

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
February 16, 2016

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. People present were:

Selectmen: Chris R., Penny S. & Emily N.

Employee: Samantha

Guests: Tony Avila, Charles Schaeffer, Jean Bourg, Jerry Sullivan, Mary Leaming & 3 gentlemen and 2 ladies from Unity College.

Public Feedback:

Jerry Sullivan came to ask to consider a proposal. He usually does a pick up on the Unity Plantation on Thursdays. He does the pickup for Plantation side of Unity on Fridays. He would like permission from the Selectmen to pick up the Plantation as well as Unity trash on Friday. He will reduce the amount that he bills Unity by a ton each week. It is an equitable proposition for the Town as well as for Sullivan's. The Selectmen agreed unanimously.

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer:

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

The Town will be operating on 1/6 of the 2015 budget until the adoption of the 2016 budget as permitted by voters at last year's Town Meeting.

Old Business:

Tony A. spoke to Seabasticook Regional Land Trust (SRLT) about the possibility of a park being put in at the end of Wesley Road. At this point, the SRLT plans on speaking with all of the neighbors on the road. They don't have any intentions of putting in swings sets or anything like that as far as a park goes.

Emily wants to research giving an abatement in the case of one of the newly tax acquired properties. In addition, Emily will look over the Quit Claim deed for another of the Tax Acquired Properties. As far as the remaining properties, the Selectmen have unanimously agreed to have notice of payment or eviction served by a Waldo County Deputy. If full payments of all 3 tax years are not made within 60 days of service, the Selectmen will proceed with properly disposing of the tax acquired property.

New Business:

The Selectmen set the Budget Committee meeting for Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 6:00 at the Community Building. Samantha will send out all of the information to the Budget Committee and well as those social service agencies request municipal funding. The Town Office will close at 2:30 that day and not re-open for the evening hours.

There were 2 resignations from the Planning Board. Both, Chia Murdock and Jim Kenney have resigned their positions. The Planning Board is required to have 7 members. Therefore, the Selectmen worked on new appointments. Emily nominated John Piotti who had already stated that he would be willing to fill in. Everyone thinks that he has a great deal of knowledge. Jason Bosco submitted a letter of interest in serving on the Planning Board. The Selectmen agreed unanimously to appoint Jason Bosco and John Piotti to the Planning Board vacant seats.

Other Business:

Chris has talked with a local road paver and is discussing the possibility of using a hotbox from Massachusetts. This would greatly improve the quality of patching roads. He will let the board know when he hears something back.

Emily went to a meeting with PERC to hear their “side” of the story. In Emily’s opinion, it looks like MRC is waging a smear campaign against PERC. Emily noted that we as a Town, we do have options and that we should really look and carefully consider which company will be the most beneficial to Unity. The Town really needs to know what it is actually committing to.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58

The Selectmen went into Executive Session