

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 13, 2020

**7:00 PM** This is a Zoom meeting.

Esposito led the meeting in a moment of silence for those who are sick, first responders and essential workers.

Roberge motioned to continue the public meeting of April 6, 2020. Motion was seconded by Berry. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to close the non-public meeting continued from April 6, 2020. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Esposito stated that in the April 6<sup>th</sup> non-public meeting it was voted to open the Selectmen's Office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Friday.

Roberge motioned seconded by Berry to adjourn the public meeting continued from April 6, 2020. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes

**7:05 PM** Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kim Roberge and Tim Berry.

Esposito wanted to thank David Sturm for stepping up to be appointed to the ZBA.

Roberge gave a shout out to the Library for the Easter eggs in the tree, Recreation for the Egg Search and the Fire Department for escorting the Easter Bunny around Town.

### **7:10 PM Department Head Meeting**

#### **Chief Kevin Furlong – Emergency Management**

- No new cases of COVID-19 diagnosed in Mont Vernon.
- 985 cases in NH, 239 recovered and 152 hospitalized. 10,200 tested negative.
- Projected peak for NH is 4/16/20.
- First responders: 80 quarantined, 16 positive and 388 exposed.
- We do have enough PPE and cleaning products
- Initial assessment has been sent into FEMA.

Roberge asked how the 20-hour shifts are working, and was told perfectly; everyone is healthy and well rested.

Roberge asked if there has been any additional exposure due to traffic stops and was told no.

#### **Rich Masters – Health Officer**

- The Governor will be making a decision regarding schools within a week, but it is unlikely that they will reopen.

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

- March 17 through 24<sup>th</sup> The library closed to the public – had curbside pickup only.
- March 24 through 28<sup>th</sup> the CDC and State Library shut us down. We started an inventory.
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Began observing only one person in the library at a time.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> through the present: We are a virtual library only. Using Overdrive, on line library card and on line Story Time with JoAnne Kitchel.
- Have been meeting via Zoom.
- Time cards have been submitted using budgeted hours. Trustees will be going over that at their next meeting.

Esposito told Angulas that the Library employees have been doing a great job.

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

- We have purchased supplies related to COVID-19 and are keeping track of our expenses for FEMA
- Calls for service are down. Our biggest concern is car crashes – we don't know what we are getting into.
- We had a great time escorting the Easter Bunny around Town.

#### **Chief Kevin Furlong- Police Department**

- The electronic speed sign boards have arrived. After a training session and briefing, we will get them up.
- Our calls in all areas are up considerably.
- We will not participate and will dissuade anyone from joining any community-based activity that encourages people to get out of their homes due to the possibility of cross contamination.

#### **Ben Crosby – DPW Director**

- Except for one incident where a police report needed to be filed, the new traffic pattern at the transfer station is working very well; everyone has been great.
- Highway department is doing a good job of social distancing. We are keeping busy and safe.
- The backhoe warrantee is running out at the end of the month so we are having some work done on the hydraulic valves and break valve that needed replacing. All covered under the warrantee.
- Pushing forward on paving 1700 feet on Beech Hill Rd, Salisbury Rd. from Beech Hill to the Lyndeborough town line, and Sean Drive. Total cost \$73,000. If we can get to Hillcrest it will be another \$20,000 plus stone and aggregate and require some drainage work.

Roberge asked if he ever does just a portion of a road. Southview and Pine Knoll both have small sections that need attention. Crosby said yes; we did Levesque that way.

#### **Heather Kennedy – Recreation Director**

- There was good involvement in the Spring Challenge; 40+ people participated and 130 people voted.
- Will be keeping everything virtual from here out.
- Thinking of creating a thread on Facebook for anything of interest to people: puzzles, knitting, what you are making for dinner – just something that would be a common thread. I would advertise it on Chatter.
- Thinking of some virtual challenges like: Who can do the most pushups, most likes on a toilet paper creation. I will give \$5.00 gift cards to the General Store to encourage people to take part.
- Also, will put up links to things like virtual tours of a museum.

Roberge said that it is always nice to see her postings – they are always upbeat.

#### **End of Department Head Meeting**

Board:

- Reviewed minutes of April 6, 2020 closed tonight. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of April 6,2020 as written. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.
- Reviewed the non-public minutes of April 6, 2020 closed tonight. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the non-public minutes of April 6,2020 as written. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.
- Decided to put up the 4 Purple Heart signs: Two on Rte 13, one on Amherst Road and one on Old Wilton.
- Talked about using the Block Grant money for this year's paving in case we need to reassign the tarring and sealing money to something else due to the COVID-19 virus.

Roberge suggested doing the Boards, Committee and Commission reappointments next week. Board agreed.

Roberge asked if the Office had heard from the Tax Collector or Welfare Officer that there has been any one asking about delaying taxes or applying for welfare. Brown said that she had not heard of anything.

Roberge let the Board know that the owners of 102 Old Wilton Road are looking to move forward on their septic plan. She reminded the owners that they are still in the appeal window of their variance and could move forward at their own risk.

Berry really feels that there will be a large revenue shortfall at the State level, and that will adversely impact the Towns too.

Crosby asked about changing the driveway regulations. He was told to get together with the Building Inspector, come up with suggestions and bring them back to the Board. Crosby agreed.

**8:10 PM** As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Brown