

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2019

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

DPW Director, Ben Crosby brought Phil Towne in to meet the Board. Towne has been hired part-time at the Transfer Station. Board thanked him and welcomed him as a Town employee.

Brown apprised the Board that Son's Chimney needs to do a Level 2 inspection of the chimney before they can give us a quote on repointing and/or lining it. Board agreed.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting **Bonnie Angulas; Library Director**

- The painting of the library is complete and looks great. Thank you to Tim Berry and Duncan Szok for doing the work, and the Daland Trustees for funding the project.
- The Friends of the Library have given \$500 to spruce up the library garden.
- JoAnn Kitchel finished Harry Potter Week. It was full with 60 students participating, 14 teen volunteers, and 10 adult volunteers.
- The Friends are again doing the Book, Plant and Junque Jewel sale at Spring Gala and have rented a tent as it is too much for inside the library.
- We are planning the Summer Reading Program with a theme of: A Universe of Stories. It is a 10-week program that they received a \$500 grant from NH Charitable Foundation to help defray costs.
- We have invited the school kids for a visit.
- The Library Trustees have started the additional site work and it should be done by June.

Sgt. Aaron Daigneault; Police Department

- DARE graduation was today. Thank you to the Milford Police, Black Forest and Sals Pizza. This year's essay winners are Emma Higgins and Erin Carlen who will ride in a cruiser in the Spring Gala parade.
- The Chief is attending a conference this week.
- Have upgraded the office computers.
- Next Thursday we will be planting the Geraniums at the cemetery with the school kids.
- Mock-up of the "No Parking" signs for Harwood Rd: No Parking Between Signs 8am to 4pm School Days.

Heather Kennedy; Recreation Director

- Easter was a big success. We added an extra hunting area for the 3 and under group and it worked really well. David Brooks did the egg toss, the baskets were great. Thank you to Terry Simek and Santana Lyndsay who have volunteered to chair again next year.
- In full swing for Gala now. This year the games are lawn games, and tokens will be given to winners. The tokens can be exchanged for prizes. We have a DJ and are doing the Lip Sync and Open Mic contests. We also will have the bounce house, climbing wall, face painting, blue box fortune teller, petting zoo, concessions from MVCC, PTA bean bag toss and the 7th graders targeting animal care. Wes Sonner has the parade under control. There will be a bike decorating contest. John Quinlan is our Grand Marshall and Rich Masters will emcee.

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Esposito mentioned that the Democratic Party asked if they could march in the parade. We told them that only elected officials can march, and only with small signs.

- Amherst Town Band will be in the parade along with the AMS and SHS Bands.
- The summer concert series is booked with 5 bands and the Fireman's Association providing a food concession. The concerts start Wednesday, July 10th at 6:30.

Jay Wilson; Fire Chief

- The tanker will be back in service at the end of this week or next week.
- Call volume has remained steady.

Ben Crosby; DPW Director

- Phil Towne starts this Thursday at the Transfer Station.
- The weather has not cooperated with us trying to get the roads ditched and graded.

Esposito asked about Salisbury Road

Crosby said that they had started ditching it and will put in the culverts.

Esposito asked if this will help us out a lot for next year?

Crosby said that he believed it would.

There was a short discussion about Levesque Lane. No decisions were made.

The merits of chip sealing were debated. No decisions were made.

Roberge asked about the 4-way stop.

Esposito said that the PD is for it and asks that there be a sign erected saying that there is a 4-way stop ahead. There will be a learning curve, and the PD wouldn't give out tickets right away.

8:00 pm Department Head Meeting Closed.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue as requested by Fire Chief Wilson.

Roberge: yes, Berry: yes, Esposito: yes.

8:15 pm Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to come out of non-public session. Roberge: yes, Berry: yes, Esposito: yes. During the non-public session it was decided to allow one of the firefighters to drive the non-CDL trucks.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to install a stop sign at Old Wilton and Purgatory to create a 4-way stop. All in favor.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to create a no parking zone on Harwood Rd. from the Cemetery Rd. intersection westward to the tree line. The sign to read: No parking between signs 8am to 4pm schooldays.

All in favor.

Board reviewed the final quote for replacing the windows on the McCollom Building. Millwork Masters has dropped their quote along with offering 5% discount if paid up front.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to hire Millwork Masters to install new windows in the McCollom Building for \$78,620. All in favor.

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8:30pm Board discussed transfer station fees and have come up with recommendations to hand over to Crosby to confirm. Discussion ensued over increasing the fee for an additional sticker (there will still be a free one in everyone's tax bill).

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to charge \$3 for an additional transfer station sticker as of July 1, 2019. All in favor.

Berry said that the Cemetery Trustees want to spend \$40,000 to fill in the back corner of the cemetery, then asked if they need 3 bids for the job.

Esposito said that they should get 3 bids like everyone else has to.

Berry said that if we wait to try and get 3 bids, we may never get the work done, but that he would speak to the Trustees about it.

Roberge still is not happy with the way the Town Clerk fills out her timecard.

Roberge would like the Town to rotate Auditors every 4 or 5 years.

9:00 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Brown