

APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MILFORD BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
December 10, 2018, 2018

PRESENT: Kevin Federico, Chairman Mark Bender, Town Administrator
Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman Tina Philbrick, Recording Secretary
Mike Putnam, Member Hazen Soucy, Videographer
Laura Dudziak, Member- ABSENT
Paul Dargie, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER, BOARD OF SELECTMEN INTRODUCTIONS & PUBLIC SPEAKING

INSTRUCTIONS: Chairman Federico called the public meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., introduced Board members and then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Federico indicated that those people in the audience who want to speak or add to the discussion should please use a microphone in order to be heard on the PEG Access live broadcast.

2. APPOINTMENTS: (Approximate times)

5:30 p.m. – Social Services Warrant Article – Social Services Committee – Susan Drew and Tina Philbrick

Susan told the Board that Social Services Committee had 8 members this year. Requests were sent to prior applicants and ads were placed in the paper for new applicants. The Committee began meeting in September to evaluate and refine the application process and then to review completed applications. This year 16 applications were received and the Committee recommends funding 10 requests. Priority is given to those agencies who are based in Milford, and/or who work with at risk-youth or the elderly or address mental health and substance use disorder needs. Susan referred the Board to her hand out of the 10 recommendations for inclusion in the 2019 Social Services Warrant.

Selectman Daniels referenced Family Promise and asked what organization was used in the past for family homelessness. Susan said Family Promise is new, it was previously the Anne Marie House or Hospitality network, and this is the first year they applied for funding. We don't have a dedicated family shelter.

Selectman Dargie asked if a higher amount was considered. Susan said we raised it to \$40,000 last year and we thought we would stay at that amount for a bit. There were no other questions; Chairman Federico thanked Susan for coming in.

5:40 p.m. – MACC Base Discussion – Wilton and Mont Vernon Board of Selectmen - in attendance was John Quinlan, Chairman Mont Vernon NH, Matt Fish, Selectman, Wilton NH, Kermit Williams, Selectman Wilton NH, Kellie-Sue Boissonnault, Chairman Wilton NH and Kim Roberge, Selectman Mont Vernon NH.

Chairman Federico thanked them for coming in. He said that Milford was looking on a two-year extension, possibly three on the current MACC Base contract or a five- year renewal also on the existing agreement. We are willing to vote on this tonight so they can take it back to their meetings and hopefully get approval prior to December 31st.

Kellie-Sue asked what Milford's plan was for putting in either a new agreement, so we can sit down and go over the terms if we go ahead with this extension of the current agreement? It looks like Milford wants to go out on their own at 100% making the other town customers instead of partners and we feel slighted. Chairman Federico said there wasn't a plan. There is an RFP out. Two years ago, in April we all got together and we let you know that we have problems and were looking for an upgrade. It's a complex situation and we don't have solid answers. We were told that the other towns didn't have radio communication issues and we were wasting your time.

Kelly-Sue said that wasn't true. We told you, and Belltronics showed you some of the dead spots in each town. We all agreed there were issues. All the towns have dead spots, not just Milford. Chairman Federico said that is different than what was said two years ago. Kellie-Sue disagreed. Kermit said the equipment is 30 years old and needs to be upgraded. Chairman Federico said there were two issues here tonight: one can be resolved tonight, the other can't. The Milford Board has always been willing to talk to all of you about the issues going on.

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We've been met with deafness. We would be happy to open those conversations. We've never made enough progress to have those conversations.

John said we had discussions two years ago about technology. There were presentations, but never a proposal. Many hours were wasted talking about what we can do with technology. He knows that technology can do. The question always was, "what is it that MACC Base needed", which was never actually discussed. We asked Milford for a proposal and received nothing. The Board of Governors of MACC Base should be making these discussions happen. We spend a year negotiating a new contract and budget for MACC Base and Milford said nothing for 2018. This should have been wrapped up two or three months ago. Wilton and Mont Vernon had no problem with that, and Milford has been silent. He feels that Milford needs to be open, even if they want to have their own Communications Center. We have a Board of Governors that Milford isn't using. Mont Vernon and Wilton are ready to vote on a two-year extension tomorrow night, of the present contract at the Board of Governors meeting at 5:30, he said, be there.

