

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes June 15, 2020

7:00 PM 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 victims of Covid-19 and the people who are on the front lines daily.

Chief Furlong let the Board know that he has delivered laminated signs for the outside of each building along with hand sanitizer, masks and disinfectant wipes. Only the wipes are purchased and will need to be reimbursed by the GOFERR grant. We also have (7) 1 gallon jugs of sanitizer that we have ordered the pumps for. The sanitizer was donated.

Roberge thanked the Chief for taking care of getting the PPE to each of the buildings.

Esposito asked about the Covid-19 Protections forms and was told that they are going out this week.

Esposito told the Chief that the electronic speed signs look good – he's glad they are being used.

Furlong said that they will start moving them to different locations soon.

Bonnie Angulas said that they had a very successful weekend with the summer reading program and starting up curbside pickup. She was pleasantly surprised. She also thanked Furlong for the PPE.

Board reviewed the minutes from 6/8. Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of June 8, 2020 as written. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint Jane Flythe to the Historic District Commission with a term ending 2023.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint Aneniya Cox (Term ending 2023) and Karen Drum (Term ending 2022) to full board members of the Conservation Commission. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to appoint Rachel D'Andrea as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Roberge; yes, Berry; yes, Esposito; yes.

Esposito brought up that Milford has invited the Board to a joint meeting with their Selectmen and the Wilton Board of Selectmen to discuss the MACC IMA. They want to do away with financial responsibility if you leave.

Roberge said that she would like to hear from Jay Wilson, our MACC representative on the subject. What else are they discussing in their meetings? Are we meeting to just listen to Milford and hear why they want a language change?

Esposito said that Milford wants to dissolve MACC as it exists.

Roberge said that if we put through a long-term bond, and 3 years later Milford ops out – they don't want to be responsible for the rest of the bond.

Esposito stated that we have to look for a new place for us.

Berry believes that staying with MACC is a dead end. They have invited us to hear what they have to say. I think we should go. Maybe the time has come for us to tell Milford that we are tired of playing these games.

Roberge has no problem attending the meeting, but doesn't think we are in a place to tell Milford off.

Berry said that currently, whomever leaves first loses their financial interest. Now they want to say that everyone loses except Milford.

Roberge wants to invite Chief Wilson and Chief Furlong to the next Selectmen's meeting. Board agreed.

Berry said that the very first meeting he went to he had an issue with the way the votes were divvied up.

MACC was a very viable system until one of Milford's Town Managers was going to save Milford a lot of money and it is has been downhill from there. The longer this goes on, we could be hit with a big bill that has to be paid by end of the year.

Roberge agreed and said that all the equipment is getting so old, sometime it is just not going to work.

Esposito stated that the Board will attend the Milford joint meeting at 5:00 PM on June 29, 2020.

Berry brought a request from the Historic District Commission: Appoint Arthur Rounds as an alternate, drop John Morrison from a full member to an alternate, drop Zoe Fimbel from a full member to an alternate, raise Randy Wilson from an alternate to a full member.

Brown expressed concern that Fimbel was just appointed by the Board recently.

It was decided that Charlie Baker (acting chair) would speak with Fimbel and find out if she is willing to drop to an alternate. Berry will make Baker aware of this need.

DPW Director Ben Crosby came to tell the Board that this year's paving is finished. He had a question about renting equipment. He has to rent a roller for Salisbury Road, and would like to rent a mini-excavator for two months too. He said that it would be more efficient than using our backhoe. Cost is around \$8000.

Esposito said that the Board doesn't know where the money would come from. He said that we can't spend an extra \$8000 right now when we have a backhoe that can do the work.

Berry agreed that it would be more efficient; there are a lot of good reasons to use a mini-excavator but we just can't afford it right now.

Roberge said that we all know how cheap she is – if we can save \$8000 by using our own equipment, we should.

Berry asked how many culverts he was replacing on Salisbury Rd and was told 8 – 10.

Esposito asked Brown to put on MV Chatter that the transfer station is accepting newspaper and mixed paper.

Crosby referred to a hostile patron at the transfer station verbally threatening the attendants. The PD has gotten involved, spoke to the gentleman who continues to make remarks. Crosby asked if the man can be banned from the transfer station if it continues.

Berry suggested that Brown call the NHMA to find out what our rights are.

Roberge asked that all Departments, Boards, Commissions and Committees be reminded that their meetings should be posted on the Town Calendar.

Berry wants to have a discussion next week about updating the Town Website to be a modern, user friendly site.

Esposito said that we will have to include a warrant article in next year's warrant for this.

Crosby said that Brookline just went through it and he will ask them how they went about it.

Esposito said that the Board will make its summer schedule next Monday night.

9:15 PM As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn.

All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown