

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

July 7, 2020

Meeting opened at 6:33p.m

People present were:

Selectmen: Tony Avila, Penny Picard Sampson

Employee: Kari Hunt, Blaine Parsons, Pat Haley

Guest: Tara & Michael Berry, Melissa Sanborn, Ralph Sullivan, Jared Sullivan, Liz Sullivan

Fire Department:

- Has the town heard back from the insurance about the Tanker Truck. The claim will be made to the insurance company this week.
- Penny asked Blaine if he reviewed the job description. Blaine has had the Fire Chief job description for 5 months. Blaine said he and Jim have looked over it and asked to table further discussion until the next meeting.
- Resident asked where the contract for the ladder truck was? In order to own the ladder truck, the town must vote to accept it. Has the town looked and inspected the new ladder truck? There is an anonymous donor giving the money to the Fire Association, for tax purposes, will not give the money to the town, so the association will accept the funds to purchase the truck. Is there rust on the frame of the ladder truck? Unsure of rust. Blaine added that David Smith has gone through the potential new ladder truck and it looks good. It will come 20/20 certified. If the Unity Fire Association does take the truck, is there room for it? Blaine said yes, one truck would be removed. Tony mentioned town should work on getting sealed bids for the old ladder truck.
- Ecology Learning Center is moving into the Unity Foundation building. Charlie Porter and Blaine have concerns about fire safety and their current plans. The building does have a sprinkler system. Fire Marshall was to do an inspection, but unsure if it was done.

Public Feedback:

- A resident asked Blaine how much the Fire Association had in their account. Blaine stated he didn't know, he and Pat were not on the Fire Association Board because it is considered conflict of interest. The Resident stated it would only seem right that the Association and Town work together to raise funds to help get a truck that is working. The resident is disappointed the Association is not focused on getting a functional fire truck.
- Tony doesn't feel the Fire Department Volunteers should be going out clearing roads when trees are done. They are not getting paid. Fire Department for years has always gone out and cut down trees during a storm to open the road and the volunteers do get paid for their time working.
- Pat stated that the Ambulance is paging for driver assist and notice an increase their calls. Can something be done about this? Is it local or out of town? Sometimes both.

Minutes: Minutes from June 16, 2020 were reviewed, edited and approved by the Selectmen..

Treasurer:

- Warrants were reviewed and signed
- If there are no major bills and funds are watched carefully, the Town should not have to take a TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) this year, which will save approximately \$10,000.

Old Business:

- RRFB, free from the State of Maine, a flashing pedestrian sign, saving cost \$6,500. Need to find someone with a long trailer to pick up 2- 20' poles and the equipment for the sign. Pick up is scheduled for July 23. Current placement will be in front of UHOP on Main St. The sidewalk will need to be fixed to be ADA compliant.

New Business:

- Sullivan's Waste: Fiberright is closed, currently looking for a new investors. Unity trash has to go to Norridgewock. Jerry asked if Unity could go to PERC, he has other towns that are delivered to PERC. Penny will follow up with MRC.
- Penny is working on getting quotes for the tree in Pond Cemetery. 1st quote was for \$1,300, and waiting for a call back on the second quote.
- The Selectmen have reviewed the State guidelines for Town Meeting, looked at what other towns are doing and received advice from MMA, with all of this in mind, the Selectmen do not feel that they can safely have a town meeting. Penny made a motion to cancel the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Tony seconded the motion, motion carried. This will mean that the town will use figures from last year's budget.
- Town Office Hours: Due to the recent increase in customers in order to help Thorndike, clerks have been going over hours. Kari is Salary, and after 2pm it is on "her own time", the deputy is hourly, but still must be cautious with her hours. Penny made a motion to stop new transactions at 1:45pm, M, W, Th, F. Tony seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Spirit of America: Penny made a motion to nominate Aubrey and Riley Bosco for the Spirit of America award. These two young ladies are an inspiration to other young ladies for their community service. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Selectmen signed the warrants for RSU #3 election, being held July 14, 2020
- Tony spoke with Tim Parker, asked if he would weed whack the sidewalks and behind the welcome sign as well as cutting overhanging trees along the sidewalks. Tim will do this on Depot, Main and School St. Tim estimated it to cost \$250 - \$300.

Other Business:

Meeting adjourned: 8:25 p.m.