

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
May 7, 2019

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:30pm.

People present were:

Selectmen: Penny Sampson, Daniel McCormick, Tony Avila

Employee: Kari Hunt

Guests: Michael Berry, Melissa Sanborn, Blaine Parsons, Pat Haley, Bill Allen, Rod Cook, Don Newell, Jim Porter

Minutes: Minutes from April 16th were reviewed and accepted.

Public Feedback:

Jamie Whitcomb thanked the Selectmen for putting up the dead end sign on Elwell Court and asked if a load of gravel could be brought in to fix the potholes.

Bill Allen asked if the Selectmen would approve the Elwell Farm Road and Quaker Hill Road as an ATV access route from Elwell Farm Road to 187 Quaker Hill Road? Selectmen want to research the Elwell Farm Road before they grant permission.

Treasurer:

Bangor Savings is willing to give a higher interest rate 2.25% on the money from Downeast for the Truck Replacement fund and allow the same expiration date as the current Fire Truck Replacement CD. Selectmen agreed to move the funds from Downeast Credit Union to Bangor Savings.

Unity needs to apply for another TAN to get us through June, July and August. Selectmen recommend applying for \$350,000. Kari will contact Eaton Peabody to move forward with the TAN process.

The Revolving Loan Fund recipient didn't make April's payment.

Kathy Monroe completed the Horse Ring agreement and submitted a dates of the horse shows.

Warrants were reviewed and signed.

Anne Goodblood resigned from her position as Deputy Clerk. She will fill in May 15th - 20th. However the 24th has no coverage. Selectmen vote to close the 24th.

Old Business:

Docks should be going in May 14th. Dept. of Conservation will put them in. They have used billets that are in good condition they are willing to give the town.

Penny will looking into swimming lessons.

New Business:

Appointments:

Selectmen appoint Charles Porter as the Code Enforcement Office

Selectmen appoint Crystal Nichols as Animal Control Officer

Selectmen appoint Linda Hunter as Health Officer.

Selectmen appoint Jason Johnson as EMA Director.

Selectmen appoint Patricia Clark, Deborah Eldredge, Diane Hull, Lucia Picard, Matthew Picard, Lynn Warman, Chrissy Hunter, Linda Hunter, Denise Whitney, Jackie Bradeen and Faith Carlson as Elections Clerks.

Selectmen appoint Patricia Clark as Election Warden.

Selectmen appoint Jonathan Dowdey, Tabby Littlefield and Alicia McCormick as members of the Budget Committee.

Selectmen appoint Don Newell as a member of the Planning Board.

Selectmen appoint David Schofield as the Plumbing inspector.

Selectmen appoint Elizabeth Soucie UARRC Representative.

Selectmen appoint Jon Benda and Diane Hauser as UARRC Rep. Alternates.

Selectmen appoint Kari Hulva and Najean Shedyak for a 3 year term on the EDC.

Municipal Warrant:

Selectmen sign the municipal warrants for the June 11, 2019 election.

Road:

A 3' culvert will be needed for the Bailey Road.

Cold Patch is done.

Firehouse Lane could use gravel at the entrance.

Gravel could be used at the beginning of the Wesley Road.

Elwell Farm Road could use a load of gravel.

There is no projected date of time as to when the Bailey Road will be fixed. The weather is playing a big factor to the completion.

The town has many unexpected road fixes this year. It is possible we may go over budget. If so, then we would have to ask for the money at town meeting or hold a special town meeting.

Don Newell came in to discuss Newell Court. Road was built in 1988. Selectmen understand the road is a "mess" and concerned about the power lines running under the road. Dan doesn't want to do any work until the electric is fixed. Selectmen would like to know the depth of the cable and phone lines. Don will provide the information to them. Where are the sewer designs. Selectmen and Don will have a meeting May 13th at 10:15 to go over the information.

Contact Ron Greeley to submit a roadside mowing quote

Fire Department:

Selectmen and Fire Department review the Resolution of the sale of apparatus going to a Fire Truck replacement account. Change equipment to apparatus and change Unity Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.

Thomas Brown will become 3rd Lieutenant, replacing Ron Stevenson.

Fire Department is going to have three volunteers at Unity College Graduation. A contract will be signed for \$200 to cover the event.

Jamie, the Public Safety Director asked the Fire Department to inspect a few buildings and asked the Fire Department to draft a contract. The draft currently would be three years and \$1500. Selectmen recommend to do the contract for one year and then reevaluate and increase the fee if needed.

Fire Department has 4 members graduating from basic Fire School.

1 Fire truck is going to Waldo for training and in return 1 free pass for class

Fire Department did a spring clean out and they have 4 barrels of foam. Blaine will check with Clean Harbors to see how much it will cost to have it disposed.

Ladies Auxiliary is established and have plans for ATV poker run in August.

Penny Sampson stated that there is no need for the Fire Department to call her at 2am.

Horse Ring:

Does Kathy have insurance for the use of the Horse Ring? None was provided. Each participant must sign a waiver and Kathy signs a Town Release of Liability. Tony wants a copy of the waiver at the Town Office.

Sexton:

There are new stones in Pond Cemetery, there are not up to ordinance specks. There are too high. Who enforces the ordinance Penny will contact the family of stones that were too high to see about fixing them.

What about raised beds? Allowed or not?

The fence at Quaker Hill who does it belong to? Church removed a post and rail to go between the house and church. Does this belong to the town, should it be fixed?

How should Mike handle decorations?

Fiscal Year:

James Porter suggested the Town of Unity move our Fiscal year to July to June.

Other Business:

Bruce Flaherty represents the Spirit of America Award. Penny has a couple of people in mind. Nominations are due June 30th. The award is usually given to a person, group or project that is recognized for outstanding volunteerism.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.