

Minutes July 1, 2013

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

Public Feedback:

None

Minutes from June 3, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Minutes from June 17, 2013 were reviewed. The following line was changed:

“Possibly .govoffice, *with a committee to oversee the website*, or have the town office take over the unitymaine.org website. Minutes were accepted with the above change.

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

Warrant #12 for \$116,516.23 was reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Town Office Update:

The engineer is waiting to hear from Heather Perry on the proposed fencing to be erected during demolition of the old high school before putting the project out for bid. There will be a pre-bid meeting on-site at 9:00 a.m. on July 16th with the bids being opened at 10:00 a.m. on July 24th.

Land Use Ordinance update:

Selectmen would like to see a co-chair be appointed from the committee members to take over the meetings if the chair isn't available.

Comp Plan Committee update:

The committee met with Sarah Curran, the planner that will be working on the Comp Plan. The plan is to have sub-committees working on separate duties and to have tele-conferences with Sarah to eliminate some travel time for her.

Chia Murdock emailed the Selectmen with the procedures the committee uses for their meetings. The Selectmen were concerned about who is leading the meeting if the Chair isn't present. Unless there is a special presentation at a meeting, the chair or co-chairs should lead the meeting.

Road work discussion:

Phil Curtis of Maine Local Roads Center met with Selectmen to develop specs for the proposed Town Farm Road reconstruction/paving project. The plan is to top coat from Mussey Road to the Hunter Farm and reclaim the farm to past the Mussey Road/Hunter Road intersection. This will be put out for bid in the near future.

The general feeling is that the town roads are in bad shape and can't be repaired without an increase in taxes. An informational meeting has been planned for July 24th at the fire house with a Special Town Meeting to immediately follow. Selectmen are going to ask for an additional \$100,000 for summer road maintenance. Phil Curtis will be at the meeting to answer resident's questions.

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Website discussion:
Tabled at this time.

New Business:
Selectmen opened the bids for the three year Winter Roads Maintenance Contract:

Bids were as follows:

Bard Paving	\$537,000
Nitram	\$509,625
Todd Garnett	\$454,000
Todd Littlefield	\$523,000

Selectmen will review the bids and award the contract at their July 15th meeting.

Selectmen tabled the proposal for the use of debit/credit cards until a later date.

Selectmen discussed the possibility of acquiring a generator for the firehouse through FEMA funds. FEMA would pay 75%, the town would pick up the remaining 25%. There is a workshop to start the paperwork on July 30th in Belfast.

Selectmen and Sue received a call from the Waldo Communications Center last week about a dog that had been found in town and they weren't able to contact the Animal Control Officer. Sue will check with the ACO about the call and contact the Comm Center to be sure they are using only the 568-3141 number.

Roadside mowing should begin sometime next week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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