Chairman Federico repeated from earlier, that Milford would be willing to do a two-year extension as well.

Kim said she attended the April meeting in 2017. We received a letter from Milford on October 3rd stating that they wanted to negotiate some points. Mont Vernon's response was, "can you tell us where you stand on those points" and we didn't receive anything back. She looked through all Milford's minutes, unsealed minutes, (which she doesn't understand why there were sealed), and correspondence. She feels things are missing, may be overlooked. She asked if Milford was looking to renegotiate after two years. The Board of Governors put a new inter-municipal agreement together and it has language for borrowing funds. This was something that was in your MRI study. She still doesn't know, from reading Milford's minutes what they really want. She questioned the RFP and their opinions on it. The statement was that the RFP was a generic one and it really isn't. Only two people bid on the MRI study, Mont Vernon likes to have three bids on something like this, she doesn't know about Wilton or Milford. She feels that Milford's point of contact is driven from their Police Department. She doesn't know why Milford didn't want to negotiate or respond about their points. She asked if Milford is going to negotiate the other contract. She said it would be fair to tell the other towns if Milford is looking to go out on their own so the other towns can do some research, they've done some, but Milford hasn't given notice on MACC Base so everything is still unclear. They don't want their emergency services or residents affected by this. She's confused as to where Milford's Board stands or what the driving force is behind the MRI report and the RFP. The MRI report states it was more of a negotiating thing and Milford would want to get customers to come on board.

Chairman Federico said this is a good conversation to be having. Not everything will be resolved tonight. He said we don't have answers yet and are still researching what can be done. He agreed that there is a communication issue going on, a lot of miscommunication and speculation as well. Milford isn't going to give the notice to withdraw from MACC Base at this point. At this time, none of the towns have any alternative other than to continue with MACC Base. He repeated that Milford wants to extend the current agreement. He feels that conversations are needed in the future of what an upgrade would look like, how much it would cost and who would pay for it and what would happen. There is too much speculation. It's not being driven by Milford's Police Department, it's being driven by Milford's Board. We want to look at what's in the best interest. He agreed with Kermit that the equipment is 30 years old and needs to be upgraded which will cost money.

Kellie-Sue said this isn't something that's new. Chairman Federico agreed, but it's been in the conversation. Kellie-Sue said by Milford keeping silent, and having meetings about MACC Base in non-public, it's not giving the other towns a good message. Chairman Federico said that Milford doesn't negotiate contracts in public sessions. Knowing that there was skepticism and a conspiracy theory going around, we unsealed all the minutes for all recent conversations we've had about MACC Base.

Matt said that Milford hasn't funded the equipment upgrades in MACC Base for many years. There's been no communication this year at all. All meetings were held in non-public. You put out an MRI report which some say was with a predetermined outcome. You put out an RFP and a placeholder for a warrant article in 2019. Put

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all these together and you are saying you don't have an idea. Any person can connect the dots and say otherwise.

Chairman Federico said they have an idea, but not a plan which is his point. This doesn't move forward in Milford without the taxpayers say so. Selectman Putnam said no decision have been made as a Board, of which direction we are going in. He's been saying that from day one. We still haven't made a decision. Matt said you still haven't involved the other towns in the process. Chairman Federico said he's frustrated because he reached out two years ago and tried to include all the towns. Matt said he was there and listened to the technical discussion. There was an idea that those two companies would go away and come back with something. The whole process has been disappointing. Our relationship is very damaged from this. A year and a half ago Milford sent a letter to change a number of items in the contract that would have benefited Milford to the detriment of the other towns. Inter-municipal agreements are supposed to be partnerships. We should be working together with all towns benefiting from it, not Milford and a bunch of customers. Wilton doesn't see it as a benefit for their town. You work together and not go off and say, we want to change the rules and when we split up, this will benefit us. Looking at everything that he's seen makes him think that Milford wants to take away the relationship/partnership and turn it into a customer relationship. Milford isn't sharing and doesn't want to work with the other towns on a regular basis. Working together requires trust and our trust is damaged right now.

