

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

April 4, 2018

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:00pm.

People present were:

Selectmen: Penny Sampson, Tony Avila, Dan McCormick

Employee: Kari Hunt

Guests: Emily Newell, Denise Whitney

Minutes: Minutes from March 20th were reviewed and approved.

Public Feedback:

Treasurer:

- Selectmen reviewed treasurer's report.
- Selectmen reviewed and signed treasurer's warrant

Old Business:

- Tammy Pierce from CMP informed Penny the LED lights were in stock and the new LED lights should be changed around the 1st of May.
- Penny gave an overview of the RSU #3 Reapportionment meeting. Currently the voting in Unity is done at Town Meeting, and Unity Rep is voted on by the Unity Residents. The School Board of Directors recommended that all towns vote for each board member when their term is up, and voted during the June election. The Education Commissioner suggested not to proceed this way, however Superintendent Paul Austin and the majority of the School Board went against the commissioner's advice. It is pending the commissioner's approval. .

New Business:

- Denise Whitney: Will the Park and Rec be responsible for Kanokolus Beach and the Recreational Trails? Selectmen have not thought about. Park and Rec will discuss it at their next meeting.

Denise found that there is a grant available to help repair/fix the Boat Launch. What are the plans for this year. Park and Rec apply for grant, project has to be complete by 2020.

There is grant money available for recreational trails, however classes must be taken in order to apply for the grant.

The Park & Rec will be having a Lemonade Stand at the Memorial Parade.

Their next meeting is April 9th, 6pm at the Unity Town Office.

- Tony and Penny will continue to both do GA. Dan will learn the basics.

Tony made a motion to appoint Penny as Chairman of the Board. Dan 2nd, and carried

Tony will act as vice chair.

- Emily read the articles she is proposing for the special town meeting. Gifting the ATV to the Town of Unity and Paving the Dirt section of the FD Parking lot. Emily doesn't feel that the quote Penny and Tony received from Wellmans (\$9,400) is sufficient and recommends going 4" (2", 19mil base layer and 2" at 12 ½ mil for the top) Emily's quote is for \$20,000 from Allstate. Selectmen are okay with spending up to \$10,000, but not \$20,000. Emily's only quote is from Allstate. Selectmen will NOT hire Allstate to do another job in Unity. Emily said the town could probably do better with small company. The ultimate goal is to cover the dirt up. Tony asked if the town didn't put that kind of thickness on the roads, why does it have to be so thick in the parking lot. Emily said the roads are built up and have a "solid" foundations and where as you are just paving on gravel at the Fire Department. Tony added the selectmen originally said No to cut cost, but once they found out TIF could be used they proceeded with article, knowing that TIF can't be used to fund the whole project they don't feel that it should be done and passed on to the tax payers. What are other options? Concrete?

Emily proposed an article to discuss the option of a Town Manager. Emily feels that the town has a need for more help. She spoke with Dave Barrett from MMA, and indicated he could set up an informational meeting to educate people on the different forms of government? Penny said this was something that she did not want to take on. Dan said this article is something that should go before residents at an annual town meeting not a special town meeting, that is a lowly attended. Special Town Meeting has the potential to change the tax base, and hiring a Town Manager changes it significantly. Tony added the town is not financially stable to spend that kind of money, if they town does want to spend that kind of money, it should be invested in a public works department. The tax base is high as it is and doesn't need to be increase it more. Emily indicated it would be a year out before any changes would occur, it wouldn't take effect until next town meeting. Penny feels as though the selectmen are getting the job done. Dan would like to see Emily bring a petition forward to get an article on the warrant, currently there isn't enough time for her to collect signatures and bring it back to the selectmen for the special town meeting. What about a public hearing? Penny does not want to take the project on, if Emily wants to set up an information session at no cost, Emily will work on an information meeting.

- Penny spoke with Brian Jones, and the town of Freedom is looking at paving their section. He would like to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the plowing options. They may want to plow their own section. Meeting is TBA.
- Shaw property is smaller than what is taxed. Emily, met with Ellery, on behalf of the Shaw's. It was new information to him, he corrected it in TRIO, but didn't grant the abatement. The Shaw's would like the Selectmen to approve the abatement. Selectmen support Ellery decision and will not grant the abatement.
- The Selectmen grant permission for the Unity Market Days to use the Unity T.O.
- Selectmen appoint Charlie Schaefer and Denise Whitney for the Appeals Board.
- Selectmen table the appointment of a Health Officer.
- Selectmen appoint Andrew Reed and Patricia Clark as members of the Budget Committee.
- Dan McCormick resigns his position from Budget committee and Appeals board.
- Selectmen appoint Jason Bosco and Sherry Powell-Wilson as members of the Planning Board.
- Selectmen appoint Charles Porter as the Code Enforcement Officer.
- Selectmen appoint Crystal Nichols as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer.
- Selectmen appoint Tony Avila, Larry King and Jean Bourg as members of the EDC.
- The CMP Pole application was signed by the Selectmen.

- Penny will be attending the Municipal Officer RSU#3 budget meeting Thursday, April 5th. Tony and Dan will attend the public hearing.

Other Business:

- Tony spoke with Blaine, wanted to know why there was more volunteers than fire suits. Only trained FF can go into fires. Liberty was given a bunch of good suits, Blaine has the opportunity to put together more suits for the volunteers that don't have any.

The current Jaws has two heads, but only one pump. Blaine said they are going to "inherit" a second pump, allowing both heads to work.

- Tony met with DOT, roads not posted with a speed limit sign are 45 mph. DOT can do a speed study, it takes 6 months.

The speed limit signs the college put up need to be taken down. 3/10th of the road is 35 mph, then changes to 45mph.

The crosswalk on the Quaker Hill needs to be fixed. Selectmen will discuss this with Melik during their meeting.

- Penny is waiting to hear back from Scott Davis from IF & W about lake stocking.
- Dan would like to see that all organizations and individuals complete a petition requesting articles for the warrant.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30p.m.