

**Town of Mercer**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**  
1/23/2020  
(Approved 3/2/2020)

**Meeting Open:** 7:03 pm by Gary M.

**Present:** Selectman Gary Mosher and Jerry Redlevske. Tax Collector Yolanda Violette, Secretary Tammy Lamphere. Residents: Dari & Bruce Hurley, Fred LaPlante, Myke Bartholf, Dennis Obert, Fran & Bill Varney, Rob & Tina Gardner, Ricky Parlin, Donnie Howard, Rick Loadwick and Bjarki Gunnarsson **Guests:** Nathaniel Maynard and Mike Recco.

**Old News:**

- Gary reported he heard from Charlie Baeder and the Town of Smithfield did not get the \$90,000 grant for the culvert for Bog Brook (boat landing).
- Gary received a quote from PDQ Doors for the overhead doors at the salt shed, the quote was \$19,100. Gary will reach out to another company or two for other quotes for a comparison.
- Dari H. asked about installing gates instead. No decision was made
- Vern has not removed his plow equipment from the Town property at the Sand & Salt Shed. A motion was made that a letter is to be sent to Vern to request him to remove his equipment by February 27, 2020, as he originally was to have it removed by November 18, 2019.
- New outdoor lights at the MCC building have been installed and completed and are very bright!!!
- Donnie believes approximately 220 tons of salt has been ordered out of the 325 tons
- Jerry has not contacted Jessie Crandall about the CERT trailer
- Dari asked Yolanda when will the minutes be put up on the Town website? Yolanda stated she had not had time to put them up there but will soon.

**New News:**

- Myke B. asked about Vern's absence/tardiness at a large percentage of the Selectman meetings. There was a question of having to pay Vern when he doesn't show. Jerry explained that the pay that the selectmen receive isn't just for meetings, it's also for all the other responsibilities. Gary also mentioned that Vern has children in sports that have evening games.
- Guests, Mike R. and Nathaniel M., asked that the town review their business plan of an adult use marijuana cultivation facility. The plan will follow strict regulations of no smell, out of sight, no retail sales, and no public interaction. The building will be between 3000 - 5000 sq.ft. There was discussion of purchasing Natures Palate on Rt 2. Jerry suggested a

special town meeting for further discussion as the Town needs to do a little more research. One will be scheduled after the Annual Town Meeting which is on March 7, 2020.

- Denis Culley provided information on a grant available for walking trails in the Town Forest. The grant deadline is March 6, 2020.
- A landowner/tax payer asked what the policy was for culvert installation in a private driveway off of a town road. The policy has been that the owner would purchase the culvert and the town would install and maintain it.
- Brief discussion on Road Postings, May need to post roads early depending on how the weather continues.

### **Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

- Reviewed by the Selectmen.
- It was asked by a Candidate running to change all the "Selectmen" words though out the warrant to read "Municipal Officers". **Voted 2-0** to not change at this time.
- Jerry had not checked with Chris T, chairman of the Budget Committee, in regards to the Article 27 change by the Selectmen after the Budget Committee met, going from \$80,000 from Taxes to \$60,000 from Taxes and \$20,000 from Town Forest Fund. Still waiting to hear from BC in regards from the vote on Article 27.
- Once we here from BC Members with their vote on the change, the Warrant is final.

### **Warrant:**

Preview approved 2-0

Signed 2-0

### **Minutes:**

January 16, 2020 Approved 2-0

### **Next Meetings:**

February 13

February 27

March 7, Annual Town Meeting

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:02 pm