

Minutes February 19, 2013

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. Ron, Chris and Clem were present.

Minutes of the 2 previous meetings were reviewed and accepted.

Account balances will not be available until after town meeting in March.

Public Feedback:

Pete Mattson from Freedom was at the meeting to discuss the “Woods Road” off the Stevens Road. He recently purchased some land from Ray Zimmerman and was under the impression that the road was not discontinued and that he would be able to easily access his property. He was not aware that property could be “landlocked”. Selectmen informed him that since the proper action was taken in 1960 when the town voted to discontinue the road, they have no say in the matter. He is not happy about the road being blocked and will take the matter to court if necessary.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Farley & Son and the crew that plows Unity were at the meeting to discuss their performance during the recent blizzard. They feel that their new routes are working well. They realize that taking on a new town is a “learning curve”, but that the blizzard was an extraordinary situation. It was reported to the town office that some roads were not plowed at all during the storm. Farley’s GPS says otherwise. They said that the wind was blowing so hard that the road filled in right after they had plowed.

Dennis Turner had concerns about the roads not being opened enough for emergency vehicles to get through. Farley assured the fire chief that he could call them if necessary and they would respond as soon as possible. Dennis also feels that Farley & Son is not sanding as well as they should. Chris will talk to their foreman here in Unity to discuss the sanders.

All agreed that good communication is key during this first year of the contract.

Selectmen signed the re-application for the Unity College liquor license.

Selectmen discussed the timing for leasing a new copier/scanner/fax. They feel that since we will be moving into a new office later this year, they would like to wait to begin leasing a new machine providing that we can get the “special municipal pricing” at that time.

Dennis Turner recently found that he has a chance to get a generator capable of powering the entire firehouse at a very reasonable price, approximately \$8,000. This was not discussed at the Budget Meeting but Sue told him that it could be placed on the warrant for town meeting, but

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wouldn't have a recommendation from the Budget Committee. The generator purchase would enable the firehouse to be used as an emergency shelter for the Town of Unity should there be a need for one. Selectmen agreed that it was a good idea and requested that an article be placed on the warrant for the generator purchase.

Sue told the Selectmen that a draft of the warrant should be ready for their review later this week. The town report is almost ready for the printers. Sue will be taking it to them later this week or early next week. The warrant can still be added to until the Selectmen sign it at the March 18th Selectmen's meeting.

Sue informed the Selectmen that the 2013 county tax increased \$9635.46 from the 2012 tax.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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