

## Selectmen's Meeting November 1, 2022

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Tim Parker, Tony Avila, Pat Haley, Blaine Parsons, Robyn Stanicki, Aimee Dorval & Peggy Turner

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Penny opened the meeting at 6:30pm.

### **Public Feedback:**

Robyn Staniki discussed a grant project the Town of Unity could apply for. It would be a bunch of work, and she would need a contact person. She gave a packet to the Board to review.

Aimee wanted to know what the culvert policy was and if it would affect the request she made about her culvert. Will discuss the policy further down the agenda.

Aimee has concern about a dog she hears barking all the time. She has made numerous complaints to the ACO and nothing has come from it. She states that Racheal has given no feedback or resolution to the problem. The dogs' whereabouts is unknown and the barking usually happens at night, in cold and nasty weather conditions. Tony added that Rachael has not responded to him in a timely manner.

Board stated that complaint forms are available online or in the office. If there is a complaint, or concern, the complaint form needs to be completed and dropped off or mailed to the town office. These are handed to the Board during the Selectmen's meeting for review and discussion.

Board received a complaint about the dirt section of the Waning Rd. 3 sections are washing down the travel lane and potholes. Need to go slow. It does need a quick easy repair before winter. Road will need to stop and only get done if it is an emergency. There have been many unexpected expenses this year. Board will contact Dennis and Cindy to take a look at it.

**Minutes:** Penny made a motion to approve the minutes with changes from 10/04/2022. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **Administrative Assistant/Treasurer:**

- Warrants were reviewed and signed
- Dan made a motion to approve the tax discount on a supplemental tax bill where the fault was on the town. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- There was someone that needed 20 hours of community service. Board requested more information.
- The cleaner for the town office will be out starting November 30th.

### **Old Business:**

- The town currently doesn't charge for resident notary service and out of town is a \$1 per signature. Kari's proposal is \$3 for everyone. Suggested the funds go into an account to pay for future renewals and stamps. Dan made a motion to charge residents \$1.00 per signature and Non-Residents \$5.00. Funds will go into the general account as usual. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Penny reads the state culvert law aloud and the new culvert policy. The policy is getting put in place so we have something in black and white moving forward. The first culvert placed will be the responsibility of the landowner and must meet town specifications. Maintenance and repairs will be the town's responsibility. Full version of the culvert policy is available at the town office. Dan made a motion to adopt the culvert policy. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- New cemetery update Mike Falla is about done with the survey. Leon Huard has a 24' strip that runs through the field and he is not interested in giving the land to the town. Moving forward it will be two separate deeds. Moving forward need to have the town attorney draw up and agreement and deed. Cemetery name will be Fordyce Field Cemetery.
- Young Ln. Burnham is not interested in taking the property over at the end of Young Ln.
- Ladder Truck: The person interested in the ladder truck is no longer interested. Selectmen will call the people that originally placed a bid.

### **New Business:**

- ELC: The RFP will be going up in front of the Ecology Learning Center. Penny met with DOT Engineer More road work would have to be done before we would be able to put up the RFP at the original location in front of UHOP. The Ecology Learning Center bought a heavy duty pedestrian sign. Once the RFP is installed, the town would like to purchase the pedestrian sign for the town office. Penny made a motion to put the RFP at the ELC. Tim seconded the motion. MOTION carried.
- Penny suggested the town purchase 2 pedestrian signs using traffic control funds from TIF. Select board will table discussion. Tim made a motion to purchase one pedestrian sign. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Unitel, Inc is working on a grant for broadband funding.. Penny wrote a letter of support.
- Penny made a motion to have Steven Nelson clean out the culvert on the Hunter Road. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Does the town want to have fireproof safes? This will require lots of manpower as they are heavy. There is no need for them.

- Safety Grant: the item Blaine applied for does not qualify for the safety grant. Penny asked Blaine to call her and they can work together on the grants. In addition the Town Office can apply for the safety grants.
- A donation was received in the amount of \$100 to the fire department. The funds will go into the Fire Department Donation account. Penny made a motion to put the \$100 in the Fire Donation account. Tim seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Select Board signed a quitclaim deed for 93 Bither Book Lane.
- Penny made a motion to move into executive session 1 MRSA 405 6 D. for Labor contracts and negotiations. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Penny made a motion exit executive session 1 MRSA 405 6 D. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tim recused himself. Dan made a motion to extend the cemetery mowing contract for 2 years. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried by 2 votes. Tim recused. Penny appreciates the hard work Tim did mowing and has received no complaints mowing.

**Other Business:**

- Blaine stated the AEDs are in and going in the trucks.
- Ladder truck is fixed. Cables needed to be readjusted.

Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.