Selectman Dudziak said she agrees with Matt. Milford's Board has also review minutes and e-mails from Mont Vernon and Wilton and she read that you would like to "stick it" to Milford and go somewhere else. Communications have really broken down everywhere. Matt said they didn't start this. Selectman Putnam said we go through this every five years. It's been going on since 1986. Every time a contract renewal comes up, there's always been a pissing contest which is why the other towns have slowly left. There were 6 towns with MACC Base at one point. Milford is doing their due diligence. We don't have any onus towards your towns. Maybe we've done it wrong, but we've done it this way the whole time. We did the best we thought we could. At this point, calm it down and have a resolution on a two-year extension of the current contract. We can have another meeting to sit down and discuss just MACC Base and clear the air.

Matt asked what was the sense of a two year extension except for it being how long Milford would need to put together something to build your own system. Selectman Dudziak said she thought we got the two-year extension from the other towns. Kim said not only does Milford not put the money back in, but the town of Milford has blocked the approved financing in the past for any upgrades. We are sitting here talking about thirty-year-old technology and because Milford has two votes, we can't even improve it in any manner. It always goes back to the same thing. Are you worried about the communications; are you worried about the safety of your officers? She read the last block that MRI did and said Milford tax payers should be looking at that. It looks cheaper for you to invest in the infrastructure of MACC Base than to set up your own facility. MACC Base needs improvements in the connectivity and infrastructure and she thinks that's a tax savings for Milford. We may want to go elsewhere and maybe this can't be bridged. Are we looking to improve it or is Milford looking to do their own because they don't think it can be bridged. What is the two year extension for? Is the two years to be done in two years, to work on the agreement or work on our relationship?

Chairman Federico said he hopes that a two-year extension would be to work on the relationship and towards to a common goal. Regional dispatch works better than individual towns doing their own thing. If you can get the politics, Selectman, and money out of the way, it's great. The holdup is that Milford isn't looking for another band-aid. We want a complete solution. We have issues with our Police Department and our DPW. We want a comprehensive complete solution. We can make a motion to extend the contract and work together over the next two years to look at a technical and financial solution that works. He asks that the other towns view the video from the meeting two years ago when Milford was told they were wasting their time which is what set this path. We said we have a problem and we want to fix it and we were dismissed. We want to work together and hope we can over the next two years.

Kellie-Sue asked the Board to think about what RSA they are using in non-public in discussions for MACC Base and to keep it open to the public so we and your residents know what's going on. Kim said the MRI states

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that Wilton has issues. The reason it doesn't state it for Mont Vernon is because we purchased repeaters for ourselves in our vehicles. She referenced a guideline from MACC Base that made many suggestions for a phase for improvements. She repeated again that she's missing something. It can be a question for another time. Selectman Dargie made a motion to have Selectman Putnam accept a two year extension of the existing contract. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0. Chairman Federico said let's keep working through the Board of Governors and working on coming up with a unified solution. It's what we all want and lines have been crossed over the past few months.

Kim asked when we would be looking to re-address this, before or after March. Chairman Federico said he doesn't have an answer for that. He would check the Board of Governors schedule. He isn't going to put a time frame on it sitting here. Matt said if Milford's warrant article passes, they are going to start looking right away. Chairman Federico repeated, they don't have all the answers yet and there isn't a warrant article written yet. The only thing that's out there is an MRI report and an RFP. The RFP is asking for finances for a Milford solution, and a regional solution.

Matt said it's a little disingenuous to suggest that, when in reality the most proper handling of this situation would be the Board of Governors to do an analysis of what's good for everyone. Milford has already moved ahead. The die is cast, it's ready to go. People like us see this and we are going to get our own quotes. It's difficult for us to believe that. Chairman Federico said he doesn't know what more he can tell them. We've been moving forward with the thought that Mont Vernon and Wilton don't want anything to do with upgrading the technology and working out and solving the problems. He repeated the information from two years ago. We sent points back to the Board of Governors and didn't get a response. Kellie-Sue said all those points were in favor of Milford and you didn't take into consideration the other towns. Chairman Federico said that would have been a good conversation to have in October of 2017. Kellie-Sue said her administrator wrote a letter which she thought was what generated the January letter to them. Kim said she has all the copies. John said they should also look at the Board of Governors Chairs letter that was written last week. He thinks everyone in Milford should get a copy of that letter; it might open a few eyes. Selectman Putnam said they did. John said we're done, and walked out of the meeting. The remaining Selectman from Wilton and Mont Vernon stayed to finish the conversation.

