

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes April 20, 2020

7:00 PM ZOOM Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Kim Roberge and Tim Berry.

Esposito led the meeting in a moment of silence for the people sick with Covid-19, First Responders and Essential workers keeping us all safe.

Health Officer, Rich Masters, let the Board know that there were no new Declarations from the Governor this week. He did say that NH is in a stable situation with the virus.

Roberge stated that schools will not be reopening for this school year.

Esposito said that some of the children really like the remote learning.

Masters has heard that 40% of highschoolers have yet to log in.

Chief Furlong said that Bonnie Angulas suggested a mailer to all Mont Vernon residents with contact numbers for all departments to reach the people with no access to the internet. She also volunteered to spearhead the project. Costs estimated around \$300. Furlong thinks it is a great idea.

Roberge suggested a neon pink or chartreuse color to catch people's attention.

Esposito and Berry like the idea.

Roberge said to mail it on Monday because people get less mail on Tuesday and Wednesday and might notice it better.

Masters asked if N2N could be added onto the mailer and was told yes.

Roberge does not want her home number listed as Building Inspector on a Town wide mailer.

Furlong reported that there were no verified cases of Covid-19 in Mont Vernon. There are 1392 cases in NH, 521 recovered, 830 active cases, 432 first responders, 44 quarantined. All the Governor's orders are still in effect.

Berry asked if testing criteria had changed; any increase in testing related to relaxing the rules.

Furlong said there is no change to the testing protocol. There is a push to increase the number of test and the turn-around rates, but it is hard to increase testing with a backlog of 6000 results.

Board reviewed the minutes of 4/13. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of April 13, 2020 as written. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Esposito referred to the request the Board got from the Wilton Town Administrator to set up a meeting between the two boards to discuss MACC. Esposito feels that, since we have not heard from Milford regarding their plans, we would be rehashing what has already happened.

Berry feels that we may want to spend some time with Wilton talking about our other options.

Esposito asked how the Board feels about a joint correspondence to send to Milford to find out what Milford's plan is.

Roberge said that if Wilton wants to have a conversation about it, she is okay with that.

Berry feels that Wilton contacted us – they reached out to us. I see no harm in having a Zoom meeting as a response to us. Let's not ignore our partners in Wilton.

Roberge wants to know if Wilton has an agenda for the meeting, and would like to set it up for Monday at 6:00.

Esposito brought up the property on Weston Hill Road that the Town took a tax deed on many years ago. He feels it is in the best interest of the Town to sell the property.

Roberge asked if we should get a realtor involved.

Brown said that Tax Deeded Property has to sold by public auction.

Furlong offered that St. Jean Auctioneers handles all of the State auctions.

Berry asked Brown to find out what the protocol is for selling this property.

Board reviewed a request for delaying a lien notice on a property in Town.

Roberge said that the property got its Certificate of Occupancy last August.

Esposito said that the mortgage company will still see the unpaid taxes.

Brown offered that if the company that holds the construction loan forecloses and we didn't lien, where does that leave the Town?

Berry feels that we should lien the property.

Esposito and Roberge agreed.

Board looked over the Actual expenses vs. Budget.

Roberge asked about the Town Clerk Salary line. Brown will make sure it reflects the actual paid salary since it is still posting to the Warrant article line from last year.

Roberge asked about the Health insurance lines and was told that the increase in July is around 5% and it is in the budget lines.

Roberge asked about the Part-Time Special Duty line.

Furlong explained that he never knows who is going to perform the Special Duty detail. There is plenty of money left in the Full-Time line to cover. Also, most of the Special Duty is done for this year.

Roberge then asked about the FD Rescue – EMS line and was told that that is the account Jay has been using for all of the expenses related to Covid-19 that may be reimbursable by FEMA. Office will create a separate line item for these expenses.

Board discussed re-appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees.

Roberge Motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint:

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| Steve Bennett | 3 yr appointment | Planning Board |
| Adrien Penkacik | 3 yr appointment | Conservation Commission |
| Joanne Kitchell | 3 yr appointment | Historic District Commission |
| Ana Barrett | 3 yr appointment | Garden and Beautification Committee |
| Jay Wilson | 1 yr appointment | MACC Base Representative |
| Mike Fimbel | 1 yr appointment | NRPC |

Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

8:15 PM As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn.

Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown