

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes October 24, 2016

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

Jason Johnson, MACC Base Director and Sean Mamone, Mont Vernon's MACC Base representative came before the Board to discuss the proposed 2017 budget.

Esposito related that he first public hearing for the MACC Base budget was held last week. The budget is flat other than the equipment line. They are asking for \$200,000 to construct antennas to increase reception; the Milford PD cannot communicate from one side of town to the other.

Esposito asked if this is a Milford problem or a MACC Base problem.

Johnson said that there are 2 solutions to the problem:

1. Single site repeater system on a different frequency that would be just for Milford.

Mont Vernon and Lyndeborough put in repeaters and they work well. Milford decided against that.

2. MACC Base could install the system and add one town at a time.

They have won a \$180,000 grant to install a microwave link that will benefit all PD's FD's Hwy's and EMG operations. This would link MACC Base with all of their stations and increase redundancy of the whole system. The original long-term plan had this as phase 3, but the timing works to do it now.

Johnson said that he is not convinced that the PD portion should be done in 2017.

Esposito asked how much MACC could live with for equipment in 2017.

Johnson said that he wasn't sure and explained that the \$200K was thrown at the budget committee just before the budget hearing. They haven't been working on this for any length of time.

Esposito asked how this figures into Milford's plan to withdraw from MACC.

Mamone feels that Milford has concluded that it will be too expensive to go out on their own.

Mamone asked how the Board would feel about meeting this next project half way and raising \$100,000 in 2017. That would increase our invoice by about \$10,000.

Johnson stated that the long-term plan involves bringing all of the FD's onto the high frequency band also.

**7:20 pm** Joanne Draghetti and Barry Salussolia of 69 Old Wilton Rd. came before the Board with a concern over unintended drainage consequences with the proposed sub-division on Purgatory Road. Draghetti feels that there must be an engineering study done to show where the runoff will go when the natural course of drainage is disrupted. The culvert crossing under Wilton Rd. may not be large enough to handle the extra water and it may cause eroding of private land as well as the public road.

After hearing the details, Quinlan promised that the Planning Board will look into this, as the owner of this property has expressed that he needs to get this sub-division done at minimal cost.

**7:45 pm** Jay Wilson, representing the Patriotic Purposes committee came in to explain the increase in the proposed budget for Patriotic Purposes. Wilson told the Board that there is a Boy Scout that has signed on to do a project at the War Memorial. He will be laying out a brick walkway to the stone monument. The extra money will be to re-do the lawn and get rid of all the brush on the right hand side boundary.

The monument is actually a pedestal for a statue. It would be nice to have a fund raiser to put a statue up.

Quinlan feels that it probably was intended to have a WWI Doughboy.

Wilson said that we would have to move quickly to dedicate it in 2018 for the anniversary of WWI.

**8:00 pm** Board reviewed the minutes of 10/17. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to accept the minutes of October 17, 2016 as amended. All in favor.

Rich Masters came before the Board to be re-appointed as Health Officer. Quinlan motioned, seconded by Esposito to re-appoint Rich Masters as the Town Health Officer with a 3 year term. All in favor.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Board reviewed a request to purchase a new road sign for Wallace Lane. Board agreed.

**8:10 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