

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes December 19, 2016

**7:00 pm** Meeting called to order by Acting Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance was Selectman Peter Eckhoff, Selectman Esposito was not.

Bill Davidson, of the State of NH Division of Forests and Lands came before the Board to get permission to conduct a release of a non-native species of wasp that are a natural enemy of the Emerald Ash Borer. This wasp comes from China and is parasitic only to the larva of the Emerald Ash Borer and will not attack any other species of insect. It is tiny and does not sting. He will release the wasps in the spring of 2017 & 2018.

Davidson handed out more information on the wasps and explained that they began using the wasps to combat the Emerald Ash Borer in Michigan in 2006 and in New Hampshire in 2014. The Borer larva lives just under the bark of the tree in the tissue that moves water and nutrients up and down the tree. The tree eventually starves and dies. As these experiments will be concluded by the fall of 2018, it is not expected that it would impact anything the Town would be doing on this property.

Eckhoff motioned, seconded by Quinlan to allow the Division of Forests and Lands to use several trees on lots owned by the Town behind the post office to release and study the effects of the wasps in an effort to control the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer. It should be noted that Selectman Esposito verbally agreed to this in a telephone conversation with Laurie Brown earlier in the day.

Davidson thanked the Board and explained that he will now submit our site to the USDA for final approval.

**7:15 pm** Dick Desroches of the McCollom Building Committee approached the Board to ask to be allowed to hire a lift in order to install the two highest shutters on the front of the McCollom Building.

Eckhoff motioned, seconded by Quinlan to allow Richard Desroches to hire a lift at a cost of approx. \$300 to be able to install two shutters on the attic windows on the front of the McCollom Building. All in favor.

**7:20 pm** Jay Wilson, Mont Vernon's Representative to Milford Area Communication Center came before the Board to discuss what was transpiring in the MACC budget process. Quinlan explained that Milford has been considering pulling out of MACC, causing some serious budget concerns for the MACC Board of Governors. Wilson said that the budget has finally been set, with no money allocated for new equipment.

Quinlan explained that the Milford Selectmen have asked all of the Towns covered by MACC to attend a work session type meeting to work on the issues before them. It was decided to ask the Milford Selectmen to choose another day – preferably a Wednesday. Brown will send a letter to the various parties involved asking to move the meeting from Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Quinlan referred to a letter sent from MACC Director Jason Johnson informing the Board that he had just received a second letter of resignation from a full-time employee. Wilson said that two senior employees have resigned over job security. No one knows what Milford is doing, and it is adversely affecting personnel. Wilson feels that they will continue to lose personnel if the uncertainty continues.

**7:45 pm** Andrew Baver, Trustee of the Trust Funds, came before the Board to ask that the Trustees be allowed to add a Scholarship Trust Fund in the name of Linda Timberlake Foster who passed away recently.

Linda's husband Scott and their sons have raised money to that end and would like the Town Trustees to administer the funds just as we do so many others.

Eckhoff motioned, seconded by Quinlan to allow the Mont Vernon Trustees of Trust Funds to establish and manage a scholarship fund in the name of Linda Timberlake Foster. All in favor.

**7:50 pm** Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Board reviewed minutes of 12/12/16. Eckhoff motioned, seconded by Quinlan to accept the minutes of December 12, 2016 as written. All in favor.

**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