

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes June 22, 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.

Chief Furlong came before the Board with a request to find out how retirement will be handled for Kris Wolf who has been hired as of July 5, 2020. Kris has been activated by the National Guard and is not going to be scheduled for duty until he is released, now scheduled for 8/7/2020. We need to honor his hire date so that his time is calculated correctly for NHRS. It is unclear how his service with the National Guard, which is a State function should be handled.

Furlong updated the Board on the COVID-19 statistics, in that they continue to decline. Every building has all their PPE in house, hopefully all the signs have been put up. He asked if we had received all of the signed COVID precaution papers back.

Esposito said that Joan has all but one or two.

Furlong said he had gotten a lot of good data from the electronic sign board on Francestown Turnpike.'

Berry asked about Furlong trying to hurry along the removal of the old telephone pole at the corner of Purgatory Road and Route 13. You have to pull way out of Purgatory to see if anyone is coming up the hill. Also, the hedge on that corner has been trimmed, but it needs to be taken back another good bit so you don't have to pull out almost into the travel lane of Route 13.

Furlong said he would take a look at the intersection.

Board reviewed the minutes of June 15th. Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of June 15, 2020 as written. Berry; yes, Roberge; yes, Esposito; yes.

Berry included in the weekly correspondence, the L-CHIP grant paperwork for Esposito to sign.

Esposito suggested the summer schedule, and the Board agreed as follows: Meetings will be held the Mondays of July 6 and 20 and August 3, 17 and 31. Alternate Mondays will be off – no meetings unless something urgent comes up.

Bonnie Angulas said that Cindy Raspiller couldn't make this meeting but wanted the Board to know that she, John Quinlan, Ben and the engineers are all on the same page with regard to the road to be built to the new library site. Aaron at DSK is working with Raspiller on the next phase; the Daland Trustees may be willing to release some of their money early to fund it.

Esposito said that we need to know how much the road is going to cost to build.

Angulas said that we need to know how much the building is going to cost to build.

Berry agreed; the more you know from the architect, the better it will be for the Townspeople.

Esposito asked for an update on getting the plexiglass installed in the offices and was told that Ben had it planned to do this week. Roberge asked if we were going to ask the Tax Collector to change her nights in to separate visitors to the building as much as possible. Berry said that the lines need to be put on the floor; when the employees are comfortable, we will open it up.

Esposito would like to add glass to the recycling. He will get in touch with the SRLD to see what can be taken.

Roberge said that she has reached out to Paul Wydra who offered his help redesigning the website. He is very busy just now and will get in touch with us in August.

Berry wants to make sure we will speak with someone with experience designing municipal sites.

Angulas suggested Wookie Jones.

Esposito brought up the joint meeting with the Wilton Board and Milford Board next Monday night.

Wilson said that the only change he is ok with is spelling out the lease agreement. He also wants a 5- or 7-year contract; a 1 or 2 year extension is no good.

Berry said that Milford is trying to modify the 2013 agreement.

Wilson feels that they are trying to pull apart the bylaws.

Roberge asked if the Board of Governors put through the 2018 agreement that both the Mont Vernon and Wilton Boards signed.

Wilson said that they approved that 2018 agreement unanimously.

Roberge said that the Milford Board doesn't seem to be in unison.

Wilson said that there are 2 that are very supportive, 2 that are against and one that is on the fence. They have no intention of including Mont Vernon or Wilton as customers.

Esposito asked if this meeting is worth going to.

Wilson said yes, if we go with a 5- or 7-year agreement.

Berry said that Wilton feels that we should decline going to the meeting unless they agree to work from the 2018 agreement.

Wilson agreed.

Esposito said that their agenda for the meeting only changes that there is no penalty for withdrawing. If they give notice in July of 2021 for July 2022, they will not fund the rest of the contract. We will go to the meeting, but I feel like it will be a waste of time.

Roberge agreed that that is the only thing on their agenda.

Wilson stated that he is all in for a 7-year contract.

Esposito and Roberge both like a 5-year agreement.

Esposito asked what the procedure is to get that changed.

Wilson said that the MACC BOG must agree and the two Selectboards must agree also.

Esposito mentioned that if Milford isn't there, MACC wouldn't be able to stay in the Milford Town Hall.

Wilson said that the agreement must state that as long as there is a MACC they can remain on the 4th floor of the Town Hall.

Esposito asked the Board if they want to meet with Wilton before the meeting with Milford.

Roberge said that they could meet at 4:15 or 4:30.

Esposito asked Brown to set it up for 4:30PM.

Roberge said that she is trying to keep an open mind while dealing with Milford, but it feels like she is banging her head against a wall. This will be the tell-tale for me; if we can't get the 2018 agreement signed, we need to be moving on.

Esposito said that this all started when Milford needed new PD radios and tried to put that expense on MACC.

8:10 PM As there was no further business before the Board, Berry motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn.

Berry; yes, Roberge; yes, Esposito; yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Brown