

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

January 21, 2020

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:35pm.

People present were:

Selectmen: Daniel McCormick, Tony Avila, Penny Picard Sampson

Employee: Kari Hunt

Guest: Blaine Parsons, Melissa Sanborn

Minutes: Minutes from January 7th were reviewed and accepted.

Public Feedback: NONE

Treasurer:

- Warrants were reviewed and signed.
- Selectmen authorize Kari to purchase the computer for the counter. Refurbished cost is \$675, including installation and transfer of data.
- Selectmen grant permission to get the BMV printer fixed so it will print for the computer at the clerks desk.
- Republican caucus February 8, 2020 at 10am at the Belfast High School
- Kari has worked on the Comprehensive Plan to convert it to an editable file. It was stated that she could get reimbursed for the time it took, the funds would come out of TIF. Selectmen make a motion approve the funds, but it must go before the EDC first.
- Quitclaim Deed Signed

Old Business:

- Dan has no new information from proseal will follow up with them to discuss the bill.
- Budget was given to the Selectmen. Has anyone called RJD? Penny did call and expressed concern about Jay and residents not getting the answers when they come in for appointments. It will serve the town of Unity better to have Ellery. RJD promised to have more Ellery and less of Jay.

New Business:

- The Unity Fire Association nominated Blaine as Fire Chief and recommended the nomination to the Selectmen. Dan McCormick made a motion to nominate Blaine Parsons as Unity Fire Chief. Tony Avila seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Blaine asked the Selectmen if they were going to pay the hours submitted for Melissa. Dan mentioned that Blaine said the hours being submitted are for administration. Selectmen will not pay her for the hours submitted because it was voted at town meeting to pay the administrative assistant to the Fire Chief \$500. The Selectmen didn't agree to the additional funds. Melissa said she responds to fire calls with Blaine. She sits in the truck. Selectmen asked if she had any gear, she does not, but not all the members have gear. Melissa has some certifications, but not all. Melissa has written grants for the town this year and the town has been awarded approximately \$30,000, she feels like not getting paid is a slap in the face to all the work she has done. She feels it is not right and will be contacting her lawyer and BLS. Dan made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to 22 MRSA 4306. Penny seconded the motion. Penny made a motion to end the executive session. Dan seconded the motion. Motion was carried. Because Melissa states she is contacting a lawyer, the Selectmen will no longer discuss the hours in question. Selectmen would like to have information on file for any new FF. When FF's are on "standby" it is safer for them to

be at the station, then to respond to the call. Ex: if 20 FF's show up, not all are needed it is safer for some to stay station than to be at the scene. Blaine will cut/let go the FF's that are not needed.

- Tank 3 is not leaking at the moment. Blaine has a scheduled appointment on January 27 to have it get looked at.
- Quitclaim deed was signed.
- YMCA in Belfast expressed interest in partnering with Unity to offer swim lessons. Kati Ann has been doing it. If Kati-Ann is not interested only then we would reach out to the YMCA.
- There was a request to change the Mussey Road to the old name Old Mill Rd. Selectmen will not be changing the name.
- Selectmen vote to put a Dead End sign on the corner of Hunter and Libby Hill Road.

Other Business: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 p.m.