

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes June 10, 2019

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

Resident, Don Senecal came before the Board regarding the "Junk Yard" letter he received. He explained that he has cleaned up ½ of his yard, and would get the rest done in the next 2 months. Right now, scrap prices are down. Board thanked him for coming in and urged him to stick to the 2-month timeframe.

Esposito referred to Gary LaPlante's letter regarding his receiving a "Junk Yard" letter. LaPlante contends that he has cleaned up 10% of his property and will do the rest after June 15th. He also would like the Town to take a look at a drainage issue on his property that he feels is the Town's responsibility. Board asked DPW Director Crosby to take a look at that and a sinkhole LaPlante says is in front of his house.

- Board reviewed minutes of 6/3. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of June 3, 2019 as written. All in favor.
- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
Esposito relayed concerns from the Amherst representative to the SRLD during their meeting in Town. The Amherst rep. believes that we should not be accepting furniture at all, and it should be going to Amherst where the resident has to pay by the pound to dispose of those items. Dennis Slocomb said that there haven't been any complaints, and that Brookline does the same thing. Slocomb will check on it for us.
Esposito also discussed installing a compactor for plastics that would save 3 trips out of 4, but we may physically not have enough room to install it.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting

Library: Bonnie Angulas

- The Friends of the Library did very well on the plant/book/jewels sale at Spring Gala.
- We just completed the garden design for the front garden.
- Summer reading program: JoAnn's husband constructed the rocket. We registered 139 kids on the first day of sign-ups. We are trying to co-ordinate, with the Lamson Farm Commission, a family camp out as a finish to the Summer Reading Program.
- We collaborated with MVVS to have all the kids visit the library.

On Behalf of the Trustees: Bonnie Angulas

- Meridian has completed the work on the site and will have the report to us by June 18th.
- They have chosen a professional fundraiser to start soon and have phase 1 (the feasibility study) done by the end of August.

Roberge asked how many fundraisers the Trustees interviewed.
Angulas said that after going over all of the applicants thoroughly, they interviewed two.
Berry asked if the work Meridian did also includes the access road.
Angulas said that she hopes so.
Berry is concerned with coming up with a cost figure for the road.
Angulas said that she believes they were looking for saturation points for the building.

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Conservation Commission: Chief Wilson

- We would like to know if the Board is comfortable with having the DPW installing the drain pipe at the pond. It can be done at their convenience.

Esposito said that the DPW have other commitments; Salisbury Road comes first. Wilson agreed.

- Work on the back side of the pond will start by month end.
- The electricity will be run when the back side work is done.

Fire Department: Chief Wilson

- The Tanker is back in service.
- Engine #3 had a valve problem; it is back in service.
- You will see the trucks out an about more than usual as we are in the process of CDL testing.
- We should have the final number for the MACC return on Wednesday.

Police Department: Chief Furlong

- On June 18 at 7:00 pm there will be a program in recognition of promoting Corporal Slavin to Detective Corporal Slavin and to celebrate Sargent O'Keefe's 20 years of service to Mont Vernon.
- Our computer upgrade is almost complete; Office 365 is the last step.
- Turned in Primex brochures showing the free training that Primex provides to members. Education involving employment hiring issues, use of social media, risk management and safety etc.
- The Memorial planting with the sixth grade of over 150 flowers and flags went very well.
- Calls to service and arrests are steady
- Officer Johnson is now doing field training.
- The new court on Meadowbrook Drive in Milford has opened; all of our cases will be going there.
- 2 weeks ago he attended an active shooter tabletop session with Amherst and NH Emergency mgt.
- There has been an influx of speeding complaints in neighborhoods. We have targeted them with directed patrols and have had no stops. I will be bringing up the sign board again this year.

Roberge asked if he would look at a smaller version of the sign; like Frankestown has.

Furlong said that he was interested in the multi-use board so that all departments could make use of it.

Berry asked about the status of the 4-way stop.

Crosby said that the sign shop is backed up. He also offered that Dutton Circle resident, Michelle Riesselman, has complained about speeding on her street.

Roberge asked Furlong if he had been out there.

Furlong said yes, during commuting hours; if it is happening, it is very sporadic. We have been out there for 25 minutes at a time and have seen no cars at all.

- Furlong said that he will propose a new ordinance requiring flaggers for work being done on certain Town roads.
- We are inundated with seized firearms and are trying to get a court order to trade or destroy them.

DPW: Director Ben Crosby

- The 9th annual Fishing Derby was a huge success; 129 kids registered. We have dedicated the Fishing Derby to Perry Cloutier.
 - We were able to attend the Mountain of Demonstrations to network with other towns.
 - We attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the DPW Memorial.
 - Started the brush work on Levesque Lane and will be starting the ditching and culvert work soon. We will be replacing 2 driveway culverts (property owner to purchase) and 180' of crossculverts.
- Esposito asked about the paving and was told that they will fit us in when they can.

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- Phil Towne, the new hire at the transfer station has been working out very well.
- Have asked Advanced Paving, DNS Excavating and Leighton White for estimates on Salisbury Road.
- Got a call re: sink-hole on Brook Rd just below Gavin. Water is getting around the culvert. We will need to replace that culvert next year.

Recreation: Heather Kennedy

- We had a beautiful day for Gala and I have received good feedback. For next year I think I will divide the duties into smaller groups to lessen the load on individuals.
- Summer concert series bands have been booked (5 of them). The stage will stay up all summer this year. The Fire Department will have the concessions again this year. I have reached out to other committees and commissions to see if they want to set up a table at one of the concerts.
- Asked if we are looking to replace the Town Tree for Tree Lighting and was told not this year. Esposito told Kennedy to replace the citizens tents that got ruined by the wind right away. He also thanked her for doing a great job with Gala.

8:10 pm End of Department Head Meeting

Building Inspector, Steve Roberge, met with a contractor familiar with historic buildings to get an opinion on what is needed for the foundation of the Town Hall. It was the contractor's opinion that the current problems were caused when the ductwork for the heating system was run in the crawl space with limited air circulation. The moisture is causing premature rot in the beams and joists. In their opinion, the building needs to be raised up and a rat slab should be poured with a 4-foot foundation built. Then the new plumbing and heat could be run in the crawl space without incident. Neither of them thought a full basement would be beneficial in any way. It was their opinion that the architects may have underestimated the structural needs of this building.

Berry said that we should be moving away from a full foundation and an internal elevator, and we would want to jacket that 4-foot foundation in granite to keep the look of a historic building.

Roberge offered that we may be looking for one firm to raise the building and re-do the foundation and another to do the internal remodel.

Berry said that we want to do it right the first time.

Discussion on the Master Plan ensued. Roberge is concerned that the posting on the website is 19 years old.

Berry is adamant that the Planning Board is working on it.

Brown told the Board of a Right-To-Know request regarding what we charge for copies of records. She will respond tomorrow.

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