

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes October 16, 2017

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

Wade Landrum came before the Board to ask if the DPW could remove the topsoil for the planned walkway at the War Memorial. He also offered that he had the area of the walkway checked by Dig Safe, and there is nothing under that area. Quinlan sent him to talk with the DPW Director.

### Department Head Meeting:

#### Police Department; Chief Kevin Furlong

- Read a letter of recognition that he wrote for Corporal O'Keefe in reference to a medial call on August 19, 2017.
- 2018 Budget – spoke of the requested increases with Board last week. All other increases are beyond his control, ie: Retirement and Health Insurance. I am requesting the replacement of the 2011 Cruiser. Not sure of the exact cost, because the State bid figures have not come out yet. There is a bit of extra up-fitting charge because less of the equipment will be transferrable as we are going from the old Explorer to a sedan.

Quinlan asked if he knew what type of vehicle will be on the State Bid.

Furlong believes it will be a sedan.

Esposito asked what the biggest expense will be for up-fitting.

Furlong said that it would be the control module that runs the lights and sirens; it has to be upgraded to the newer technology.

Roberge asked if anything coming off the vehicle would have any value.

Furlong said no, but it goes into the "swap-shop" in the basement. He will sometimes get calls for older technology items that he can trade for something we can use.

#### DPW, Mike Ypya

- The 2012 Dump Truck will be several thousand dollars over budget. All of the 2011-2013 trucks have motors that should have been recalled. There was a bulletin sent to International, but no-one notified the truck owners.

Quinlan asked for a ballpark final figure and was told 10K to 15K.

Roberge asked if there was going to be unspent money in any of the other truck maintenance lines.

Ypya said yes, there will be some left.

- The culvert line will be over a bit also due to the Carleton Pond Project.

Quinlan asked about the 2005 one ton.

Ypya said that it is running ok right now. Will ask for a new one in the 2018 budget. Am also asking to keep the 2005 for leaves and chipping.

Quinlan asked if he would use it for plowing.

Ypya said that he would only use it for a backup.

Roberge asked about ongoing maintenance.

Ypya said it shouldn't need much with the reduction in use.

Esposito said we are supposed to be testing the sprinkler systems annually, and asked if we do that.

Fire Chief Wilson said that they test the one in the Fire Station and would add the Highway Garage.

Quinlan asked if this years' paving was complete.

Ypya said that is was, and that they did a really good job.

#### Recreation Committee – Chairman Vanessa Chavez

- Lamson Farm Day was a success even in the cold rain. Special Thank You to Bonnie Angulas and Joanne Kitchel for lending their tents.
- 2018 Budget – everything is level from last years' numbers.

Quinlan asked for an estimate as to how many people attended Lamson Farm Day and was told about 1/3 of the regular attendance.

Roberge asked if she was ready for Halloween.

Chaves told her that the Witches Walk (distributing the donated candy to homes on Main Street in the Village) is scheduled for Friday night October 27.

#### **Fire Department – Chief Jay Wilson**

- **2018 Budget** – added \$5500 to the station budget to paint the exterior doors.  
The operating budget is down from last year because Engine 1 was repaired last year. There is an increase for a program called “I am responding”. It provides a way to see who is responding to a call and how far out they are.

Roberge asked if it was a one-time charge; Wilson said no, it is annually \$800, plus the monitor in 2018.

Fire Ward, Lucien Soucy, said it provides a level of service and security.

Wilson said that there is also money in the budget for a new laptop.

Roberge asked if they need something special or if they could get in on the School’s bulk order. She also asked how much he put in the budget for the computer, and was told he put in \$1000.

Roberge said that that must be a very special laptop.

Wilson said the \$1000 was just a placeholder.

Roberge said that she expected that number to be reduced when he gets an actual figure.

Wilson said he wasn’t sure how much the software was going to cost.

Roberge told him that the budget is not going to be done with placeholders – you will have to get a better estimate.

Esposito asked about Warrant Articles; Wilson said that so far it is just the regular Capital Reserve article, although there might be one for a dry hydrant at the pond on Pond Road.

#### **Conservation Commission – Jay Wilson**

- **2018 Budget** – There is \$7,000 in there for landscaping around Carleton Pond, and in addition, Shelly Brooks applied for a grant from the Milford Rotary Club and we have just received \$5,000 toward the pond project.  
There is also \$5,500 for water protection and soil mapping. We have to hire out for that.

#### **Patriotic Purposes – Jay Wilson**

- We did get the \$3,000 from the Trustees of Trust Funds this year, so we can remove that from the 2018 proposed budget.

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

**8:00 pm** Chief Wilson reminded the Board that he had asked that the Ford Expedition be kept and given to the Fire Department for use on med calls if it was still in decent condition when the PD was done with it. If they could get the Expedition, they would retire the old Dodge.

Quinlan asked what the HUMVEE was used for, and was told that it is dedicated to forestry. The Expedition would be able to carry all of the needed equipment and 3 firefighters.

Quinlan asked how much it would cost to re-equip it for use by the Fire Department.

Wilson answered that most of it can and would be done in-house.

Soucy added that most of the equipment would be coming off another one of our vehicles.

Quinlan said that he doesn’t have a big problem with it; we will have to check the maintenance schedules and discuss it as a Board.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Board reviewed the 10/2/17 minutes. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes as written. All in favor.

**8:45 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