

Selectmen's Meeting September 20, 2022

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Tim Parker, Dan McCormick, Blaine Parsons, Peggy Turner, Chels Parker, Pat Haley, Tyler Curtis, Tony Avila, Ben Hymes, David Smith

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Penny opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

Public Feedback:

Two complaints were submitted. One for a wash out in a driveway and the other is about tractor trucks parking in front of Dunkin on Main St.. Tim will look into the driveway. DOT was contacted regarding the parking in front of Dunkin. It is not currently enforceable, and would need to update Unity's Traffic Ordinance for it to be enforceable with law enforcement.

David Smith wanted to know why Unity Fire Department bills are coming to the town office and why the Fire Chief is not reviewing them first. Moving forward copies of bills will go in the Fire Chiefs box and will not get paid until Blaine has reviewed and initialed them.

Dave also wanted to know what the \$1,400 bill for mowing was. It was 40 hours of work at \$35 man hours, mowing, weed whacking and clearing around two fire ponds. This work was approved by Dan and Penny.

Minutes: Penny made a motion to approve the minutes with changes from 09/06/2022. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Administrative Assistant/Treasurer:

- Warrants were reviewed and signed
- Friends of Lake Winnecook would like to use the Fire Station for a public meeting. Penny made a motion for the continuance of not allowing outside private organizations to use public buildings. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Found a contractor willing to work on the leaking pipe on Depot St. Penny made a motion to hire Ranger Construction to work on the leak. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Young Lane: Penny will be meeting with the Burnham Municipal Officers on October 3, 2022. Unity owns property on the end of Young Lane. The residents have asked about

trash pickup. Sullivan's said they would pick the trash up when they are out there on Friday.

- Penny made a motion to table discussion on the Code of Ethics. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Business:

- Penny is on the County Budget Committee, budget will have a 5.72% increase.
- There was an update on the GA maximums. Penny made a motion to accept the new GA maximums. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Municipal Officers met with Marryanne Gottman for the EMA position. Penny made a motion to appoint Maryanne Gottman as Unity's EMA director. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny made a motion to have all committee and department appointments made in April. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The Dock Guys sent a quote over for a second set of wheels for the new swimming dock, this will allow ease of getting the dock in and out of the water. Penny made a motion to purchase the second set of wheels and add it to the 9/20/22 warrant. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Municipal Officers will need to find someone else to cut trees in Farwell cemetery. There is 1 tree that is on private property. Permission from the landowner was given to cut the tree, Matt is going to volunteer his time to cut the tree.
- A cemetery meeting will be scheduled in the beginning of October.
- Municipal Officers asked Blaine if the person who bought the tanker is still interested in the Ladder Truck. Blaine will reach out to him. He offered \$2,000. Dan made a motion to accept \$2,000 for the ladder truck. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Municipal Officers had an offer to sell one of the old picnic tables. It was offered to a few non-profits in town and no one wants them. It was agreed to give one of the picnic tables with the understanding that he is to fix the second one. Dan made a motion for Tony to take one table and fix the second table. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- There are a few town ordinances that need to be updated. 911 addressing, Traffic Control and Municipal Fire Department Ordinance to change appointments from January to April. As well as updating the Cemetery Ordinance to restrict benches from being placed on a plot (this creates more work for the mowers).
- Gary from Hopkins met with Penny to give a quote for Quaker Hill Paving. The quote came in at \$222,000. This project would go out to bid. Hopkins should be coming to unity to do the Town Office and Fire House front parking lot and Lane within two weeks.

Other Business:

- Municipal Officers sign the Town Office Plowing contract

- Dan and Penny have not heard back from Tel-Power to dig the holes for the pedestrian signs.
- Penny read a few legal notes from the Maine Townsman aloud. Listen to the audio for full reading.
- Town is waiting for pedestrian signs so they can be put up in front of the Ecology Learning Center. A suggestion was made that maybe a Parent or Teacher go out when students are crossing the street.

Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.