

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes November 6, 2017

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

- Reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Reviewed and signed two Yield Tax bills.
- Reviewed and signed a Current Use Tax bill.
- Reviewed minutes of 10/23/17. Motion by Esposito, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of October 23, 2017 as written. All in favor.

**7:15 pm** Dawn Lyon, representing the Patriotic Committee, and Wade Landrum, Eagle Scout Candidate were in attendance at the invitation of the Board.

**Quinlan:** Over the last 3 to 4 weeks we have heard from Landrum and the Patriotic Committee that there has been some serious miscommunication. What was originally agreed upon has changed to where the Committee can no longer support the project, and wish to postpone it until spring, when both parties can agree on the end design and materials.

**Esposito:** What is your deadline?

**Landrum:** I have to have it completed by and through the review board by April 21, 2018.

**Esposito:** How long will it take you to complete the whole project – start to finish?

**Landrum:** Two weekends.

**Esposito:** If you get started as soon as the weather breaks, you should have time to finish.

**Roberge:** You presented a brick walkway similar to the one on the Milford Oval. Has the design changed?

**Lyon:** Yes, and growth on the project has been too weak to progress this year. There have been no answers to our questions regarding materials being used; we would like to see samples.

**Esposito:** we understood it to be a brick walkway with granite or similar bounds.

**Landrum:** It will be 7" X 7" grey pavers with a single line of bricks, the long way, lining it.

**Lyon:** How many bricks have you sold?

**Landrum:** Around 30.

**Quinlan:** How many are needed?

**Landrum:** One Hundred; there will be a name on a brick every third one.

**Quinlan:** What was originally agreed to?

**Lyon:** The walkway was brick, but Jay Wilson didn't like the idea of the veterans' names being walked on.

**Landrum:** I have just been to Home Depot to see what they have for materials.

**Roberge:** If you are putting forth a project that will be meaningful for the veterans and the Town, you should be bringing samples to the Committee and to the Selectmen. We are still supportive, but you need to make sure everyone knows what is being done and has the opportunity to contribute.

**Lyon:** See we didn't even know how many bricks were sold, and that he went to Home Depot: communication is lacking.

**Quinlan:** The Patriotic Committee is our "front man" on this project; that is their purview. You need to re-dedicate yourself to the project. It needs more development and everyone needs to be on the same page.

There must be much better communication with the Patriotic Committee. We should see samples; this will be a permanent addition to the center of our Town, and must be something we can be proud of.

**Roberge:** I will also put out there that clear communication on your part is very important; even something like a quick email to respond to the invitation to be here tonight.

**Esposito:** Have your bricks arrived yet?

**Landrum:** No.

**Esposito:** I let your mother know that we would be happy to facilitate with your mentor if need be.

**Roberge:** You should be having some very detailed meetings between now and the spring with the Committee to make sure your final design and materials are acceptable to them and to the Board. Then you need to come back to the Board with the final plan before you get started in the spring. Can we set that date now?

**Brown:** Yes, let's make it Monday, February 12, 2018 at 8:00 PM. All agreed, and made note.

**Brown:** I would like to ask if, in order to boost sales, you had considered selling bricks to honor the relatives of Mont Vernon residents whose only tie to MV is their resident relative.

**Lyon:** We did consider that, and decided against it.

**7:35 pm:** Arthur Rounds, organizer of the Mont Vernon Photo Friends club, came before the Board with the backing of Recreation Director, Vanessa Chavez. Rounds would like to have his club fall under Mont Vernon Recreation and Chavez agrees. Rounds told the Board that his formal background is in Photography, and that he would like to continue to share his knowledge. There seems to be a lot of interest: our Facebook page has more than 30 members. Right now, the group is interested in photo editing.

Quinlan said that there are many different types of groups that organize under the recreation umbrella.

Roberge asked how many there might be in any class, and if he will go on to teach other things once the photo editing is finished.

Rounds said that photo editing is the bright star right now, and there is so much new technology that I am learning.

Roberge asked if he will be advertising in the Town Flyer, and what other avenues he will use to get the word out.

Rounds said that he knows how important marketing is, and that he will use all of the printed venues along with MV Chatter and their own Facebook page.

Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to add the MV Photo Friends under the recreation committee. All in favor.

**7:55 pm** Esposito discussed the Souhegan Regional Landfill District proposed budget. The proposed budget was essentially flat until they decided to keep some of this years' surplus to add to the Amherst Landfill account. The figures are not final yet, but will be up a few thousand dollars.

**8:00 pm** Roberge updated the Board on the Conservation Commission's email to the Board regarding the lack of effort to move a driveway and restore Town property on Cheever Lane. The Building Inspector was told by the CC that the underground utilities were being installed on Town property. The Building Inspector said that Meridian had not restored the Town Bound yet, but he measured it himself and does not find that the utilities are on Town property; they go right down the property line, but not over it. Joanne Draghetti is concerned that the utilities are being installed within property setbacks. According to the Planning Board, underground utilities are not considered a structure and can be installed within setbacks.

Roberge suggested that we insist on an "as built" plan when the building on this property is complete.

**8:20 pm:** Jay Wilson came to the Board to discuss the overage on the pond project. There are three reasons that it is overbudget: 1) Costs have gone up since the estimates were collected. 2) The Board asked the Conservation Commission to get the project started one year earlier than the Commission was prepared for. There was going to be a warrant article from the Fire Department in 2018 to install the dry hydrants. They need to be done before the pond is done, so were not in the 2017 budget. 3) The culvert on Grand Hill Rd at the pond was replaced, but was not installed low enough, and thus had to be replaced again.

These things are being scheduled right now, and have not been paid for yet: 4 machine days for the dry hydrants \$4200, swale diversion \$1,500, clean up with the mini compactor \$750 - \$900, grade material \$500 - \$700, for a total of \$8,500 - \$9,000.

There was discussion over where the extra money will be taken from, but no final decision was made.

**8:30 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