

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes October 2, 2017

**7:00 pm** Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance were Selectmen John Esposito and Kim Roberge.

### Public Hearing regarding posting signage of "No Through Trucking" on Beech Hill and Salisbury Roads.

Some of the comments:

**Peter Tedder** of 70 Salisbury Road asked what brought this up?

**Mark Tardiff** of 72 Salisbury Road said that he is more concerned with the details like: What is the definition of Through Trucking, and what are the exceptions.

**Quinlan** said that there have been some exceedingly large logging trucks originating in other towns.

**Chief Furlong** stated that he is completely FOR the ordinance, and brings up an ordinance voted in at Town Meeting in 1975. The ordinance is out of date and should be revised. This ordinance is a town-wide no through trucking for vehicles over 10 tons. Furlong also said that the wording should be changed to say that unless there is a local pick up or delivery on that street, trucks should not use the street. Right now, it says that local deliveries can be in Town; it is not specific that to be on a street in Town, you must be delivering on that particular street.

There is also a separate ordinance for Gavin Road – why?

**Tardiff** said that this is an admirable goal, would there be a stepped-up enforcement period?

**Furlong** said that there would be a period of education and warnings given out. A second violation by a company would produce a ticket.

**Quinlan** asked DPW Director Mike Ypya what he thought of the 26,000-pound limit.

**Ypya** said that he does see a lot of those around, and it would be right for us too.

**Furlong** said that he would like to see the entire ordinance book organized and brought up-to-date.

**7:25 PM Quinlan brought the hearing to a close** and said that the Board would take everyone's comments into account when deciding how to proceed.

Furlong let the Board know that the floor in the public bathroom in the McCollom Building has been removed and replaced and the new vinyl will be installed on Thursday.

Furlong asked to discuss his proposed payroll increases for the 2018 proposed budget. He did a salary comparison of 17 other towns using departments where any one here could make a lateral move to. New Boston also pays 100% of health insurance premiums.

1. Part-Time personnel – we are right at the average pay for our part-time officers. COLA has been set at 2.1%, so I would like to increase their pay by 3% keeping it right at average.
2. Administration – I am asking for 6.1%, or \$20.00/hr.
3. Master Patrolman and Sargent – I am asking for 3%.
4. Chief – I have a 5-year contract, and am starting the 5<sup>th</sup> year. I am asking for 9.2% to bring the salary closer to that of the other 17 in the comparison that was done.

Esposito asked him if he had taken insurance premiums into account in his comparison.

Furlong said that he knows that New Boston pays 100%, Amherst employees pay 13% and Milford employees pay 15% of their premiums.

**7:55 PM** The Board met with the Daland Memorial Library Trustees and the Town Library Trustees.

Quinlan said that the Board wants to talk about where we are and where we want to go. The Future Use of Town Bldgs committee gave a presentation on what we could do with these old buildings, and we need to know exactly where the new library fits in the scheme of things. This is a big project, and we need to have a plan on how to fit this all together.

Cindy Raspiller, Town Library Trustee: We firmly believe the Library should be part of the overall revitalization of the Town. The old library being the swing building. We were disappointed that we didn't get the grant last spring. We are looking at using funds that already exists to get plans drawn up for the new library. (That funding is more than half Daland Trust money.) There must be a warrant article in 2018 for the Town to purchase the Daland Building. We have learned a lot about fundraising and Vanessa's contention is that there is more opportunity to fundraise for a capital campaign for the 4 buildings. We are flexible to figure out what makes sense. The probate court makes it difficult to navigate, but it is doable. I don't want to be sitting here 5 years from now in the same position.

Quinlan: What we need most is hard numbers. How much the Daland Trust will be putting toward the new library. Do you have a figure from the probate court?

Anne Dodd, Daland Trustee: The last time they allowed ½ the assets to be used for the new building. That would be \$900,000 from the Daland Trust and the \$100,000 that the Town will pay for the Daland building.

This gives us \$1,000,000 to put toward the project.

Quinlan: Do you have a sense of what sized building you will need?

Dodd: 6,000 square feet.

Quinlan: We always thought that the place for archival storage would be the basement of the new library, is

that figured into your space?

Dodd: There is no basement planned for the new library.

Esposito: Why would you NOT consider a basement?

Dodd: Because of site costs plus the floor is planned as a radiant slab.

Peter King, Daland Trustee: Moisture control is very expensive.

Dodd: The dehumidification and heat would make it cost prohibitive.

