

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

September 29, 2020

Meeting opened at 6:30p.m

People present were:

Selectmen: Tony Avila, Penny Picard Sampson, Dan McCormick

Employee: Kari Hunt,

Guest: Lori Grant, Denise Whitney, Peggy Turner, Matt Picard, Lynn Warman, Blaine Parsons, Melissa Sanborn, Pat Haley, Fran Gonzolles, Ted Swanson, Kristin Mozes, Kalie Davidson, Jean Asadoorian, Heather Abruzzese, Katlyn Davidson, Maeve Arthars, Elizabeth Dyer, Gail Chase, Tim Parker, Tara Berry, Michael Berry

Public Feedback: Floor opened to public feedback. Each person was given two minutes to speak. A situation occurred September 26, 2020 at the Town Office. The Waldo County Sheriff was called.

Penny made a motions pursuant 1MSRA 405 6 c to move into executive session to discuss a real estate contract. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Penny made a motion to end the executive session. Dan seconded the motion, motion carried. The Selectmen decided not to proceed with the purchase of the Marina property due to the difficulty of no town meeting and not to have special town meeting.

Return to Public Feedback:

Landowner reads letter opposing the new proposed Dunkin Donuts location. Copy of the letter is attached to minutes.

Resident asked if a person wanting to sell fresh seafood was required to have a license in Unity. Selectmen stated no license was required by the town.

Selectmen can't change the planning board decision and aggrieved parties much submit an appeal application.

Tim Parker thanked the Town of Unity for giving him the opportunity to mow the town cemeteries. He hopes that everyone is happy with his work.

Penny made a motion to move into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6) (a) to discuss personnel matter. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Penny made a motion to end the executive session. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. There were no decisions made, this was for informational purposes only.

Minutes: Minutes from September 15, 2020 were reviewed and approved by the Selectmen.

Treasurer:

- Warrants were reviewed and signed by Selectmen.
- LRAP/URIP was completed and returned, the town should receive \$35,324 in December.
- Wellsfargo, at the last meeting Selectmen approved to give a credit to a Wellsfargo client that didn't receive a credit in 2019. Wellsfargo policy is all their clients be treated in the same way. There are approximately 9 other clients Wellsfargo is asking to received a credit. The credit will be applied towards the 2021 taxes if the 2020 taxes are already paid.
- The cleaners ask if we want the floors waxed. There hasn't been much traffic and was just done in May. Will wait until a later date.
- Mary Ellen Hall gave her notice. A former deputy clerk came forward expressing interest in the job.

Old Business:

- RRFB update. Wellman's should be in the town around the 1st week of October to work on the signs and crosswalk in front of Unity House of Pizza. Wellman's also agreed to place the 20' poles in at no extra cost. Will there be better lighting? The largest lighting has already been installed.

New Business:

- Blaine handed the Selectmen a letter of understanding regarding the \$4,000 the Unity Fire Association company agreed to help. Selectmen asked to table until Monday where they can review it.
- Tanker 3 should be arriving back the the Fire Station 10/02. Reliance will be testing driving it before it is brought back.
- Rescue 5 air leaks were fixed and new batteries are needed. Blaine is going to see if the batteries out the old ladder truck will work in the Rescue 5.
- Depot is doing away with charge accounts due to new ownership. Blaine will talk with Val how to proceed forward.
- Blaine has taken on 4 new recruits, 2 finishing basic fire school and 3 will be going in Spring.
- Penny made a motion to give the Unity Volunteer Fire Department Association the same donation as the Woodmen team received last year for bringing the docs in at Kanokolus. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny designed a marketing ad and would like to place it in a newspaper. Tony feels that the size and color the ad should go before the EDC. Penny said that she wants to have a suggestion from the EDC for the next Selectmen's meeting. The EDC will be meeting October 5, 2020 at 6:30pm. Kari will send a copy of the ad and agenda to the EDC members. Penny made a motion to send the ad to the EDC to discuss and report at the next Selectmen's meeting. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny made a motion to appoint Valarie Derosier and Joseph Nason as Appeal Board members. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny made a motion to appoint Kayla & Alic Albright and Sharon Picard as members for the Recreation Committee. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Tony took pictures of the Hunter Road where the complaint was made. Dan will make arrangements to get cold patch. Major repairs will have to wait until next spring.
- Road side mowing will be done this week.
- Resident asked if there were any permanent plans for future brush cutting. It would have to wait until a town meeting to raise additional funds, town is working off 2019 budget due to no town meeting this year.
- What can be done to the Rich Rd this year? Look to see what funds are available.

Other Business:

- Maine Gravesite Maintenance has completed cemetery cleaning and repairs this year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.