

## **Minutes March 18, 2013**

Meeting opened at 6:35 p.m. Ron, Chris and Clem were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting was reviewed and accepted.

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

### Public Feedback:

Barry McCormick was at the meeting with concerns about the lack of minutes taken at the recent Public Hearing for zoning changes. He said there were things said at that hearing that need to be documented. Selectmen would like to see all meetings & hearings have accurate minutes taken. They will check with Sherry Wilson to see if she is interested in transcribing all meetings for the town. She is doing the Land Use Ordinance Committee's minutes for no compensation at this time. Selectmen would like to find funds in the upcoming budget to compensate Sherry for attending and taking minutes (verbatim) at all meetings for the town.

Tony Avila questioned why the attendant at Kanokolus Beach doesn't collect fees from everyone that uses the beach and boat ramp. Sue told him that since the attendants are generally teenagers, that the previous board had told them not to put themselves in an uncomfortable situation by trying to collect from people that resisted paying. It is not worth putting themselves in a dangerous situation for \$1.00. He feels that everyone should pay to use the area. Burnham doesn't charge for use of their boat ramp. Tony thinks that the Selectmen should meet with the Burnham Selectmen and the Friends of Lake Winnecook to see what can be done to have uniform rules/fees for launching boats into Unity Pond.

### Old Business:

Town Office update: The School Board has voted to turn the land and building on School Street to the town for construction of a new town office. The paperwork for the deed is at the attorney's office and will be completed soon. There is no definite timeline for the deed to be completed.

Land Use Ordinance Committee update: The committee didn't meet last week due to the Public Hearing being held on the zoning change. The general feeling at the Public Hearing was that the Comprehensive Plan needs to be updated before any zoning changes are made. The committee will notify the Selectmen of how they wish to proceed; keep working on reviewing the land use ordinance or wait until the Comprehensive Plan has been updated. The State no longer recognizes Unity's Comprehensive Plan. It "expired" on December 31, 2012.

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New Business:

Dieter and Carmen Schiller were at the meeting to discuss issues they have with dogs in their neighborhood. There are 2 pit bulls and a Rottweiler that are continually loose and running on their property, along with other neighbor's properties. And the owners of the dogs are on the Schillers and neighboring properties trying to catch the dogs. The Schillers are concerned that the dogs will attack someone. Mrs. Schiller was charged at by the dogs recently. The dogs appear to be very aggressive. The Schillers don't want the dogs or the people on their property. They moved to Unity to enjoy a peaceful retirement, but that hasn't been the case. They have reported the incidents to the police. Sue Dwyer, ACO, along with 2 State Troopers has met with the owners of the dogs. Sue told them that they needed to keep their dogs under control at all times and that she would have to take the dogs from them if it continues. Selectmen will meet with Sue Dwyer to make certain that all is being done for the Schillers and the neighborhood situation.

Selectmen appointed Dave Schofield as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. He was sworn in by the Town Clerk.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Sue asked that the Selectmen be ready for Town Meeting and to help set up the gym on Friday evening.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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