Quinlan: Archival storage is not feasible in any of the other Town buildings. I need you to work on concepts now. This is the education faze of the renovation project.

Dodd: We talked about the next steps. We would like to see a warrant article in 2018 showing that the Town will buy the building. The Daland Trust would continue to fund the building and keep it open as a library until the new building is complete.

Esposito: How does probate work? Can the money be separated into another account so that we don't lose principle?

Dodd: I would not even ask that of them.

Esposito: What guarantee do we have that we will still get \$900K when we are ready?

Dodd: As we get closer, we can define and designate. At the time the Town votes, there will be a definite number.

Quinlan: You haven't had a discussion with the Probate Court in 10 years?

Dodd: That is correct, it was 2007.

Roberge: Do you think that a vote to purchase the old building is a vote for a new library?

Raspiller: Not necessarily, but we want to make sure the new library is grouped into the overall project.

Dodd: There is money in the Capital Reserve. We would like an article to allow some of that to do a space needs study and draw up schematic or conceptual plans.

Roberge: What if the feedback from the FUTB is to do the Town Hall or McCollom Building first? What is your backup plan?

Raspiller: It is better to look at this as a "whole Town plan", even if it is phased in at the end, but still part of the project. How do we get it to the Town to buy into the old building as a viable option?

Esposito: When we present it to the townspeople, we have to do it as one unit, whether it is library first or last.

Jill Webber, Town Library Trustee: The library building is a fundraising magnet, the project is much more attractive with the library included.

Quinlan: The bond issue article won't be on the warrant until 2019, and remember, the FUTB presentation is simply their findings, not a plan.

**8:25 PM** Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to go into non-public session with Fire Chief Wilson to discuss a personnel issue. Esposito; yes, Roberge; yes, Quinlan; yes.

**8:35 PM** Board returned from non-public session. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to seal the minutes of the non-public session. All in favor.

Joanne Draghetti, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, came before the Board to express her concern that the progress on 5 Cheever Lane continues, and the driveway infraction has not been remedied.

Quinlan: It is October already and the driveway has not been moved. Should we issue a stop work order?

Roberge: The previous builder had agreed to put the earth back as best as possible and re-route the driveway off from the Town property. Then the contractors were dismissed.

Draghetti: They need to replace the soil and stabilize the banks, replace the trees and the survey marker. This is a timber trespass.

Quinlan: We need to send a letter to the property owner saying that the restoration must be done before the first frost. Give them until 11/15/17.

**8:55 PM** Jay Wilson came before the Board to discuss the culvert under Grand Hill Road at Carleton Pond. He met with Steve Trombley and Bill Davidson over the weekend, trying to find a way NOT to have to dig up the road and replace the old culvert. The new road crossing pipe is higher than the original, and the drainage plan for the pond calls for the pipe to be about 3' lower than it is now.

Esposito asked if our DPW could do it.

Wilson said that it is too deep for the backhoe, and Trombley has his excavator there already.

Draghetti said that they have applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Milford Rotary that would help defray the cost.

Wilson stated that his Patriotic Purposes budget for 2018 is going up because of the monument work. The Trustees of Trust Funds now want the library's septic design for the monument lot before they will give out the money for the work. I know we will not be anywhere near the leach field, but they want to see the plan.

I have requested them from the State Archives.

Roberge said that she didn't know why they need a septic plan to put in a walkway.

Wilson said that if they don't get the Trustees money this year, the money in this year's budget will be spent on clear the trees between the monument and John Arico's land.

**9:10 PM** Wilson told the Board that the MACC Base budget meeting will be this Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Reviewed the minutes of September 18, 2017. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of September 18, 2017 as written. All in favor.
- Reviewed the non-public minutes of September 18, 2017. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the non-public minutes of September 18, 2017 as written. All in favor.
- Reviewed the minutes of September 25, 2017. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of September 25, 2017 as written. All in favor.

Roberge stated that she believes strongly that at the presentation of the FUTB on October 19<sup>th</sup> the Board must stress that these are the FUTB's findings – not the plan for the renovations.

Roberge asked about the Junk Yard ordinance. This is still a work in progress.

Roberge asked if the Town has any review process for the Chief of Police's review, and was told no.

Roberge told the Board that the Beautification Committee met and there will be 5 new members added to the 3 members currently on the Committee. Betsy Burkhard, Charlotte D'Aoust, Liz Densmore, Karen Drum, and Anna Barrett join Juli Harvey, Nancy York and Bonnie Angulas.

**9:45 pm** As there was no further business before the Board, Roberge motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie M. Brown