

**Minutes**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**July 16, 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.

Warrant #13 for \$48,754.19 was reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Account balances were reviewed.

Town Office Committee update: August 2<sup>nd</sup> has been set as the first 30-day informational meeting for the committee. Selectmen feel that the committee needs to make a firm recommendation on the location for the new office at that meeting. With the location decided, a design and firm price can be worked on for subsequent meetings. Chris wondered whether the Selectmen should approach Heather Perry to see if the Town could "rent" space from the school for a period of 5 years, thereby giving time to put money away to help with the construction of an office.

Chris will meet with the Assessor's Agent tomorrow to see what his feeling is about the 2012 mil rate. Unity's portion of the school budget is up considerably which will more than likely raise the mil rate.

Road update: Dennis Jones was at the meeting to discuss what road work he is doing at this time. He has ditched the Clark Road, and will go on to Libby Hill Road and Waning as soon as possible. Some ditching still needs to be done on the corner of Fisher Road and Ward Hill Road. He has finished patching all the roads at this time.

Chris reported that work needs to be done on Farwell Corner to provide better visibility when coming off the Mussey Road and Hunter Road before paving that section of road.

The tentative schedule for the Town Farm Road project is as follows:

- 2012 – Pave from Hunter Farm to past the Farwell Corner Intersection (approximately 1 mile)
- 2013 – Surface coat from Mussey Road intersection (Elwell's end) to the end of the 2012 paving section
- 2014 – Pave from end of 2012 section to Thorndike Town Line (approximately 1 mile)
- 2015 – Surface coat 2014 paved section.

Tom Farley of Farley & Sons attended the meeting to discuss the Winter Roads Maintenance Contract that they were awarded at the last Selectmen's meeting. Tom assured the Selectmen that they have the equipment to handle the contract and prefer to hire local people to plow. They have a 24-hour dispatcher so they can be reached in an emergency. The Selectmen were very impressed with their professionalism.

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Tom did ask that the town adopt a "Mailbox Policy" similar to other towns that they plow so there are no questions if a mailbox should get hit by the plow.

Dennis Turner informed the Selectmen that during the fireworks display at Unity Raceway, Pittsfield Fire Department provided fire protection. This was upsetting to the men of the fire department. Dennis plans on sending a letter to Pittsfield to discuss the issue.

Dennis also reported that the fire truck should be ready for delivery in October. This is considerably earlier than originally planned.

Selectmen accepted Arlene Schaefer's resignation from the Unity Area Regional Recycling Center's board and appointed Anne Sheble to replace Arlene. Sue will inform all parties of the Selectmen's action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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