

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes July 8, 2019

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

Resident Michelle Riesselman inquired as to whether a decision had been made regarding her request for signs in the cross walks. Esposito explained that it had not been discussed yet due to Chief Furlong having been on vacation. Chief Furlong stated that any signage placed along a state highway has to be approved by the DOT.

- Board reviewed minutes of 6/24/19. Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to accept the minutes of June 24, 2019 as amended. All in favor.
- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting Police Department: Chief Furlong

- Officer Jason Johnson has completed his field training program. He is now on sole patrol which is working nicely as he is filling in a lot of vacant shifts.
- Chief has completed a grant application through Rite Aid for them to build, provide and deliver a prescription drug disposal box to be mounted in the lobby of the McCollom Building.
- Caught in the Act program is in full swing; they are issuing lots of free slushy citations to the children around town doing safe acts.
- Town of Wilton has asked Chief Furlong to assist with their hiring process and their oral board process. He will be assisting the Chief in hiring some new officers.
- They are investigating a call that came in on Purgatory Road. The complaint is that munitions were coming from the Purgatory Falls Fish & Game Club and landing in their yard and on their roof. They are meeting with Purgatory Fish & Game to review any type of cameras or surveillance.
- They had a nice ceremony celebrating 20 years of Corporal O'Keefe being with the town of Mont Vernon and also the promotion of Mark Slavin.
- The request has made to BAE Systems on behalf of the Fire Department and the Town of Mont Vernon for surplus and excess office equipment. BAE has received the request and will review and get back to Chief Furlong with their decision.

Library: Bonnie Angulas

- Halfway through the Summer Reading Program with 201 Participants.
- Adult Summer Reading Program started on 6/21 and will continue through Labor Day. Gift cards are awarded every week sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
- They've received a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation through Amherst Label for \$500. They will use this to go to the Wilton Town Hall Theatre to go watch Star Wars on the anniversary of the Apollo landing which is on 7/20 at 4:00 pm. The whole town is invited and costumes are encouraged.
- Library Trustees had a joint meeting with the Conservation Commission and Cemetery Trustees at the end of June. They were there to contribute progress on all the projects for the Grand Hill parcel. They discussed cemetery deforestation, wetlands management, road access, town projects and timelines.
- The Library Trustees are expecting the final report from the architect and Meridian. They are going to proceed with a pre-application with the DES anticipating wetland remediation.
- The library foundation is still working on a feasibility study as part 1 of the library capital campaign.

Fire Station: Chief Wilson

- There have been a few calls but nothing major.
- They will be doing some back flushing of hydrants in town.

- The driver training is off to a slow start. The new people will be getting ready to take the written test. September /October will be a busy time frame.
- A new hire will be painting the dry hydrants.

Esposito asked if they had gotten to inspect the dry hydrant up on Spring Hill Road. Roberge asked if the dry hydrants are listed on the town maps. Chief responded that when a development goes in the cisterns become part of the plan so would be noted on the plans.

Highway Department: Ben Crosby

- They've been working on the drainage up on Levesque Lane. They've completed the ditching and will begin installing the culvert pipes. Waiting to hear when they can be scheduled for reclaiming.
- They will use the DOC as the supplier for our signs. The Dept. of Corrections sign shop is much more affordable.

Berry mentioned the stop signs needing to be updated at Purgatory Road as well as a 'stop ahead' sign. Crosby has ordered and hopes to have within the next week.

- Have not heard much feedback from the new pricing at the Transfer Station.
- The cab and chassis for the new 6 wheeler should be to the dealership by 7/29 and then shipped to Fairfield shortly thereafter. It will probably will be ready the second week of September.
- Roadside mowing will begin tomorrow.
- Crosby will start looking for a replacement for Perry Cloutier.
- Crosby was given a quote from Lucien Soucy for the Transfer Station stairs.
- Spoke to Leighton White regarding the culvert pipe on lower Brook Rd. They feel they need to consult with an engineer before they can give us a quote.

Recreation: Heather Kennedy

- Summer Concert Series starts on Wed. 7/10 at 6:30 pm kicking off with Alex Preston. The Fire Dept. will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs.
- Two replacement tents have been purchased.

Randy Wilson asked if we are restricting parking anywhere on our narrow roads during the concerts. Angulas said only on Old Amherst Road. Chief Furlong doesn't foresee there being a parking problem. If something comes up that night they will deal with it at that time.

Conservation Commission: Chief Wilson

- They are finishing up with the cemetery lot and hoping to start on Carleton Pond in the next two weeks. They will be putting culvert pipe in when Crosby has the availability. Trombly will be back raising the banks on the back side and filling in the areas that need to be filled in that were dredged out before. Next year Trombly will put down some material to pack down and smooth the banks of the pond. The power pole will be put in, then the meter and box put in so as to put in the aerator.

Chief Wilson brought up the situation where Milford's Selectman Putnam at their meeting accused Chief Wilson of accusing him of being an embezzler which was not true. Selectman Putnam mislead the entire Milford BOS. Chief Wilson demanded an apology yet has heard nothing back. Chief Wilson is requesting that the Mont Vernon BOS have a conversation with the Milford BOS. Esposito said that it will be addressed at the July 29th meeting in Milford. There was discussion on what to possibly do with the MACC Base surplus money returned to the town.

7:50 pm End of Department Head Meeting

The Board briefly reviewed the RFQ on the Mont Vernon Building Renovations. The Building Renovation Committee meets again on Thursday 7/11/19 at 6:30 pm. Roberge asked Joan to reach out to Jason Johnson to request the minutes from their last meeting and to confirm the date of the next meeting.

8:20 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Berry to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Cleary