

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

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

Andrew Bayer, Trustees of Trust Funds Chairman, came before the Board to ask that they accept a donation of stocks that were worth \$5000 in the summertime. This donation came from long-time resident Roberta Wilkins and is to be used for the beautification of Carleton Pond and the Surrounding Park. The Trust was established this year.

Roberge motioned, seconded by Esposito, to accept the donation of stock from Roberta Wilkins to be used for the beautification of Carleton Pond and Surrounding Park. All in favor. Thank you, Roberta.

- Board reviewed and signed the HealthTrust transmittal for 2018. HealthTrust carries Short-Term Disability that is fully employee paid.
- Board reviewed minutes from 12/4. Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge, to accept the minutes of December 4, 2017 as amended. All in favor.
- Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Roberge attended the MACC Base meeting last week, and had this to report:

1. Milford Selectman Putnam say they have no Idea why the Mont Vernon Selectmen don't want to meet and what they have been getting at with the last two letters sent regarding knowing their positions before sitting down to negotiate.
2. Wilton offered the following; Changes needed to improve the existing agreement:
  - a. Each town has one vote on all matters.
  - b. A method for MACC to retain all or a portion of any annual "surplus". Determine the disposition of a "surplus" (retention; return to towns; combination retention & return) after a public hearing, by a simple majority vote (governors and budget committee members, each having one vote).
  - c. Include a formula for allowing new towns to join as customers or as full members.
    - i. For customers use the "Lyndeborough formula".
    - ii. For full members include the following:
      1. "Buy-In Cost" is X% of the gross operation budget for the year of joining.
      2. Full membership begins at the beginning of fiscal year (with impact of new membership included in annual operating budget).
      3. New member pays "connectivity costs: (computer, telephone, etc. requirements particular to the new member town).
3. Putnam says he just wants to sit for a conversation.

Jay Wilson, Mont Vernon's representative to MACC Base said that Mr. Putnam is upset about a few things, one of them being the letter to the editor. Wilson spoke with Putnam about the agreement duration. Milford has a Selectman that wants a shorter duration. Milford should vote amongst themselves about what their positions will be on all of their talking points.

The Milford Selectmen have developed a "Scope of Services - MACC Base" for the purpose of going out on their own and having all the other towns as customers with no vote.

Wilson suggested that the Mont Vernon and Wilton Selectmen meet to discuss where they will go with MACC Base if that happens. Roberge stated that the Board has asked Chief Furlong to look into other options, but from being at the meetings, I know this is not a small thing to do.

Wilson said that the 2 towns cannot support MACC Base alone, but from a negotiating standpoint we are very strong together.

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Roberge reported on the Budget Committee's first meeting. Only 3 of the members showed up, meetings were set for Wednesdays at 7:00PM except for the Wednesday after Christmas. They would like to see the Fire Department, Police Department, Conservation, Town Clerk, and DPW starting next week.

**7:15 PM Department Head meeting.****Chief Kevin Furlong, Police Department**

- We have been approved for a DWI grant for \$3000+. Handed paperwork to Board for signatures.

Board signed the grant paperwork.

- Broke up a fraud ring out of New Jersey. Someone purchased 5 iPhone 10's using a Mont Vernon resident's Verizon account.
- There was a daytime burglary on Wallace Lane. New Boston and Francestown were hit the same day.
- Warrant article for an electronic sign board: \$15,495. It is not just a speed board; it is a message board with radar. It can be used by all departments. It is a wireless unit that can be changed by computer or phone. It gathers data and can produce charts. It has a 2-year warrantee that covers 50% on vandalism. The software (Traffic Cloud) is free for 2 years, and then is \$2850 for another 2 years. It is solar charged and training is included. There are 3 message lines on each of 6 screens. There is a camera that can be set to take pictures for vandalism. Reports can be speed or counts by hour, minimum speed, maximum speed etc. I think we would "use the heck out of it". If the warrant article passes in March, there are matching grants we can apply for through Highway Safety and Emergency Management.
- The 2014 Interceptor is in need of tires. I don't have money in that line, but I have extra in other lines. Board is ok with him getting new tires now.

**Chief Jay Wilson, Fire Department**

- Finishing up lighting repairs.
- The dry hydrants will have a labor charge to install of approximately \$2000 that can come out of Fire Department payroll.

**Mike Ypya, DPW**

- All the equipment held up well.
- Northeast Tree has been removing dead and damaged trees around Town.
- 6 new LED lights installed in the main bay of the Highway Garage.

Quinlan asked about snow plowing on Beech Hill Rd; it seemed like there was a delay in getting it plowed.

Ypya said that he does Beech Hill himself, and that it takes 4 – 5 hours to complete the route, so there will be a 4 – 5 hour stretch between plowing. He reminded everyone that he only has 3 trucks to do the whole town. During that storm we did the whole town 4 times.

Quinlan asked if Ypya ever speaks with the State about their routes through Town.

Furlong offered that the north end of Rte 13 is done by a private truck sub-contracted by the State. It is on a different route than the south. That could be why the south end is always done well, and the north is not.

**Joanne Draghetti, Conservation Commission**

- We have a resident that wants to donate a parcel of land to the Town in the future, and needs to know if the Town is interested. It is a 12-acre parcel that abuts the Frances Hildreth Townes forest that is now owned by New England Forestry. Board agreed that they are indeed interested.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laurie M. Brown