

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
July 2, 2012

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. Clem, Chris and Ron were present at the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Minutes from the June 28, 2012 Special Town Meeting were reviewed. A correction needs to be made on Article 5. The Article was amended to read "To see if the Town will vote to allow up to 3 Selectmen to serve on the Town Office Committee. Sue will correct the minutes and resubmit them for the Selectmen to accept.

Warrant #12 for \$33,503.92 was reviewed and signed by Selectmen.
Account balances were reviewed.

Dave Schofield was at the meeting to further discuss the septic issues on Mussey Road. There currently is a family with small children living in the mobile home. Septic waste is running into the ditch. Dave has met with the homeowner several times with no luck. He would like the Selectmen's permission to draft a letter to the homeowner and have the letter reviewed by the Town's attorney. Selectmen voted to allow Dave to seek the Town's attorney's advice on the letter.

There are ways for the Town to recover the cost of the replacement septic system if it is replaced at our expense. A lien can be placed to recover the expenses or a payment plan can be in place for the owners.

Dennis Jones asked for permission to ditch & repair the shoulders on portions of:
Ward Hill Road, Waning Road, Town Farm Road and Clark Road.

He is also continuing to patch roads. He will place some gravel at the end of Firehouse Lane until more extensive repairs are done. Selectmen gave him permission to proceed with maintenance work on the roads.

Selectmen voted to award the Winter Roads Maintenance Contract to Farley & Son. The Selectmen would like to meet with someone from Farley & Son at their next meeting to discuss details of the contract.

All the bidders will be notified as soon as possible of the awarding of the contract.

Dennis Turner reported that he hasn't heard from the racetrack about providing fire protection during their fireworks display. It is illegal to have a large fireworks display without providing fire protection.

He also told Selectmen that the firemen will be trimming brush along camp roads in the coming weeks. They need to be sure that a fire truck can get down the roads in the event of an emergency.

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Max McCormack was at the meeting to request that Selectmen place him on the Town Office Committee. He said that it is time to get down to business and get the job done. He feels that he will be able to help move the process along. He feels that the committee needs an objective facilitator that leads the meeting, offers no opinions and doesn't vote. Selectmen unanimously voted to appoint Max to the Town Office Committee. Selectmen also are considering placing Bob Curry on the T.O. Committee if there is another vacancy.

There have been some changes in the grant money that UBR & MFT were to receive for renovations to buildings in town. This might change the possibility of the Town Office being built adjacent to MFT buildings and the Community Center.

Max feels that taxpayers in Unity think we have higher tax amounts than neighboring towns. A comparison of towns in Waldo County would be beneficial.

An article will be placed on the next Special Town Meeting Warrant to sell the old, old Town Office on Main Street.

Arlene Schaefer submitted her resignation to the Recycling Committee. Selectmen did not act on the resignation because Arlene has reconsidered and will remain on the committee for a while longer.

Chris discussed road issues. It was decided that Plymouth Engineering will need to be contacted for the bid specs on Town Farm Road and consultation on other roads. The possibility of forming a Road Committee was discussed. Also, Chris feels it would be beneficial to meet with Jim Kenney & Dennis Jones for their recommendations on road work to be done this season.

Selectmen signed the URIP Certification for 2012-2013.

Selectmen nominated 2 candidates for the MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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