

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes September 12, 2016

**7:00 pm** Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Jack Esposito. Also in attendance was Selectman John Quinlan. Selectman Whipple was not in attendance.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

**7:15 pm** The owner of Rolling Acres, Kathleen Rush came before the Board with her attorney Alex Buchanan to discuss 3 – 4 abandoned trailers in the park. Rush says that they have formally evicted these owners (a formality as they had already left the park), and was in the process of foreclosure and will be clear to put them up for auction subject to back taxes. According to Rush, the properties are not worth as much as the back taxes are, and she wants the Town to forgive the taxes so that she can "give" the trailers to the people that are living in them now. These tenants have been using their own money to rehabilitate the properties and make them habitable. She said that she will not charge them for the trailers; she will charge them lot rent and deed them over from the old owners to the new. She is trying not to take possession of them herself, since she would also be taking on the responsibility of the taxes.

Quinlan asked if these new tenants were paying their rent and was told that they were. Rush also said that they are all willing to take on the property taxes from the date that they moved in.

The Board feels that the Town should not be the only entity that loses revenue in this scenario, and asks Rush if she is willing to pay the arrears. Rush stated that if the taxes are not abated she would let the Town take them and it would cost the Town \$5000 to move them out. She feels that having new owners that agree to pay property taxes is worth it to the Town.

After a prolonged discussion Attorney Buchanan agreed to contact the Board with an amount agreeable to them and / or the current tenants for paying off some portion of the taxes.

### **7:40 PM Department Head Meeting Kevin Furlong, Police Chief**

- Received approval for the 7762 NH Hwy Safety Grant. Asked Board to sign the application. Board agreed.
- Senator Ayotte thinks that law enforcement will be able to transfer the Humvee to the Forestry Service.
- The next BOG meeting of MACC Base is 9/21 at 5:00 pm. Milford wants to break out of MACC and have their own dispatch center for Milford PD, FD, Ambulance and Highway. Most Federal Funding comes through regional entities.  
Esposito asked Furlong where he thought we should go. Furlong said that Wilton will probably go with Milford, and that we have always had a good relationship with them also.
- Furlong worked with Concord, Portsmouth, Salem, etc... and took down the Goffstown basketball coach in the recent child endangerment/pornography bust.
- The theft on Mason Road was solved and 3 arrests were made.
- There are active warrants out regarding the theft on Hazen Road, and the burglary on Dow Road.
- It is primary day tomorrow, and for safety, the school now provides lunch to the children in their classroom.

### **Aaron Daigneault, Police Sergeant**

Daigneault advised the Board that he has taken on the project of getting a 911 only phone installed for people to use when they come to the PD and there is no Officer in the building. When the receiver is picked up it would ring directly to MACC. He has gotten most of the hardware donated, and it will run off the fax # so that there will not be any additional monthly charge.

### **Bonnie Angulas, Library Director**

- The summer reading totals are in: 200 children read 2400 books.
- The Library will be doing outreach at MVVS and trying to attract new members to book club. They are encouraging grades 1 through 12 to get more involved.
- There are 2 new Daland Trustees. The three trustees are now: Anne Dodd, Kirk Pomeroy, and Dan Foley.

### **Bonnie Angulas, Acting Recreation Director**

- The Recreation Committee will be contributing \$250 toward pony rides, \$150 for the pocket lady, and manning the games.

- For Halloween we will be collaborating with the Girl Scouts. They will collect the candy and Rec will sort and distribute the candy on October 28.
- Tree lighting prep is underway with Ray Lyons donating his time and equipment to restring lights. They have to be taken down, checked, and put back up. There will be 2 more checks before they go live.

### **Bonnie Angulas, Acting Gardening and Beautification Chairman**

- Juli Harvey got a new job that will have her traveling a lot. Angulas told her that she would take over as acting chair for the remainder of this calendar year.

### **Jay Wilson, Fire Chief**

- They have applied for the State Forestry Grant, and may still apply for a Federal Grant also.
- Our internet problems have reached a point that we should get it fixed once and for all.
- People are pulling into the Fire Station and sitting in the middle of the parking lot to take cell phone calls etc... Some of them will not move when asked. From now on, the PD will be called if there is someone that won't move their car – some of them have even gotten out of their cars and left them in the way of the Fire Apparatus.

### **Mike Ypya, DPW Director**

- Old Milford Road: added 400 tons of gravel and stone on the hill alone.
- Will be paving Grand Hill and Weston Hill next week.
- Had to replace both front tires and the windshield on the One Ton.
- Salt Contract came in at \$52.47 / ton. That is the same as last year.
- Lee Gilman will be back to spray for invasive species.

### **End of Department Head Meeting**

**8:10 pm** Matt Morrissette came before the Board to see if he could get a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team sanctioned by the Board. It would be free to all Mont Vernon and Amherst students. The Board agreed.

Morrissette then asked the Board for \$200 to \$300 for balls and a net.

Brown asked if there would be any other expenses at all, ie; referees or travel.

Morrissette said that they would play at MVVS and there will not be any paid referees.

Brown asked if he plans to continue the program as long as his child is at MVVS, and if so, what ongoing expenses will there be? Brown explained that the Town is beginning its 2017 budget preparation, and he should anticipate next year's expenses in order that they get provided for in the Budget.

Morrissette said that the balls should last 3 or 4 years, unless they get lost, and the net should be the same unless it gets damaged. He suggested \$100 be added to the 2017 budget for volleyball. Board agreed.

Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to allocate \$300 to be used to purchase supplies for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball team. All in favor.

Morrissette then asked how to get Old New Boston Road on the road maintenance list for paving in the future.

Esposito explained that there are very limited funds for paving, and the worst roads with the most traffic get first priority. That being said, he would have the DPW Director take a look at it.

Board reviewed and signed the application for the 7762 NH Highway Safety Grant

**8:40 pm** As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie M. Brown