Kellie-Sue said they look forward to hearing from Milford and will try to reach out to them and hopefully they can keep the communication open and meet again soon. John Esposito, Mont Vernon Selectman said the biggest objection that we had with the old contract was the length of it and the restrictions that were put in it to borrow funds. Mont Vernon couldn't afford the upgrade for the communications equipment. He wanted to have the contract extended for 10 years writing in that they could borrow the money and spread the payments out. We want to stay together and make it one unit to make it work; all we have to do is fix it. This is why we went to two years so we can find out what's going to happen. Chairman Federico thanked Mont Vernon and Wilton for coming in.

6:00 p.m. – Conservation Warrant Article – Chris Costantino and Conservation Chairman Andy Hughes
Andy presented the Conservation Land Fund Warrant Article for consideration in the 2019 warrants. The warrant article would be for \$20,000 and has always been supported by the Town voters. They currently have a balance of \$120,000 and the minimum balance recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee is \$125,000. They will be expending about \$35,000 in the next year for payments to the easements for the Mile Slip and Hitchners Properties and we anticipate a payment for the easement on the BROX property. We received an ARMS Grant award from the state of \$20,000. This appropriation is part of the land protection program. We will be presenting this to the Budget Advisory Committee this coming Wednesday.

Selectman Daniels asked if funds could be used from the Conservation Land Fund to match the Land and Water Conservation grant for dredging Osgood Pond. Chris said she didn't think they had any restrictions on it. There were no other questions; Chairman Federico thanked Andy and Chris for coming in. The Board will put this on the warrant list for consideration.

6:05 p.m. – Request to Combine 4 lots at Keyes Field – Recreation Director Arene Berry and Community Development Director Lincoln Daley.

Lincoln presented the survey/existing conditions plan and showed the Board land lot lines at Keyes Memorial Park. Per the recommendation cited in the 2016 Keyes Memorial Park Expansion Committee Report, they would like to merge/consolidate all four lots to improve public awareness/communication and integrate the properties into the Keyes Memorial Park. They are asking the Board to formally vote to merge the subject parcels and sign the document. The lots are:

Map 25, Lot 33, 45 Elm Street (Keyes Memorial Park)

Map 19, Lot 10, 127 Elm Street (Former Permatatch Facility)

Map 25, Lot 11-1, 0 Elm Street

Map 25, Lot 12, 39 Elm Street (East Entrance, former Fletcher Superfund Site).

Selectman Daniels asked, if consolidated does the parking area fall under the Recreation Department or does it stay with the town. He has concerns that it would end up like the Library and not allow parking during daytime hours. Arene said it would stay with the town, it's still town property. Recreation doesn't have restrictions.

Administrator Bender said the Library Trustees by statute have the authority to manage Library property even though it's owned by the town. Arene said there are certain events that fill the place, but usually, it's the last parking lot to fill.

Chairman Federico asked if there were any drawbacks from merging the lots. Lincoln said no. Administrator Bender noted that the survey is good by the cemetery, but then there is a pie shape triangle in the middle, he asked if it falls under MAP 25, Lot 12. Lincoln said yes but it may require further research. Selectman Dargie asked if there were two different definitions of that line. Lincoln referred the Board to a map for better clarification. Lincoln will do more research. Lincoln also noted at the 127 Elm Street lot, there isn't as much property as we originally thought. There is an assessment easement on the abutting property owner. There is also a fence between the paved area and the abutting property which is Brookstone Manor. The fence is on the town's property. They need more clarification. Arene said they can't put the West entrance sign up because of this. Lincoln said there appears to be a long-standing restriction on signage on the abutting property due to the history involving the Permatatch building. We are working to resolve this with the landowner.

