Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
May 17, 2016

Opening:
Meeting opened at 6:31 p.m. People present were:
Selectmen: Emily N., Penny S., Tony A.
Employees: Samantha M. & David Smith
Guests: Dan McCormick, Mike Murch, John Buckle and John McKenney

Public Feedback:

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

Treasurer: Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

- The new "Welcome to Unity" signs have be installed. They look good.

- Fire Chief, David Smith, reported that the thermal imaging camera has quit working. It was a 16-year-old piece of equipment. He estimated that it could cost between $4,500 - $5,000 to replace it. He also mentioned that he would like to reduce the number of vehicle apparatus that is currently in use by the FD. David would like input from the Selectmen regarding how they would like to "dispose" of the property. After some discussion, the Selectmen authorized the Fire Chief to advertise and sell Tanker # 6 on Craigslist and other economical media outlets.

- Penny and Tony nominated Emily for the MMA Legislative Policy Committee.

- Bids for the Tax Acquired Property and the Town Owned Property were opened last Thursday. There were no bids for the Old Town Office on Maine Street. The Selectmen unanimously agreed to send out bids again for this property listing $5,000.00 as the minimum bid. There was one bid on the property formerly owned by Bill Smith, Map 008 Lot 006-007 for $7,000 from Mike Murch. After some discussion, the Selectmen unanimously agreed to award the bid to Mike Murch. There was one bid on the property formerly owned by Rayno Boivin located at 138 Albion Rd Map 008 Lot 014-01 for $2,700 from Rayno Boivin. After some discussion, the Selectmen unanimously agreed to award the bid to Rayno Boivin.

- The Selectmen signed a letter to Lawry Brothers regarding burial permits.

- Kyle Pisano will be the attendant at the Unity Pond boat launch this summer.

Old Business:

- Roads: Bids for the road work have not gone out yet. Consultants from Maine Local Roads will be here to meet with the Selectmen on Friday (5/20/16) at 9:00am to go over

the bid document specs. Since the Town is having approx. 20 miles of road work done, it is prudent to seek consultation.
Penny wanted to know if crusher dust was more cost effective than cold patch.
Grading of some of the dirt roads started on Monday. Emily spoke with Cindy Jones about compacting now that the grading has been done or if it needed to wait for the salt.
Emily has ordered approx. 80 culverts and 22 tons of calcium chloride.
John M. said that the brand new pavement on Fisher Road is already falling apart.
Mike M. had a question regarding the Town paying for any classes for contractors. He referred to previous meeting minutes. The Selectmen stated that it was only a discussion and no action was taken regarding the matter.
John M. wanted to know why the Town is even entertaining spending $250,000 reverting roads back to gravel. He said that "this not the stone age". Penny stated that it is possible to actually come in under budget so that means more paving than expected may be able to be done. Emily said that it was the Selectmen's hope to get the most work done with the budget that we have.
Much discussion ensued regarding what kind of road work is/is not needed/wanted.

- The Selectmen signed the $1,500,000.00 Obligation Bond. The voters approve taking another loan for $750,000.00. during the special town meeting. The Selectmen have sent out bids for the best rates. The Selectmen also took a straw poll during the Special Town Meeting and the voters overwhelmingly favored taking out a 10 year obligation bond.

- The TAN has been completed.

Other Business:

- The chains at Pond Cemetery have been taken down.

- Penny spoke with Brian G. and he said that he was going to put the docks in and the picnic tables out, ASAP.

- Penny spoke with Amy Fowler, one of our County Commissioner. There is going to be a Selectmen's Forum sometime in the near future where Selectmen from surrounding towns can get together and discuss things and network.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20

Executive Session:
Selectmen entered Executive Session to discuss 2 Personnel matters and a General Assistance matter.