

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes June 3, 2019

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

Brenda Bishop and Randy Payne came before the Board to respond to "Junk Yard" letter #4. According to them, they will begin to clean up the property now that winter is over. They are fully on board with cleaning it up. Esposito thanked them for coming in, and not just ignoring the letter.

Tom Wrona, owner of 79 Old Amherst Road came in to see if he could get his lot line straightened out. According to his deed he should have 218' more frontage on Old Amherst than the tax map shows. In researching the deeds to his lot and the surrounding lots, it seems that he is correct, but that the neighboring lot also has discrepancies on both side lot lines. A survey of neighboring Wilkins property bears this out. It will be sent to the NRPC for confirmation.

**7:20 pm** Sam Green and Lisa Mudge of the DRA, along with John Hatfield of CNP came before the Board to explain what happens in a property revaluation year. The State is also there to make sure the execution of the Assessing contract goes smoothly. Up until this year, the assessed values are set at 2014 figures with an equalization of 84%. The aim is to get the ratio as close to 100% as possible. This will be done by comparing the last two years of sales in Mont Vernon. Remember that if the assessed values go up, the tax rate comes down. Roberge asked how that works with a good portion of the sales will be in new subdivisions – new construction. Hatfield explained that he qualifies the sales by neighborhood so that won't be a factor. Green explained that Mudge will choose 20 sales to check CNP's work on. Esposito asked when we will have the new values and was told "for the December tax bills". The new values will be sent out to each property owner in September and people will have a chance to question the values with CNP at that time.

**8:10 pm** Mr. Cooper came before the Board to discuss "Junk Yard" Letter #4. He said that his son has been slowly cleaning up the yard, and will continue to do so. He feels that this last letter finally hit home and that we will see improvement right away.

- Board reviewed the minutes of 5/16. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of May 16, 2019 as written. All in favor.
- Board reviewed the minutes of 5/20. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of May 20, 2019 as written. All in favor.
- Board reviewed the non-public minutes of 5/28. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the non-public minutes of May 28, 2019 as written. All in favor. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to seal the non-public minutes of May 28, 2019. All in favor.

Roberge shared with the Board that there are three safety issues at the Transfer Station that need attention. One is that there is plywood set down over crumbling cement that should be fixed. Another is that there is a jagged edge on the mixed paper container, and the third is the fence between the metal dumpster and the concrete pad. Board will discuss these issues with the DPW Director.

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Esposito let the Board know that Milford Selectman Gary Daniels called him to see how he felt about MACC improvements of \$1.8 Million. Mont Vernon's portion being \$198,000. Esposito told him that he doubts that Mont Vernon will be interested; we can't afford it. Roberge offered that this topic was not mentioned at the MACC meeting; there were no budget items discussed.

Esposito said that the \$1.8 Million figure came out a couple of years ago.

Berry asked how much it costs us to be a member of MACC now and was told around \$90,000. (Actual is \$81K)

He correctly figured that if they do these renovations, we will be on the hook for the \$198,000 plus the \$90K.

Esposito said that most of the improvements will address Milford problems that have already been addressed by Mont Vernon and Wilton.

Roberge said that she has reservations of jumping ship and leaving our infrastructure. She was also surprised when Wilton Selectwoman Kellie-Sue Boissonnault said that she was not aware that Gary Daniels had spoken to her Board Chairman. The Chair had not reported it.

Roberge remarked that the Fishing Derby was awesome this year.

Roberge said that she had someone who was going to take a look at the Town Hall to see what needs to be done about the foundation and underpinnings.

Berry wants to call the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Heritage Commission; he has a job to give them. The NH Preservation Alliance has the program "7 to Save" each year. I want to meet so that we can apply to be one of the 7 that gets saved.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie brown