Lincoln said the point of this plan was to look at the property and look at all issues. Selectman Dudziak asked if it would be easier if all lots were merged. Lincoln said yes. Chairman Federico asked if there were any other questions. Hearing none, Selectman Dargie moved to approve the plan to merge the four lots. Selectman Putnam seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Chairman Federico asked if there were any public comments. There were no comments at this time.

4. DECISIONS.

a) CONSENT CALENDAR. Chairman Federico asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for discussion. There were no items to be removed. Selectman Putnam moved to approve the consent calendar as presented. Selectman Daniels seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

1. Request for Approval of Petition and Pole License (1) Middle Street

2. Request for Approval of Donation to the Heritage Commission "Save the Swing Bridge" fund: Turkey Trot Fund Raiser - \$116.00.

b) OTHER DECISIONS. N/A

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT – Town Administrator Mark Bender:

1. 2019 Operating Budget – Administrator Bender said the Budget Advisory Committee proposed adding \$50,000 to the operating budget for an additional police cruiser. The request came in on November 29th in an e-mail which is attached to the Board packet. We understand the need. We are going to discuss Public Works equipment later in the agenda which is in more dire condition than the Police fleet. In 2012 through 2016 two vehicles were added to the Police Department in each of those years. In 2017 we added one and

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in 2018 we also added two plus we refurbished a vehicle. The refurbished vehicle was a 2015 utility vehicle which cost about \$10,000 plus we replaced the transmission which was part of the warranty. Chairman Federico wanted clarification on what type of vehicle. Administrator Bender said it was a utility SUV. Our proposed budget is \$14,777,225 which is an increase of \$695,000 or 4.9%. This includes items that voters already approved which makes up \$318,000 of the increase or 2.3%. If we add \$50,000 the budget would go to \$14,827,225, an increase of \$745,000 or 5.3%.

Selectman Putnam asked what the Police Chief thought about this. Selectman Dudziak said she didn't think they were looking for two cruisers. Chairman Federico asked Chief Viola, Milford PD to come up to speak. Chief Viola said they would like to have another vehicle but they need to take into consideration what the voters will think, and also the needs of our DPW. Their fleet needs a lot of work, the town has to decide what is most important. Selectman Dargie asked the Chief if we stick with one car now, will we get to the point in two or three years that we need to add three vehicles. Chief Viola said he didn't know. Repairs are up over \$3,000 this year and the fleet is getting older. We try for two a year. We use the refurbished vehicle for our SRO vehicle, and it isn't used 24 hours a day but it's there if needed.

Chairman Federico clarified that in 2017 when only one cruiser was purchased, we encumbered funds from the previous year to buy a second one vehicle so we did get two cruisers. Selectman Dargie said he's in favor of buying two cruisers each year. This keeps our vehicles in better shape with fewer repairs. Selectman Dudziak said we should focus more on DPW. Selectman Daniels agrees with Selectman Dudziak. He is concerned about going over 5% on the budget. Selectman Putnam agrees with Selectman Daniels and Dudziak. Chairman Federico agrees with the majority. He also doesn't want to see a budget of over 5%. He agrees with Selectman Dudziak as far as the need in DPW. Selectman Dargie asked when the default budget would be available. Administrator Bender said the default budget is \$14,647,046 an increase of \$565,000 from the 2018 default budget and its \$130,000 less than the proposed operating budget.

Administrator Bender said we are working on language for the proposed warrant articles and will have them to the Board later this week. It will be an agenda item for the December 17th Board meeting. We will also give a copy to the Budget Advisory Committee.

6. DISCUSSIONS

1. **Hartshorn Road Bridge** – Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director said they recently had a public meeting involving the potential discontinuance of the Hartshorn Bridge (NHDOT No. 103/163). All affected property owners were notified in advance of the public meeting. Eight property owners attended. Their concerns with closing the bridge were:

- Increased vandalism to properties on Hartshorn Mill Road in proximity to the bridge closure.
- Increased disposal of trash and debris on Hartshorn Mill Road in proximity to the bridge closure.
- Municipal maintenance and storage of snow would be impacted.
- Electrical services may be impacted due to the location and access to the utilities on Hartshorn Mill Road and Route 13.
- Impact emergency services by limiting access and a location to safely maneuver/turnaround.
- Construction/repair of the second bridge (NHDOT No. 102/65) located in proximity to the Hartshorn Pond in conjunction with the closure of the subject bridge will lead to access/egress issues.

