

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
November 17, 2015

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. people present were:
Selectmen: Chris R., Penny S. & Emily N.
Employee: Samantha

Public Feedback:

None

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.
Minutes from the Special Town meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer:

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.
Warrant #21 was signed for \$55,811.45

Old Business:

Penny would like to have the Parking Ban posters emailed to the college and some made for her to distribute as well as sent to Jean to post on the website.

Chris brought up a concern from a citizen who lives on Bacon Rd., actually takes care of the road including some plowing and trimming trees & brush. There was a culvert problem and culvert was replaced. The newly replaced culvert was not allowing the water to pass through it properly. It was resituated and the road area elevated a little for better flow. Now the culvert is causing water to back up into his field. He would like to have it flattened down so that the elevation is gone but still able to have the proper water flow through it. Chris didn't think it could get handled until next year.

Most of the summer roads money has been spent. Chris will find out if there any outstanding bills that still have to be submitted.

Emily will call Maine Local Roads and find out the specific procedure for stopping the Town maintenance of selective roads. (ie: Nason Dr.)

Penny is going to call CMP to find out about having the amber street lights at the intersections of Main St & School St and Main St & Depot St changed to brighter white lights for better safety.

Craig Lowe said that he only had a few more days of work left on the Town Office sign. He is very pleased with how it is turning out and hopes that the quality of work will last for generations to come.

New Business:

The Selectmen would like an estimate of how much is expected to be left over in the Administration line and the Officials Salaries line of the budget. Will there possibly be enough to purchase a new computer?

Penny went to the Waldo County Budget Committee meeting on Saturday. She gave a brief overview of the meeting.

The Selectmen discussed talking with the Budget Committee about taking out another TAN (Tax Anticipation Note). They wanted to find out if there were any alternatives available rather than taking out a TAN.

Anne Sheble, who serves on the Unity Appeals Board and the Recycling Committee has moved from Unity and will no longer be eligible to serve. Penny thinks that she may know of a replacement. Penny and Emily will use social media to let Unity residents know that if they would like to serve on a Town Board or Committee to let Samantha at the Town office know. In addition, the Selectmen would like to know what Board and Committees are expecting vacancies and how many.

Brian Gaudette from Moonshine Gardens submitted a plowing contract proposal for the Town Office. The Selectmen voted unanimously to accept his proposal.

The Selectmen unanimously approved a TRIO software upgrade.

The Selectmen signed a Mutual Aid Contract for the Unity Fire Department to assist with coverage on the Unity Plantation.

The Selectmen sent in a ballot for MRC with Karen Fussell as the nominee for the Town of Unity.

Kenneth Murch would like to purchase 2 additional granite benches for the Town. He would like to have dedicated the first bench to those who have served the Town of Unity in any capacity. The other he would like to dedicate to the veterans of Unity. He is leaving it up to the Selectmen to determine the exact wording and the placement of the benches.

Other Business:

Chris told Penny that the “camera guy” has been given a 15 minute time slot to make a presentation to the UTAC on Dec. 7, 2015 regarding making a video for and about Unity.

UTAC would like to set a Special Town meeting. The Selectmen agreed that it will be scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 10:00am to vote on changes to the current TIF program. More information and details will follow.

The Board of Selectmen scheduled an appointment to meet with Ellery, The Town Assessor on Friday, Dec. 4, 2015 at 10:00am

Emily got some quotes for a town website with .Gov. The Selectmen will discuss all of the options during the work session.

Penny thinks having the Town Office open on Saturday may not be a good option at this point. The Selectmen don't believe there is a real need for it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30