

APPROVED MINUTES OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING – 07/25/2022

DPW Director Lessard commended Freel Electric for helping with some work on short notice. Katherine Kokko made suggestions for other places to possibly post public hearing notices.

4. DECISIONS

a) CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Acceptance and Appropriation of Unanticipated Revenues Under \$10,000 (31:95(b))
 - \$5,000 donation for the completion of the Granite Stage Project from the Amato Family Fund/NH Charitable Foundation.
2. Approval to Waive Interest – Per Board Approval of NH RSA 79E 154 Elm Street, Milford NH (Wilsky Investments, LLC)
3. Approval of Notice of Intent to Excavate, Map 3 Lot 12

Selectman Finan requested that item one be removed from the consent calendar.

Selectwoman Dudziak made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items two and three as presented. Seconded by Selectman Freel. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Selectman Finan asked what work was left to be done at the Stage and if that what item one was meant to fund. Town Administrator Shannon and Selectman Freel said that item one would go towards signage at the Stage. Chris Labonte had question about the MIT Committee and its meetings and solvency.

Selectman Freel made a motion to approve Consent Calendar item one as presented. Seconded by Selectman Finan. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

b. OTHER DECISIONS

N/A

5. TOWN STATUS REPORT –

a. Town Status – Town Administrator

1. **ARPA Funding** - The town staff along with the Water and Sewer Departments and the Wadleigh Library has prepared a list of possible projects on which the remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding may be used. The BOS will make their decisions based on information provided by a project's sponsor and the current list can be found on the town website under the '2023 Budget' tab. Water Director Pouliot discussed one of the projects they were requesting funding for specifically Selectman Freel's questions about the design and features of the new pump station.
2. **Capital Improvements Program (CIP)** - The CIP Committee deadline for any and all submissions for the 2023-2028 CIP has passed. The committee will start meeting in the near future to discuss all submitted items and remaining items from the previous list. They intend to complete their review by the end of October 2022.
3. **FY23 Budget Cycle Schedule** - The FY 2023 Budget Cycle Timeline has been developed by Town staff in cooperation with the Budget Advisory Committee. It can be found on the town's website by clicking on the '2023 Budget' tab. Other information concerning the budget process will be placed in the same location as it becomes available.
4. **MACC Base Update** - Captain Frye, Milford Board of Governors Representative

In Summary: Captain Frye said the Board of Governors met on May 12, 2022 the Mont Vernon presented 5 action points, that were previously proposed in 2018, and Captain Frye said Milford would not agree to them.

Milford's Board discussed the 2023 5-year IMA on May 23, 2022 and the 5 Mont Vernon items were in the Board package for their review, but not discussed. The 2023 draft IMA was discussed and small language modifications were made and the Board accepted the draft to be approved at a later date.

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The MACC Base Board of Governors met on June 15, 2022. During this meeting one of the action items that was going to be discussed was in reference to the 2023 IMA. During this discussion, BOG members brought information that they received from their Board of Selectmen. The Mont Vernon Board of Governor, Jay Wilson proposed four (A thru D) action items that he had received from his board that he wanted to discuss. It is unclear at this time if the Town of Mont Vernon were making these suggestions prior to agreeing to the signing of the currently proposed (draft) 2023 IMA.

Concerns expressed by the Mont Vernon Board of Governor were:

- The Town of Mont Vernon doesn't want any Town leaving the IMA until the term is over. Any member Town if presented with a less expensive option to provide dispatching services to their town should have that option to leave the IMA with proper notice, right now it is 12-month notice. It was brought up that if any town leaves the IMA mid-term that MACC Base could close.

Captain Frye told them this is not true because Milford like the other two member Towns needs a dispatch center.

- To have a 10-year agreement with no one year escape clause from which the Town of Mont Vernon is suggesting may require a Town vote and should have the cost of a ten-year agreement presented to the voters. The cost of each year and the projected cost at the close of the agreement ten-year period.
- To answer the other statement for bonding each town will hold their own debt.

Captain Frye does not feel that they need two individuals from Milford in order to have the two votes. It appears that they want Milford to have split views so that there could be some leverage in reference to Capital expense votes. Again, he has done this for several years and his two votes are in line of what this Board wants in regards to MACC Base. Currently we have two votes, which give us the majority decision. Based on what our costs are that should remain the same.

- Mont Vernon list this action item as a "negotiation point". (Based off of prior conversations as splitting Capital Expenses at 33%.)
- Each town should place a warrant article to their town body for any capital expense for MACC Base. This would be paid for equally by each member town, one-third each or 33%.
- In the proposed 2018 IMA that Mont Vernon and Wilton agreed upon. The difference in what they proposed is that the cost would be divided by the current IMA percentage of the operational budget, which Milford would pay 71% of a capital expense.
- Mont Vernon explains why they don't want to pay for any Capital Expenses equally. As the Chairman has stated before he believes in a regional dispatch center but he feels, Mont Vernon pay's too much for their current dispatching needs. Mont Vernon states in action letter "D" that Mont Vernon should only be responsible for 22% of any capital expense. Placing 5.5% more cost onto each of the member Towns of Milford and Wilton.
- Mont Vernon wants Milford to continue to pay 71% of all expenses and or 38.5% of an "equal" partnership of capital expenses of MACC Base.

At the end of the Board of Governors meeting Chairman Wilson stated that Mont Vernon will sign our currently proposed 2023/ 5-year IMA agreement. But is requesting from his Board of Selectmen that the three towns again hold a meeting to discuss Mont Vernon's action points. I stated that the above points have been discussed since the 2018 proposed IMA and that the above points were not agreeable to the Town of Milford.

Another Board of Governors meeting was held on July 20, 2022 and the Mont Vernon Board of Governors Representative, Jay Wilson, stated Mont Vernon will sign the 5-year agreement as presented but wanted to start group discussions with each member Town to discuss points that each Town wants to address in the next IMA. Mont Vernon has provided a starting point. At this time, the Town of Wilton's Board of Selectmen had not made any decision on the current draft 2023 IMA.

Captain Frye strongly believes that the current 2023 proposed 5-year IMA should be signed by each town to have stability within MACC Base. This time frame will allow Milford and Wilton to continue to build on the new infrastructure that has been put in place this year for each Town and MACC Base.

Chris Labonte asked whether or not the MACC Base project needed to be added to this year's CIP list. Capt. Frye said that due to the fact that they do not have a lot of information on the future project it is premature to add it at this time. Chairman Dargie added to Capt. Frye's comments.

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6. DISCUSSIONS

1. N/A

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS. (Regarding items that are not on the agenda) There were no comments at this time.

8. SELECTMEN’S REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

a) FROM PROJECTS, SPECIAL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

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

9. APPROVAL OF FINAL MINUTES - Selectman Finan moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2022 as amended. Seconded by Selectman Freel. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS REQUIRING NO DECISIONS.

a. N/A

11. NOTICES. Notices were read.

12. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – N/A

13. ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Finan moved to adjourn at 7 pm. Seconded by Selectman Freel. All were in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Paul Dargie, Chairman

Laura Dudziak, Member

Tim Finan, Vice-Chairman

Dave Freel, Member

Gary Daniels, Member