If the bridge was discontinued, the property owners suggested that the barriers preventing through traffic be placed in close proximity to the two closest driveways on either side of the bridge. They would prefer to keep the bridge open and question the \$500,000 cost to replace it. They suggested other potential alternatives:

1. Reduce the bridge from a two lane to a one-lane bridge. (**Short term solution**) Estimated Cost: \$10,000 - \$15,000. This would not improve the long-term issue of the bridge.
2. Repair bridge using a combination of steel plates or steel "I" beams installed over the existing bridge across the entire existing 18-foot span. (**Short term solution**) Estimated Cost: \$35,000 - \$40,000. More of a band-aid approach.

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3. Privatize Road. The property owners would assume responsibility, liability, costs, and maintenance of the Hartshorn Mill Road which would include the subject bridge. This would require the creation of a homeowner association and legal instruments codifying the responsibilities and financial obligations for the property owners.

Selectman Dargie would be in favor of alternative 2, the bridge overlay. He feels the bridge is okay. Fixing it up a little will extend the life a bit. He isn't in favor of replacing or privatizing it. He could consider alternative 1. Lincoln said the bridge has been red listed since 1994. Selectman Dudziak said there could be a liability issue if someone gets hurt. Selectman Putnam agrees with Selectman Dargie on alternative 2, provided that the weight limit would allow DPW and Fire Trucks to cross over it. Selectman Dargie said Fire Trucks are not allowed on it now it wouldn't be any different after doing alternative 2.

Selectman Daniels asked what causes a bridge to be red listed. Lincoln said the assessment of the structural integrity. Doing any of the alternatives isn't going to change the red listed status of the bridge. Selectman Daniels said this goes back to the liability. After 25 years, you might wonder if it should have been red listed in the first place. Selectman Dargie said he doesn't think the liability is any different if it's red listed or not. We own the bridge and we have the liability of it. Chairman Federico said the liability is still on us. Selectman Daniels said when you know the bridge is red listed, and you have a problem, it's a little different. Selectman Dudziak agreed. Selectman Daniels said it's still red listed no matter what you do to it. Selectman Putnam said if using alternative 2, putting "I" beams on either side of the bridge spans the bridge gives you more structural integrity.

Rick Riendeau, Public Works Director said with alternative 2 you are building a bridge over a bridge. The bridge on the top will have a different rating then the one on the bottom. If the bottom bridge stays in place, it's still red listed. Administrator Bender said the state classification is 0 to 9, 0 being closed. This bridge was rated a 5 in 1994, became a 4 in 2006 and a 3 in 2009. If rated a 0 or 1 the state generally closes or suggest the bridge be closed. It's deteriorated but stable. It's collapsing in the middle. Rick stated other things come into play, like the dam above Hartshorn mill. Building a bridge over a bridge will make it a dam and come into play if something breeches at the dam. Chairman Federico clarified that building the bridge over a bridge doesn't make the problem go away and the bridge is still red listed and it's still a liability. Rick said yes. We won't know what we are dealing with until we get an engineer involved.

Selectman Dargie clarified if there was a large amount of water coming from the dam that would be a breach so it would be more dangerous having a bridge over a bridge. Rick said anything above grade of what would be the water level would be a dam. It's above the grade of the brook. Most bridges are dams depending on their design. Selectman Putnam asked how long would the temporary bridge over the bridge be good for. Rick said he wouldn't know until it was designed. Selectman Dargie said the reason he wants to keep the bridge open is because of the safety of traffic at the bottom. You would have to pull a U-turn and the sight lines are poor in that area. Selectman Putnam said we could setup jersey barriers and direct them to the 4 way intersection. Selectman Daniels said it goes into private property on the right hand side. That intersection is like the one at Savage Road and Whitten Road and there's more traffic on those roads.

