

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

August 6, 2019

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:32pm.

People present were:

Selectmen: Penny Sampson, Daniel McCormick, Tony Avila

Employee: Kari Hunt

Guest: Rebeka Bosco, Aubri Bosco, Riley Bosco, Crystal Nichols, Jim Porter, Lynn Warman, Matt Picard, Pat Haley, Blaine Parsons, Melissa Sanborn, Rachel Weaver, Tyler Curtis

Minutes: Minutes from the July 16th were reviewed and accepted.

Public Feedback:

Aubri and Riley presented their "Little Free Library. They would like to place it outside the Town Office. They will be monitoring it and restocking as needed. It is filled with children's books. You can borrow a book, bring it back and it is okay to keep it.

Lynn Warman asked if the Selectmen would send a request to DOT for them to conduct a speed study on Route 220 (Thorndike Road) to consider changing the speed limit from 55mph to 35 or 45mph. There is concern about the safety of the Amish. Penny did speak with a Amish gentlemen and he indicated it wasn't so much the speed, but people not yielding (when there is a horse and carriage, bike or people walking). Selectmen will follow up with DOT to make the request.

Treasurer:

- Warrants were reviewed and signed.
- Selectmen approved to order checks.
- Unity's street lights have been changed over to LED lights, and the lease fee has decreased, however the bill has remained the same amount as last year. Upon review, CMP has been charging Unity for more units than what there is. Moving forward August and September bill will show the wrong units, but they will credit us for the overcharges.
- A building permit was completed and paid for, Charlie went to inspect, a permit was not needed because it was under 100sq ft. Selectmen authorized to reimburse the \$20.
- Steve Piper who cleans the town office is going to have knee surgery. He'll be out for 3 months. MaryEllen and Kari will clean during that time.

Old Business:

Gun Range: Selectmen made an inquiry with MMA about Moratoriums and Gun Ranges. Penny read the response from MMA:

"A moratorium ordinance, like all ordinances must be enacted by the legislative body (for more information on moratoriums, see our Information Packet on the subject). If the moratorium ordinance is being proposed by a voter petition, a draft moratorium ordinance would need to accompany the petition, in order for the select board to place the petitioned moratorium

ordinance on the warrant as required under 30-A M.R.S. § 2522 or § 2528 (depending on whether it is an open town meeting or secret ballot referendum vote). Keep in mind that the petitioners should be seeking the advice of their own legal counsel in the development of this petition – the town should not be advising or assisting the petitioners in the development of the petition.

Municipalities are limited in their ability to regulate shooting ranges by 30-A M.R.S. § 3011. According to the statute, a municipal ordinance may not require or be applied so as to require a shooting range to limit or eliminate shooting activities that have occurred on the range prior to enactment of the ordinance. As such, neither the moratorium ordinance, nor any subsequent ordinance on shooting ranges, would apply to the existing shooting range that is the subject of the citizens' complaints."

New Business:

Executive Session: Penny made a motion to move into executive session pursuant 22 MRSA §4306 to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was moved and 2nd. Penny made a motion to end executive session.

Selectmen will purchase a vest for the ACO when responding to calls.

Fire Dept:

Penny had a discussion with Blaine about a post he made about her on Facebook.

Melvin Perkins retired from the Fire Department.

Ron Stevenson accepted the Fire Chief Position with the Town of Thorndike and resigned from the Unity Fire Department.

Blaine has itemized his budget for their records and is close to spending the amount they allotted for fire equipment and apparatus. If they use funds from "training" they don't want it to come back to them at budget season. According to the town office the Fire Department is not a real line item. It is voted on as a lump sum at town meeting, so if they need to use funds from their "training" budget they can.

Blaine is going to be ordering a few new radios about mid September.

They are going to try to apply for the MMA grant again to try to get help with helmets and gloves.

The Stephen and Tabitha King foundation will help the Fire Department purchase 3 complete SCBA sets. Blaine is working with a company and another town which will allow them to get a 4th set free.

Other grants they will be applying for is the Harold Aldford Health and Safety Grant and FEMA Grant. Items hoping to purchase are: filling station, RIP packs and Extractor.

Tyler Curtis is working an open house for the fire department. It will be held September 7, 2019. He plans to have other local safety agencies there too. Penny suggested applying for a TIF community grant to help with marketing the event.

Matt Picard works for Fairfield Public Works offered to look at the Fire Trucks. He can only look at the engine and chassis.

Selectmen complete the MMA Ballot.

Selectmen reviews the report from DOT about the Farwell Bridge. The report is from 2018 and it is the same information the Selectme know and have fixed.

The speed sign will be put on Depot Street. Dan is looking into small trailers for ease of setting up.

Ellery will be at the Town Office 08/07 to work on Tax Commitment and setting the mil rate.

A new belt needs to be ordered for the power broom. Will purchase it through Chase Toys.

Penny motioned to go into executive session pursuant 22 MRSA §4306 to discuss personal.

Motion is seconded. Penny made a motion to end the executive session and motion is seconded.

Motion carried.

Other Business:

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.