

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes May 20, 2019

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

DPW Director, Ben Crosby was in to discuss road projects with the Board.

Esposito went right to Levesque Lane; it is a mess and needs reclaiming. The one driveway culvert near Rte 13 on the right, is it clogged up?

Crosby said it has actually collapsed. The homeowner will pay for the culvert and we will replace it.

Esposito asked if he would reclaim the whole thing.

Crosby said he would reclaim only up to the new section, and then crack seal the new section.

Esposito asked how much money is available to work on the roads this year.

Brown said that there is \$100,000 in the paving line and another \$79,380 in money that the State gave out last year for roads. This is not block grant money. The block grant money that we like to keep in reserve was spent last year when we had a project unexpectedly go overbudget. What is left in that block grant line should be saved until next year. Board agreed.

Esposito said he is really concerned about Salisbury Road, but Crosby said last week that the ditching and culverts he will be doing will do a lot to alleviate the mess we had this mud season.

Roberge acknowledged that the ditching and culverts would help, but asked if there are some areas that need fill to bring them up. She doesn't want to waste material that can't be used getting ready for paving.

Crosby said that any material added will not be a waste, it will all be used when paving.

Esposito said that Levesque will cost approx. \$90,000 and there will be another \$90,000 available for Salisbury.

Crosby said that it will cost \$155,000 to add stone to all of Salisbury, although there are spots that won't need a full 4". The 1 1/2" stone will have to be milled in.

Berry asked if the DPW could do the grading to save some money, and was told yes.

Roberge said that if we do Wilton Road, Levesque and part of Salisbury, that leaves Hillcrest, Sean Dr., Beech Hill, the top of Old Amherst and now the other part of Salisbury. That is quite a list for next year.

Esposito mentioned that the worst parts of Salisbury must be done first.

Roberge agreed and added that the school bus needs to get down there.

Crosby apprised the Board that he and Brown sat with Dane Reid, a representative of Onsite Drug Testing of New England, LLC who gave a presentation on random drug testing. To get the program up and running, it will cost under \$1000, but subsequent years should be around \$500.00 including the quarterly tests.

Roberge wondered why we aren't waiting until next year when we can budget for the expense.

Esposito explained that we were always in a testing pool, but a previous Director let it lapse. We need to do it for liability reasons.

Brown suggested starting with only the CDL drivers and include the others next year if desired. Board agreed.

- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Board reviewed minutes of 5/6. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of May 6, 2019 as written. All in favor.
- Board reviewed minutes of 5/13. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of May 13, 2019 as written. All in favor.

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- Board reviewed non-public minutes of 5/13. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the non-public minutes of May 13, 2019 as written. All in favor. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to seal the non-public minutes of May 13, 2019. All in favor.
- Board reviewed and signed 2 Land Use Change Tax bills.
- Board reviewed and signed 3 Timber Tax bills.
- Board reviewed and signed the Millwork Masters contract for the McCollom window replacement.

Esposito stated for the minutes that the Board met for a work session last Thursday afternoon. The Board voted unanimously to renovate the Town Hall first. We spent approx. \$350,000 on the McCollum Building's energy envelope, and the inside renovation can wait a bit. We did this without spending one penny on interest.

Roberge said that we are not pushing anything aside, but just postponing the interior renovation of the McCollom.

Berry agreed and stated that the Selectboard has the prerogative to do the Town Hall first.

Esposito said that is the directive we want to give to the building reno committee.

In regards to Mont Vernon's Junk Yard ordinance, Esposito mentioned that a couple of the property owners that received letters last fall have begun to clean out. Most have not.

Brown presented a letter to send to the 8 property owners that gives them final notice, and explains what the next step will be; an administrative search warrant and then a court order to comply. It also spells out fines and penalties that will be levied upon non-compliance.

Board signed the letter and Brown will mail as soon as Town Counsel has looked at it.

Mike Fimbel wants to resign from the NRPC. The Planning Board appointed Tim Berry in Fimbel's stead. Fimbel will remain on as an alternate. Esposito will remain on the SRLD Board.

Roberge will attend the MACC Board of Governors meeting on Wednesday at 12:30 pm. She is also still waiting for our Representative, Jay Wilson to come back to the Board with suggestions on how to use the surplus we will be getting back from MACC. We could also just keep the money to offset taxes.

Roberge will call a meeting of the Building Renovation Committee.

**8:30 pm** As there was no further business before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie Brown