

# Minutes

## Selectmen's Meeting

### July 21, 2020

Meeting opened at 6:33p.m

People present were:

Selectmen: Tony Avila, Penny Picard Sampson, Dan McCormick

Employee: Kari Hunt

Guest: Tara & Michael Berry, Larry King, Ed Indelicato, & Pam Niles

Penny Sampson presented Pam Niles with a berry bowl for her outstanding volunteerism in the Town of Unity.

#### **Public Feedback:**

Residents asked what are the Fire Department intentions with the current situation with two broken Fire Trucks? Selectmen can't speak on behalf of the Fire Chief. They are waiting to hear back from the insurance company regarding the tanker and no new information has been presented about the ladder truck.

Penny read the statement from MMA indicating the town would have to accept at a town meeting any new equipment before then town could fix, insure and maintain the new ladder truck.

If there is a loss of Fire, what are the town's abilities? The town has mutual aid with neighboring towns.

**Minutes:** Minutes from July 7, 2020 were reviewed, edited and approved by the Selectmen..

#### **Treasurer:**

- Warrants were reviewed and signed
- RSU #3 budget increased approx. \$25,000 for the town of Unity
- Audit needs to be reviewed and signed.
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#### **Old Business:**

- Ryan Parsons will be picking up the RRFP in Augusta. R & R Tracks on the Kanokolus were looked at while getting a paving quote for the RRFP. The quote submitted by Wellmen's will include the RRFP and the RR tracks on Kanokolus.

#### **New Business:**

- Chase Toys gave a quote of \$99.99 for a weed wacker head for the push broom. Tony would like to hold off, there is no need to purchase one. Dan made a motion not to purchase the weed wacker. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Liquor License submitted had missing pages. Will need to contact the owner for the pages.
- The town has the opportunity to apply for a grant to purchase COVID signs. Selectmen feel there are enough signs and notices about wearing masks and social distancing. Penny made a motion to deny applying for funding. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- There will be no Town Meeting this year, because of this the town will be using last year's budget. An email will be sent to MMA to determine whether the town needs to pay special appropriations that didn't request funding this year.
- Horse Ring: Kathye Monroe had a Horse Show on July 18th. Selectmen told her she was allowed to have the show, but it could not exceed 50 people. Selectmen received complaints about the population at the show. Kathye has not signed an agreement and was reminded the Horse Ring is town property. Tony made a motion to shut the shows

down. Dan said a letter should be sent to warn her. Tony felt that she was warned when they told her she could originally have the show. Selectmen want a list of dates of the horse shows and a horse ring usage agreement signed.

- A resident expressed concern about the number of non-profit organizations in Unity, using what services we have and not contributing to the tax base. Could Selectmen ask for payment in lieu of taxes? Yes, but no guarantee the town would receive any. Why are we providing services if they are not contributing? What would be considered fair? Residents suggested  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total assessed taxes.

**Other Business:**

**Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.**