

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes September 23, 2019

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Selectboard Chairman, John Esposito. Also in attendance was Selectmen Tim Berry. Kim Roberge was not in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Esposito relayed that, just before the meeting, Don Senecal came into the office to let us know that his property is 80 – 85% cleaned up.

With Marie Grella and the Town Clerk in attendance, Esposito read the Proclamation to designate Mont Vernon a Purple Heart Community. August 7th will now be known as Purple Heart Day.

- Board reviewed and signed the checks and manifest.
- Board reviewed and signed an application by the NH Dairy Goat Assoc. to hold a raffle to support the Spring 2020 show.
- Board reviewed the minutes of 9/16/19. Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the minutes of September 16, 2019 as amended. All in favor.

Esposito has spoken with the Chief Furlong who will see that there are speed limit signs on Beech Hill Road. He also spoke with the Chief about the shooting complaint the Board received from a group of Amherst residents. The Chief again related that the range they had set up is safe and appropriate, and we do not have a noise ordinance so everything they were doing was legal. He will speak with them again and tell them of the complaint and ask if they would voluntarily cut down on the duration of gun fire at one time.

Esposito asked the Chief regarding the Special Duty lines going over and what is left in his budget. The Chief doesn't expect to expend all of his vehicle maintenance, equipment or radio lines. This will cover some of the Special Duty money.

Board reviewed a letter from the Conservation Commission to the Library Trustees. It was requesting that the Cemetery Trustees and Selectmen come to the next Conservation Commission meeting on October 9th.

Berry thought that their questions were legitimate, and appropriate.

Esposito said that they should go – everyone at one table is the best way to communicate questions and issues.

Board decided to accept the CC invitation to attend their meeting at 7:30 on October 9, 2019.

Board discussed Chief Furlong's request for direct deposit every two weeks. Brown took an unofficial survey and the overwhelming majority of employees would like to have direct deposit, but every week. Since this is not an inexpensive proposition, Board will take it under advisement for next year's budget.

There was a short discussion regarding the Junk Yard letters. Only Senecal has responded to the Final Notices sent out last week, but they have until October 7, 2019.

Board reviewed a letter from Jess Pomeroy requesting appointments to the Garden and Beautification Committee. Berry motioned, seconded by Esposito that Jessica Pomeroy be appointed as Chairman with a term expiration of 2022, Penny Dickson as Co-Chair with a term of 2021, Ana Barrett as Secretary with a term of 2020, and Susan King Ecklund and Susan Ries as alternates. All in favor.

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Board reviewed a request from Peter King to name the Selectmen's Representative to the School Budget Committee. It was decided to wait until next meeting when all three Selectmen will be present to choose a representative for the School Budget Committee and the Town Budget Committee.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie Brown