

## **Selectmen's Meeting February 01, 2022**

Attendance: Kari Hunt, Penny Sampson, Tony Avila, Gabe Gauvin, Dan McCormick, Chrissy Hunter, Christian Hunter, Blaine Parsons, Pat Haley, Peggy Turner

This meeting was audio taped, please visit [www.unityme.org](http://www.unityme.org) for full discussion.

Penny opens the meeting at 6:30pm.

### **Public Feedback**

Gabe Gauvin with KVCOG discussed the opportunity to apply for a grant and seek support for Unity. If the grant is received it could provide funding for climate change, clean energy, and PFAs outreach. There is no cost to the town. Dan made a motion to send a letter of support to KVCOG. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Christian was curious if the attorney reviewed the petition. Kari read Kristin Collins' opinion. Penny had no problem saying she supported the constitution. Christian was hoping it could go before town meeting and the town could sign a proclamation.

Penny made a motion to approve the minutes from 01/18/2022 with correction. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Penny made a motion to approve the minutes from 01/31/2022. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

- Warrants were reviewed and signed by the Select Board.
- Select Board reviewed the bank statement
- Budget meeting is February 10, 2022 at 6:30pm at the Snowdusters Club.
- Special Planning Board meeting February 9, 2022 at 7pm at the Unity Town Office.

### **Old Business**

- Foreclosure update: No payment or contact has been made.

### **New Business**

- Maine Real Estate Management has requested a refund on an overpaid tax bill. Dan made a motion to pay MREM the 119.16 that was overpaid. Tony seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Aggressive Cuts submitted a letter terminating their contract due to lack of staff and health. Penny made a motion to put roadside mowing out to bid. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Penny would like to look into digitalization. Kari and Penny will look into getting quotes/prices. Maybe started with the newest and go the oldest. This will save physical space within the office.
- Charlie would like the Select Board to initial the Permit for the Community Market. The Select Board believes the CEO's approval is enough and does not need initials. Pat Haley expressed concern about not following NFPA 101.
- Penny read aloud the definition of Conflict of Interest and the law regarding notarizing.
- Blaine stated the Fire Association nominated him as Fire Chief. Dan made a motion to appoint Blaine Parsons as Fire Chief. Penny seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Select Board explains to Blaine Staples card will no longer be reimbursed by the town and can only use the Town issued credit card.
- The Select Board would like to see the petition floating around for a ladder truck. Blaine said that was the work of the Association, but he had a copy.
- Penny made a motion to move into executive session 1 MRSA 405 6 for personnel. Blaine asked to have his discussion in the public meeting. Paying Firefighters is for fire calls only, not for paperwork. It is his job to do the paperwork. Firefighting compensation is for Fire and Rescue only and that is how the Select Board understand it. The stipend for assistant administration was eliminated 2 years ago and the Select Board has discussed reviewing incident reports to verify hours. Blaine agreed to fix it. Everything has been paid for for previous years. Penny made a motion to end executive session. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Pat would like to see the volunteers to be paid for training. Select Board expressed their concern. Firefighters are ultimately volunteers. Blaine expressed how participation was low, and looking for ways to increase it.

Penny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried.