

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes December 4, 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 MACC Base grant paperwork.
- Reviewed and signed a Land Use Change Tax Bill.
- Reviewed minutes of 11/27. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to accept the minutes of November 27, 2017 as written. All in favor.

Reviewed the Milford Selectboard's response to our request for more information on MACC Base agreement changes. They believe that most of their positions have been stated on the original letter dated October 3rd and those that weren't are the items that they want to discuss with all three Selectboards.

Quinlan and Roberge feel that Milford has not provided specific positions on any of their talking points, and ask that Brown send a letter to the Milford Selectmen stating this. Brown feels that her original letter was on point, and that another letter would be redundant. Board disagrees.

Brown will send the letter.

Quinlan asked if John Tenhave had gotten on the Planning Board's agenda for December, and was told that he has not made contact with the office or the planning board.

Roberge pointed out that the agreement was that he had until November 30 to get this done. He has moved the driveway off from Town property, but has not gone before the Planning Board to finish up the legal steps as he was directed when the Board met him out at the job site on November 15th.

Quinlan asked about the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Brown said that the lights have become a problem, but that they would be re-stringing lights on Friday.

Brown said that she had reviewed preliminary wording for 3 warrant articles received from Bill McKinney, Chairman of the Planning Board. All three will be updated with the proper wording, preserving the spirit of the articles as written. Brown felt that it needed to be brought to the Board's attention that the article seeding the Heritage Commission Fund would be creating a fund that the Board has no oversight on.

Quinlan said that this is just preliminary wording.

Brown stated that the RSA's state that Heritage Commission Funds are completely under the Commission's purview.

Quinlan said that that is the reason for establishing a Heritage Commission: to take over the reins of the renovation of these historic buildings. They could also be charged with land purchases; the Selectmen will no longer have to make the day to day decisions.

Esposito and Roberge both feel that there should be Selectman oversight.

Brown reminded the Board that in 2016, Article 6 established the avenue to accept donations in trust for specific purposes.

Quinlan agreed, but referred to the presentation on Heritage Commissions; people may be hesitant to donate large sums to a municipality, thinking that the funds may get used for some other purpose.

Roberge thought that if the Town creates a trust fund for Town buildings, we could move money into the Heritage Commission Fund when necessary.

Roberge asked Quinlan how the Planning Board felt about the Junk Yard Ordinance.

Quinlan said that the Planning Board did not have a quorum Tuesday and thus, could not meet.

Esposito asked if the other Board Members thought we should add the cost of having a Portable Toilet at Carleton Pond to the 2018 proposed budget. No decision was made.

Esposito related that, per his request, the bookkeeper for the Souhegan Regional Landfill District looked into MV's rate for 2018 and found a discrepancy that will save us approximately \$1,800.

Board reviewed a letter to a resident whose assessment has been incorrect for the last 4 years. The letter explains what was wrong, and that the Town can only go back 1 year to correct a warrant. This means that the homeowner owes for the discrepancy for 2016 and 2017. Letter will be mailed out this week with the amended bills for 2016 and 2017.

Board reviewed the bill for the Amherst ambulance to service Mont Vernon. Office to hold off paying the bill until a concerted effort can be made to find the original contract between the two towns. Amherst seems to be changing the rules as they go along without apprising Mont Vernon of the changes. The contract goes back to the 1970's, and Amherst cannot find a copy.

Quinlan nominated Roberge to be the Selectmen's Representative to the Town budget committee. Esposito seconded the nomination. All in favor.

Roberge said that she had received an email from Juli Harvey resigning from the Garden and Beautification Committee. Harvey cancelled the meeting and quit 2 days before the final meeting where she would be handing the baton to her successor. Now there is no chair to get the Christmas decorating co-ordinated.

Alec Reitter and his dad Eric had been sitting in the audience all night to earn a Boy Scout Badge. Alec asked if the Board knew of any projects that he could do for the Town for his Eagle Scout Project. Roberge said that she will add it to their agenda to think about. Brown suggested he contact the Conservation Commission.

8:20 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