

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

July 19, 2016

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:36 p.m. People present were:

Selectmen: Emily Newell, Penny Sampson. and Tony Avila.

Employee: Samantha Mank.

Guests: Mike Murch, Barbara Martineau, Dan McCormick & Alisha McCormick

Public Feedback:

There will be a volunteer work day at Kanokolus Beach tomorrow from 6-7pm. There are 2 dead trees that need to be cut down. As well as, some sweeping and mowing along with general clean up.

Mike M. said that he had fixed the septic tanks, as required and that he will drop off copies for the tax file.

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

Treasurer: Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

- Animal Control Issue - Barbara Martineau wanted to speak to the Selectmen with a complaint about her neighbor's animals and what seems to her to be a lack of action from the Animal Control Officer. She said that the ACO doesn't show up when she called so that the animal can actually be witnessed being at large. Barbara came to the selectmen because she was said that she was told by a deputy that she could not call the ACO or her neighbor because of harassment. Penny said that the ACO really does need to see the violation in order to summon the animal owner otherwise, Barbara would need to be willing to testify in court. Barbara said that she would be willing to do so and that she has written documentation as well as photos and video of the animals on her property over a long period of time. Penny stated that it may be time to get the town constables involved. Emily asked if there was a statute that would allow the selectmen to intervene or be a helper to the ACO. Penny said that the selectmen do not have the authority to issue citations. The selectmen all agree to contact the Town Constable, Jim Porter and Matt Curtis, to let Barbara's neighbor know that the animals can no longer be out and at large without a summons or other legal interventions. Emily will talk to Jim Porter.
- Road Work - There are 2 steep hills on Libby Road and Berry Road. It will be difficult for a plow and the mail carrier to get up and down those roads when it snows if they are returned to gravel. Emily talked with Allstates and is suggesting not reclaiming it and to do a top coat on the hilly parts. This is a safety issue.

- Unity Fire Department Administrative Assistant - Emily wanted to clarify after speaking with the Fire Chief that the Admin Assistant position for the UFD is an hourly position and not a salaried one. The current Admin Asst. is and has been aware of this.
- Shed – Emily got a quote from the Tech. Center for a new shed to be placed at the Town Office instead of paying for a monthly storage unit. The school can build an 18x12 for \$1,800 but it won't be ready until June of 2017. The Selectmen have decided to do more price shopping before making a decision.
- Sidewalks - The Economic Development Committee approved up to \$40,000.00 for sidewalk repair in the TIF District. Tony thinks there is a better place to spend TIF money. He said that sidewalks don't really draw more businesses to town. Penny says that she doesn't think that we should jig-saw the sidewalks together. We need to provide safe sidewalks for pedestrians. We haven't done any sidewalk work since they were originally put in. Emily said that she wants to walk and see how much work actually needs to be done. The Selectmen want to make sure that the Town is getting the best cost effective deal available.
- Heat Pumps – Quotes for installing heat pumps at the Town Office have been received. The 2 companies that submitted quotes are as follows: In Source - \$3,490.00 and Home Energy Answers - \$4,800.00. Emily would like to seek out at least one more quote. Penny will call Central Maine heat Pumps for an additional quote.
- Driveway & Culvert Policy – Emily shared with the Selectmen that there are issues with 2 residents who say that the Town removed their culverts (approx. 30 years ago) and now they want them back. Emily is going to get the CEO to see about what needs to happen, because they may need to get a driveway permit. She also wants to check into who is responsible for payment of the culverts and/or installation. She will check into what state law requires.
- Kanokolus – The new signs for Kanokolus have come in. Penny has also sent a “mock-up” sign to the Workstore for a large sign to be placed down at the beach. Emily says that she wants the dog area to get marked out. Samantha will order a sign that says “Dog Swimming between Orange Poles”.

Old Business:

Roads – Stevens Road used a finer grade mix so it could be thinner they were able to do 2 runs, so it was double shimmed and it saved money on the hand crew.

Town farm Road- Used less tonnage. The 2nd half that had already been done before only needed ¾ of an inch.

Hunter Road- Not quite done yet. A resident wrote on the road “junk, junk, junk”. There was a problem because the base could not handle the weight of the barrel roller going downhill. They need to go over it again with 80 more tons.

The number of culverts that were bad or rotting were underestimated. To replace them could cost an additional \$40,000.00. Tony thinks they (Allstates) should “eat” the cost

because they went out and looked it all over just like the other bidders and they knew what they were doing. He says that they should have bid it better. The Selectmen will discuss this further during their Thursday morning work session. Penny thinks that the Town should have them fix it now instead of tearing up the roads after the paving is done.

Other Business:

Barbara Martineau said that she would be interested in being a Road Ambassador. However, she is worried about her neighbor. Tony suggested that Barbara should not pursue being a Road Ambassador at this time so that it doesn't cause any additional problems with her neighbor. Emily said that she could still call the Selectmen and report any road problems and do the Rich Road survey.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55