Chairman Federico asked if there was a consensus. Selectman Dargie and Putnam want to keep it open. Selectman Dudziak and Daniels want to close it or privatize it. Chairman Federico said the citizens felt rushed and what other options do they have. He is not in favor of asking the tax payers to put \$35,000 to \$40,000 into it not knowing if it would work. He would be in favor of working with the residents and letting them explore other opportunities. He asked Lincoln to go back and look into privatization and the citizens taking the liability over. Selectman Putnam thought the money would come out of the capital reserve account. Chairman Federico said the bridge capital reserve spending requirement is \$75,000. Lincoln asked if this is a potential warrant article for 2019. Chairman Federico said he doesn't think it should be given the time constraint. We have other red listed bridge that are not going to be fixed at this time.

Rick said maybe they could temporarily close the bridge to protect our liability until we come up with a solution. Chairman Federico said he doesn't know if we can close it temporarily because we have to go to town vote

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to close it. Rick said he thinks we can close it based on safety. Chairman Federico said he would like to give the taxpayers some time. Selectman Dargie said we are not in a rush to close it, he suggests waiting until 2020. Chairman Federico made a motion to not put Hartshorn Bridge on the warrant this year. Selectman Putnam seconded. Selectman Daniels asked for more detail, what are we looking at for the next year. Chairman Federico said we are looking to have Lincoln speak to the residents, talk about privatization and see what potential is there for them. Selectman Daniels said would the bridge stay open or closed. Chairman Federico said keep it open. Selectman Daniels asked when the last time the bridge was assessed. Lincoln said this year and it was still at a 3. A motion was made and seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

2. DPW Equipment – Chairman Federico would like the Board to reconsider using SB38 funding to purchase a large plow truck to replace the one that's currently off the road. The state said we can spend the money on a vehicle. We currently have \$170,000 remaining in the fund. Selectman Dargie said if you use the funds, it has to be only for highway use, what are we giving up by doing that. Rick said nothing. The majority of that truck is for highway. Selectman Dargie asked if it's ever used for hauling things from the Sewer treatment plant. Rick said no, the only truck that does that is the Transfer Station truck. Selectman Dargie if other activities need it, like recreation or the BROX property. Rick said we have tons of activities that we do with all the equipment, but it's mostly used for highway. Chairman Federico said we don't want to get ourselves in trouble five years down the road. Rick said it's 1 truck out of 6. Selectman Daniels asked if 100 percent of the work of that truck going to be dedicated to highway. Rick said it would have to be if that's what you vote for. The majority of the work that those big trucks do is highway. We have other trucks that can haul to free up this one. Administrator Bender said the trucks are used to haul winter sand, drainage projects and plowing which are all highway related.

Selectman Daniels said he doesn't want us to get into a bind when 4 trucks are dedicated for something and you have to use this one, we could get into trouble. Rick said it's a logistic thing. Selectman Daniels cautioned using the fund not in a way that the legislator designed; you may not see any other programs available in the future. They may come back with stipulations that are more specific. Rick said he agrees, but if we are able to use that money and it doesn't have a tax impact to the taxpayers, and we are down, we should use it.

Selectman Dargie made a motion to approve funding of the plow truck out of the remaining SB38 funding. He asked what the fund balance was. Administrator Bender said \$170,000. Selectman Putnam seconded.

Chris Labonte, Milford resident agrees that the DPW fleet is getting older but doesn't think it's fair to say a police cruiser isn't warranted over DPW. He has concerns of the amount of repairs in DPW this year of \$176,000. He mentioned the grader repairs of \$49,000. He feels it's time to look at what we repair, what we keep and what we replace. He's for replacing the dump truck out of SB38 money because it's no cost to the taxpayers. He pointed out some of the equipment and the money that's been put into them. He asked if the grader is completely fixed. Chairman Federico said it's fixed. Chris said we rent a loader in the winter, our loader isn't working, and how come we don't fix it. He questions rim fatigue on one of the newer truck and what are we doing to cause this, rims will crack due to overweight. He asked if we've been putting off maintenance. He feels we have enough equipment in this town. We have equipment we don't plow with any more. The Board approved spending \$44,000 for the last one ton dump truck, on the spread sheet it's \$55,400, where do these numbers come from. Rick said the numbers are replacement cost if we were to go out and buy it straight out. Chris said then the grader would have been \$108,000? Rick said a new grader is between \$325,000 and \$350,000. Chairman Federico asked Chris for his specific question. Chris said we should take the second truck off the warrant for 2019. He questions if we need it. He doesn't feel that the whole DPW fleet is run down. If we are going to put \$49,000 into a grader, shouldn't we get rid of it and update our fleet for something usable on a daily basis. The Board should be looking into what DPW is spending in repairs.

