

Selectmen's Meeting

May 17, 2022

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Dan McCormick, Tim Parker, Tony Avila, Peggy Turner, Pat Haley, Blaine Parsons, Juanita Reynolds & Dale Shaw

These meetings are audio taped. For full recorded visit www.unityme.org

Penny opened the meeting at 6:31pm.

Public Feedback:

Tony asked where the Proposed Land Use Ordinance came from? Sherry Powell-Wilson was on the committee and it was given to the Select Board. Tony didn't recall all the "new items" in the proposed Land Use Ordinance. All changes came from the Land Use Ordinance Committee. It was what they agreed on. Tony wanted to know if former members could get together and go over it before bringing it back. A question was asked at the Public Hearing if the comp plan expires, the short answer is no. Tony offered to reach out to the former land use committee members to finish up loose ends. The Select Board asked Tony to reach out to the former members and bring a list to them to review.

Minutes:

Dan made a motion to accept the minutes from 05/03/2022. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer:

- Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Select Board.
- Kari met with Derek Racine, town of Unity's new Treasury & Payment Service Officer from Bangor Savings Bank. He suggested the Town open up a separate account if using our debit card or use just a credit card. We currently have a credit card and it is shared with the Fire Department. He also suggested our accounts be placed in a Money Market or ICS account. Penny would like to have a meeting with Derek.
- Albion is having printer issues with their Trio conversion and has asked if Unity could help for the week. Kari agreed as long as it was for a week. Agreement says it expires May 21st. Selectmen agree as long as it is not taking tons of time away from my current duties. Selectboard sign agreement.
- Anne has put together a hunters safety course. Will be advertised on our website.

Old Business:

- Fire Truck Bids: Call scrap yard to see that we could get for the ladder. Put the Rescue back out to bid with minimum at \$5,000. Dan made a motion to put it back out the bid with a \$5,000 minimum. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A new attorney will be taking over the 113 Windermere eviction. A new engagement letter between the attorney and selectmen needs to be approved and signed. Select Board accepted and signed the new agreement. Reports of “water” are being dumped over the deck railing of the property. Should the plumbing inspector investigate, the Select Board agreed to let the LPI investigate, but make sure a deputy sheriff escorts him.

New Business:

- The Select Board discussed their concerns regarding taking over the maintenance of Firehouse Ln and Chestnut. The Minimum Street Ordinance was reviewed by the Select Board and the town attorney, which addressed concerns. For full discussion listen to the audio recording posted at www.unityme.org. Penny made a motion not to go beyond the 800’ on Firehouse Ln. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Junanita asked if there was any way it could be brought to town meeting and have residents vote on it. Penny explained it couldn’t because the Select Board did not want to go beyond 800’ per the ordinance.
- Blaine stated that Erin Brockovich’s law firm would like to continue to use the fire station to hold PFAS meetings every other month. The Select Board is fine with it if they are making a donation to the Fire Association.
- Blaine had the floors waxed, which hasn't been done in years. And would like to schedule it every year or every other year.
- The Fire Department has been using the ladder truck for training. Very pleased with it.
- All Fire trucks passed the pump test. Moving forward Jordan Fowler will be doing the truck inspections.
- Concern has been expressed as to whether the Amish have been approved by the State Fire Marshal. According to Pat Haley work on the building should not be continued until permits have been obtained, he understands it as no permits have been issued. Charlie approved a town permit for the main unit, a special planning board meeting was scheduled for the additional building, and approved with the condition that the Fire Marshal permit was issued. Blaine will take the initiative to contact the State Fire Marshal to see what has been done. Penny said to copy the Town Office on the email.
- Select Board agendas are not required by law. It is 100% a courtesy. Select Board meetings are for them to conduct their business and items are subject to change and other items may come up last minute. The town does not have any social media accounts and Kari will not post any social media platform. The town does have a website and the agenda can be posted there. There were comments the agenda was not posted two weeks ago, this is because Penny was ill, Dan was working and not allowed to use his phone,

and Tim worked a 14 hour day mowing law. Selectmen discussed posting the agenda to the website, there will be a Monday cut off. The agenda is always subject to change.

- Penny made a motion to table discussion of Transfer Station. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Select Board will be posting the complaint form to the website. Complaints should be coming to the town office, and the form will be accepted only by dropping it off or mailing it. Email and faxes will not be accepted. Forms completed with “Mickey Mouse” will not be accepted. If you want to remain anonymous, indicate on the form.
- Penny wants the pirate ship off her property and put down at Kanokolus. The trailer is supposed to be converted for the speed sign. The Select Board will look into hiring someone to build a cradle for the ship. Blaine asked if Kanokolus could be closed for Fire Rescue training June 18th. The Select Board felt that is a hard thing to do. Blaine will look into another venue.
- ACO has not completed all her training, but is working on it. There is a list of items she needs: Catch Pole, Muzzles, dog crate, small cat carrier.
- Penny made a motion to issue \$300 from TIF to the Legion Hall for replacement flags. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny made a motion to accept the contract with Hopkins Paving. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Liquor license signed by the Selectboard.
- RSU # 3 Election warrants signed by the Select Board.
- Warrants for the Special Town Meeting signed.

Other Business:

- Bailey Rd weight limit signs need to be installed. There are a couple of posted signs still up, one on Wesley Rd and Bailey Rd.
- Jason Johnson submits his resignation as the EMA director. Penny made a motion accepting Jason’s resignation. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Farwell Bridge was inspected by the state of Maine. Still poor condition.
- Penny has a meeting with Telecom to install the pedestrian signs. Meeting is Wednesday at 9am.

Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.