board of Governors.
- Milford has given Goffstown the impression that they will be going with Goffstown for dispatch.

8:00 PM End of Department Head Meeting

Discussion about the Selectmen's Work-session regarding MACC Base.

Quinlan stated that we asked for more information about the proposed meeting and got a very sparse agenda with no supporting documents. He was not inclined to go to an unstructured meeting.

Esposito thought we should attend if just for informational purposes.

Quinlan didn't feel confident going down there without having anything in writing about what they are proposing.

Esposito asked if he was saying that by not going we will send more of a message.

Roberge explained that they (Milford Selectmen) did list 8 technical questions that they want answers to, but she wants more background. She thought this meeting was to discuss changing the contract, but now thinks they want to discuss those 8 questions. She also wonders why Milford is getting these quotes instead of MACC Base.

Quinlan believes that this is an end-run around MACC Base, and that the entire issue is that Milford thinks that MACC Base is inadequate and antiquated. They want to modernize their own infrastructure and have everyone else pay for it.

Quinlan asked Brown to send an email to the other 3 Towns in MACC Base telling them that we will not be attending the work-session on Wednesday the 12th.

Short discussion initiated by Roberge regarding the Old Mill Estates sub-division. She is still trying to get questions answered regarding what is involved in accepting a new road under the updated State Regulations.

- Reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Reviewed and signed an abatement for lien penalty; property owner paid the day it was executed.
- Reviewed and signed the Comcast contract for installation of separate service at the Fire Station.
- Received the updated Verizon Wireless lease agreement for inspection.

- Reviewed and passed to the building inspector, the drawings for the above project.
- Read an article about the ongoing drought in NH.

Roberge also asked if the minutes and agendas could be emailed to her sooner than Monday afternoon.

9:10 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