Bob Labonte, Milford resident said many people in town feel the grader is too big for the town. Surrounding towns park their graders in the winter because it's expensive to fix them. He questions bringing them out in a 3 or 4 inch storm.

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Ron Carvell, Milford resident supports spending money for the DPW truck out of SB38 funding and agrees the vehicles in DPW are in rough shape. He cautions on not keeping the Police Departments vehicles up to date. He also asks to have the spelling of his last name corrected in the previous minutes.

Rick said that all town vehicles, whether Fire, Police, Ambulance or DPW, there's a lot of money out there and to manage those assets is tough. They provide a service that the town's needs. It doesn't really matter which department it comes from. Sometimes you have to do a balancing act and that's why we take care of them and the repair costs are so high. We haven't replaced the trucks when they should have been replaced. After running DPW for the past 8 years, he can see the amount of activity we spend on those vehicles and when we spend labor time, two and three people, it takes away from the services that they could be providing for the town.

Chris referred to the letter and pictures from DPW and said only 2 of the 5 one ton sanders are not working properly on the first storm. When you look at the amount of money spent on the grader we could have fixed all those problems. Maybe we need to have the equipment up and running by October 1st.

Administrator Bender said one thing we can be sure about is that everyone will have an opinion about DPW equipment. When we first talked about the grader, it has unanimous support from the Board and the Budget Advisory Committee. We went out and bought the best grader that we could find in the used market. We didn't have authority to buy a new one. We've had expensive repairs, we engaged the manufacture and distributor that sold us the machine and they paid for some of the expense. As far as the big trucks, two were scheduled for replacement in 2014 and 2015 and they're still on the road. They break down and the older the machines are, the more expensive your maintenance cost. It shouldn't be a surprise that we are incurring a lot of expense repairing equipment because we didn't replace them. He supports using the SB38 funds because it's good value to the town because we've spent a lot of money repairing roads. We need to keep the equipment running so that we can plow and provide services to the residents that they expect. If we keep these two machines in service, our repair cost will continue to be high.

There was a motion and a second to expend \$170,000 from the SB38 fund on a replacement large format plow truck. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS.

a. FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES.

Chairman Federico said the Milford Area Communications Board of Governors Representative is done at the beginning of every calendar year. We need to replace our current representative. He would like nominations for a new representative. Selectmen Putnam made a motion to nominate Captain Frye. Selectman Dargie seconded. Chairman Federico asked Captain Frye if he would like to be the new representative. Captain Frye said yes. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

b. OTHER ITEMS (that are not on the agenda).

8. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES. Selectman Dargie moved to approve the minutes of November 26, 2018 as amended. Selectman Dargie seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 4/0.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS. N/A

10. NOTICES. Chairman Federico read the notices.

11. NON-PUBLIC SESSION. Selectman Daniels made a motion to enter into a non-public meeting in accordance with (RSA 91-A:3, II(c)) Reputation, approval of non-public minutes (RSA 91-A:3, II(e)) Legal, November 26, 2018, and review of non-public minutes for unsealing, October 17, 2018. Selectman Dudziak seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed by roll call vote 4/0. Selectman Dargie – yes, Selectman Dudziak – yes, Selectman Daniels – yes, and Chairman Federico – yes. Selectman Putnam left the room prior to the vote.

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12. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Daniels moved to adjourn at 7:30. Selectman Dargie seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Kevin Federico, Chairman

Gary Daniels, Vice Chairman

Mike Putnam, Member

Laura Dudziak, Member

Paul Dargie, Member