

## Selectmen's Meeting July 19, 2022

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Dan McCormick, Tim Parker, Tony Avila, Peggy Turner, David Schofield, Melissa Sanborn, Blaine Parsons II, Richard Moore, Jessica Greenberg, Michael Greenberg, Randal Parker, Bette Curtis, Roxanne Curtis, Jeffrey Curtis, Rachael Weaver, Tyler Curtis, Colby Fowler, Larry Curtis, Rosemary Pillsbury, Linda Hunter, Lynn Warman, Tabi Littlefield, Chelsey Hester, Deb Dutton, Dave Smith, Larry King, Ted Swanson, Cathy Parsons,

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Penny opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

**Public Feedback:** Blaine reads a letter of apology regarding recent events, with the parade, pool and ladder truck. Listen to the audio 07/19/2022 on [www.unityme.org](http://www.unityme.org). Dave Smith, Richard Moore and Randal Parker make statements, comments are questions regarding the events.

Penny made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to MRSA 405 6 H with the LPI, CEO and Heath Officer. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Penny made a motion to move out of executive session pursuant to MRSA 405 6 H. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Penny made a motion to have the CEO declare the property no occupancy. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Randal Parker thanked the town for the \$300 for flags.

Ted Swanson asked about the electronic sign and pedestrian signs. Larry King is working on getting an updated number for the electronic sign. Penny is searching for a company that will set the poles for the pedestrian signs in the ground.

And incident occurred at Kanokolous which involved unruly teens trying to push the portable toilet over, threatening the Courtesy Boat Inspector (CBI) with a knife, a bystander drawing their concealed weapon and the police contacted. Noone was hurt.

### **Minutes:**

Tim made a motion to accept the minutes from 07/05/2022. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Administrative Assistant/Treasurer:**

- The Select Board reviewed and signed the payroll and account payable warrant.
- Penny made a motion to send 3 unpaid dumpster bills to collections. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- A 2009 lien was not discharged. The closing lawyer wants the town to issue a quitclaim deed. Unsure if this is the correct procedure. Penny made a motion to contact the for review. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Due to the current market, the town has lost \$15,204 this past quarter out of the investment.
- School budget increased \$7203.46 a month, total increase for the year is \$86,441.52
- Selectmen reviewed the MMA ballots.
- Tax Commitment is scheduled for Aug 5, 2022 if everything goes as planned.
- The town needs to sign up the GA Portal. It will help ease the access for reimbursements and qualifications.
- There is a seat available on the County Budget. Penny will be running again for county budget.

**Old Business:**

- Penny made a motion to table Dave Huffs request for money for the accident. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Dan heard back from ProSeal, a pallet of crack seals has increased to \$6,500. He didn't order any. He did send a list of roads based on priority.
- Penny and Ellery discussed the quarterly inventory review, they will pick ¼ of the town and begin work this fall.

**New Business:**

- The town is in need of an EMA director. Will reach out to Dale Rowley and post the position at the town office.
- The yard sale at the town office was a success. Would like to do it again. Shoot for the second weekend in September.
- TIF voted to approve the items Jean requested. Bike Rack and book depository. Penny made a motion to accept and pay for the items Jean requested. Dan seconded the motion. Dan and Penny voted yay. Tim voted nay.
- Windermere property is officially the town of Unity's. The property is locked and no trespassing signs are up. The power is still on. It was suggested that the Town get a 30 yard dumpster. There are volunteers that said that they would help clean the trash outside. Penny made a motion to get a dumpster for 113 Windemere Ln. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- We had a question about putting business signs at the Horse ring. Should the town get into advertising? Using the business signs at the horse ring are up to sponsor at horse

shows. Company should reach out to Kathy Monroe. Penny made a motion to make no action on advertising. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Penny reached out to Provost for a price on a ground stone. This is for an unmarked site, Seldon Crosby, died in the 1900's. A mishap occurred when digging a plot. Cost is \$375. Penny asked about lifting and cleaning a few stones, Provost charges \$60/stone. This year Gravesite Maintenance was only able to do \$2600 worth of work. There are a few trees in Farwell Cemetery that need to be cut down. Tim received a quote of \$2,800. Select Board to review the budget and discuss after review what way they want to go. Penny made a motion to order the Seldon Crosby stone in the amount of \$375. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The American Legion does not want the picnic tables. Penny suggested putting them out free or try to sell. Only a few boards need to be replaced. One suggestion was to see if the ATV club would like them or Unity Barn Raisers. Penny made a motion to see if the ATV, UBR wanted them, put them free for the taking next to the road. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny was reading an old town meeting. The town accepted the well on Depot in 1975. While reading minutes she came across an article where the first vote was by show of hands, and it was a tie, the same article was done by written ballot and the outcome of the vote changed by written ballot.
- The Select Board will be working on a Social Media Policy as well as a personnel/code of ethic policy.
- The Fire Department applied for a grant and was awarded a thermal imaging camera. Cost was approximately \$500.
- A citizen's concern came in about the fire trucks not being inspected since February. Blaine stated that Roger Chadwick is not doing it any more, Jordan has not been available but will be soon. It was suggested that Blaine reach out to C & S Repair, check their availability. Blaine will reach out to C & S.
- Penny made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A with Rachael Weaver regarding the expiration of her 90 day probationary period. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rachael waived her right to a private meeting and stated she will have a public meeting. Select ask her how the position is going and what training she has completed. She is waiting on the State of Maine to offer Phase two training. Penny made a motion to exit the executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Penny made a motion to continue with Rachael as ACO. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A for personnel complaint. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Penny made a motion to exit the executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. No action was taken

- Penny made a motion to exit the executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Blaine stated if it is regarding him, he opts for an open meeting. Penny made a motion to exit the executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 6 A. Selectmen will be issuing a written warning to Blaine, which will need to be signed.

**Other Business:**

- Selectboard will be working on policy and a Fire Chief job description.

Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.