

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 11, 2016

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

- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Board reviewed minutes of March 28. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes of March 28, 2016 as written. All in favor.

Esposito handed in the latest check for scrap metal recycling (\$79.25), and explained that the bottom has fallen out of the recycling market. There will soon be a new container at the transfer station to separate the metal food cans from the plastics. They can be recycled with the scrap metal.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting

Recreation Committee – Bonnie Angulas, acting co-chair.

- The Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. I think we had more than just Town residents there, but everything went off without a hitch.
- Gala is set for May 21st. Selectmen Esposito and Quinlan will be marching this year. All rentals will be secured by the April 18th meeting. The Church will be taking care of the concession stands.

Library – Bonnie Angulas, Director

- We are collecting books and plants for the sales at the gala.

DPW – Mark Butcher

- Fishing Derby is set for Saturday, May 7th from 8 am to 1 pm.
- All the trucks and equipment are up-to-par.

Quinlan asked what the age limit is for kids at the fishing derby and was told 16 years old.

Fire Department – Chief Wilson

- We had to use the extraction equipment this weekend at the crash on Kendall Hill Rd., and it worked well.
- There have been 3 fatalities in this area recently involving falling trees; does the Town have a plan to remove dead/hanging trees to lesson our risk?

Esposito said that Wilson is right; we have to be vigilant in trimming and removing troublesome trees.

Quinlan added that, as the DPW goes about paving roads this year they will be clearing the Town Rights-of-Way of these kinds of growth.

Angulas asked about the tree growing in the stairway at the Town Green. It was decided that the tree is on David Murphy's property, but that it is causing a safety issue with the State's stairway.

Quinlan volunteered to ask Murphy if the Town could cut back or remove the tree.

Referring to an incident where a firefighter cut his hand on a piece of metal on Engine #3, Esposito asked Wilson if the metal had been cut back and smoothed out to prevent this kind of accident in the future.

Wilson explained that the area that the firefighter got cut on was not supposed to be big enough to allow clearance for a person's hand; if anything it should be blocked off more so no one can put his hand there. Wilson will make sure it has been taken care of.

Police Department – Chief Furlong

- The PD is hosting a class titled "Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events" on April 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Station. Corporal Slavin has been trained to lead the class, and Furlong is hoping that all the

Town employees can be there.

- The class is partnered with the “If you see something; say something” campaign.
- Furlong presented the Board with the annual contract for prosecution services with the town of Wilton. The contract includes an increase of 3%. Board reviewed the contract. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to sign the annual contract between the towns of Mont Vernon and Wilton that will provide prosecution services to the Town of Mont Vernon by the prosecutor hired by Wilton. All in favor.
- BAE has made another significant donation to the Town including 3 desks, 10 chairs and a 5 drawer locking file cabinet. These will be used in the Selectmen’s office and meeting room.
- The new cruiser is in and being up-fitted at Irwin Motors.
- There has been a rash of vehicle break-ins with valuables taken. Residents should be more diligent about locking their vehicles.
- There also was a large theft on Mason Rd. Taken were a generator, jewelry etc.... Corporal Slavin has made 2 arrests in connection with this theft.
- The State has granted the Parade Permit for Spring Gala.
- The PD has begun using the DWI grant, and there were 2 arrests made on the first day.
- D.A.R.E. Graduation will be on May 11th, and the Chief would like to have a Board member there.

- The old cruiser will go up for auction on May 14th.

7:40 pm End of Department Head Meeting

7:45 pm Chief Furlong requested a non-public session to discuss a personnel issue.

Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to go into non-public session with Chief furlong to discuss a personnel matter. All in favor.

8:05 pm Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to come out of non-public session. All in favor.

During non-public session, the Board voted unanimously to adjust the pay of one employee.

Esposito, the Town representative to the Souhegan Regional Landfill District, explained to the Board that there will be a new container at the Transfer Station to separate out the steel food containers from the recyclable plastics. We can now recycle the steel food containers with our scrap metal which we get paid for by the pound.

8:00 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown