

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes October 17, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Jack Esposito. Also in attendance was Selectman John Quinlan. Selectman Whipple was absent.

Housekeeping items:

- Reviewed Public minutes of 10/3. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the public minutes of October 3, 2016 as written. All in favor.
- Reviewed Non-Public minutes of 10/3. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the Non-Public minutes of October 3, 2016 as written. All in favor. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to seal the Non-Public minutes of October 3, 2016. All in favor.
- Reviewed a request from Larry Yetter, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, to appoint David Hagg as an alternate to the Commission. Quinlan so moved. Motion was seconded by Esposito and the motion carried.
- Board reviewed and signed the Warrant Posting.
- Board reviewed and signed an "Intent to Cut Timber" application from Joseph Carleton, Jr. Board reviewed the resignation letter from Selectman Jim Whipple. Jim started by filling in for Selectman John Koch in 2003. He also filled in for Selectman Pete Savage in 2005 and again for Selectman Paul Apple in 2009. He actually ran for the position in 2010, and has served as a Selectman ever since. His background in State DOT work was an invaluable asset to the Town throughout his tenure. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the resignation of Selectman James W. Whipple effective immediately. All in favor.

7:15 pm Department Head Meeting

Bonnie Angulas – Recreation

- The candy collection will continue through October 30th. The Recreation committee will sort and distribute the candy to 40 of the 43 houses in the village.
- There will be a meeting on November 3rd for tree lighting. Ray Lyons is generously donating his time and equipment to re-string the 43' tree. Mont Vernon Electric will be contacted to make sure the work done last year is sufficient to handle the electric loads from the tree. Earl Rich will donate his time to set up all of the extension cords and to make sure all of the lighting added between now and tree lighting will not overload the circuits.

Bonnie Angulas – Garden and Beautification

- The Garden Clean-Up is scheduled on November 5th, and will also supply the Wreaths for the buildings.

Bonnie Angulas – Library Director

- The Daland Library Trustees have finished their annual report and they want to move forward with the new library building. They may be asking the Board to put forth a Warrant article for 2017 Town Meeting asking the Town to add money to the Library Capital Reserve which will be matched by the Daland Trustees. They feel that by doing this they will get a feel for how the residents feel about building a new library.
- The Daland Trustees are installing a badly needed new carpet.

Kevin Furlong – Police Chief

- Physical Fitness tests are taking place now.
- Added money to the training line in order to fill the vacant part-time position.
- Did not fund the Code Red line for 2017 as the State has a new program that is free.

- Do not foresee any warrant articles for the Police Department.

Jay Wilson – Conservation Commission

- Budget line for Land View Management has been increased to remove dead trees.
- The new Alternate, David Hagg will step into Jim Bird's permanent position when Bird's term is up.

Jay Wilson – Fire Chief

- The State Police will conduct the Department's CDL testing on November 26th.
- Tanker repair line and other repair lines will be over this year, but the bottom line will not.
- Horton fire pond will be dredged this week.
- Have added money to the budget for 2017 for correcting the computer / internet connection. Also increased the mechanic's line, as they are doing more for us than we originally thought. They are saving us from sending the trucks out for service. Also included is an increase in pay for the firefighters as we haven't given out increases in years.

Mike Ypya - DPW Director

- Winter salt will be coming next week at \$52.47 / ton.
- Road marking will also be done next week.
- Ypya wants to put a roof on the sander hanger. The money will come out of the transfer station maintenance line.

Esposito asked Ypya to make the beginning of Mason Road look better where the old concrete block sits.

Esposito also asked what Ypya had planned to do for paving next year.

Ypya said that he has tree areas he would like to get to: Topcoats for Wilton Road and Beech Hill Road, and attention by Westgate.

Kendall Hill needs

Quinlan asked him to look at Wilton / Old Wilton at Al Carleton's house to see if something should be done.

Ypya said he would take another look at it, but would shim it to hold it through the winter.

8:30 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown