Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
August 6, 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 #14 (Payroll only) for $1967.85 was reviewed and signed by Selectmen.

Account balances were reviewed. Checkbook balance is still low but tax bills should be mailed by the end of August.

Public Feedback:
Richard Morrison was at the meeting to discuss the condition of the Stagecoach Road near his driveway. There is ledge in the road that could cause an accident and over the years, the road has "moved" nearer to his property line. He feels that there is a great liability to the town because of the ledge and would like to see it removed and have the road straightened out. Earlier this summer Clem and Randy Reynolds met with Richard at the site to discuss the town's right-of-way and whether the road had actually "moved" over the years. Clem informed Richard that this was just informational research and he has no authority to make decisions on road issues alone. It needs to be a board decision. Richard would like to not have any more trees cut along his property line and requested that Dennis Jones not be the contractor that works on that section of road due to past problems between the tow men. The Selectmen assured Richard that the work will be done this summer and that it requires more research both at the Waldo County Commissioners office, with Plymouth Engineering and MDOT. It hasn't been determined whether the ledge will need to be blasted or jack-hammered. Also, a CMP pole may need to be moved to straighten the road as needed.

Town Office Committee Update:
The first of the 30 day informational meetings was held on August 2. The committee, at this point, recommends that the new office be located near the Community Center on Maine Farmland Trust land (which would be turned over to the Town) or on land to be purchased on Firehouse Lane. There was a "straw vote" on the 2 locations and the Maine Farmland Trust site was the winner.
Since the meeting, the former Barb's Place restaurant has closed and that location was discussed by the Selectmen. Dana Edward's owns the building and might be willing to lease the space to the Town or possibly sell it. The Selectmen will discuss this with the Committee and the next regularly scheduled meeting.
The possibility of selling the old historic town office, using those funds to purchase the lot on Firehouse Lane for future use (by the fire department or town office) and leasing or purchasing Barb's Place will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting.

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Road Work Update:

Stagecoach Road was discussed above.

Town Farm Road/Mussey Road intersection was discussed. Plymouth Engineering has submitted an Initial Findings and Recommendations report on the intersection problems of sight distance and drainage. One of the first actions that need to be taken is to obtain right-of-way data and location for both of the roads. The Selectmen will contact Randy Reynolds to meet with Scott Braley of Plymouth Engineering at the site. The lack of visibility at the intersection is a great liability to the town. The area needs to be mowed before anymore site work is undertaken.

In summary: The Selectmen voted to fix the Stagecoach Road near Richard Morrison's residence, fix the intersection at Town Farm Road and Mussey Road and then decide whether to continue the Town Farm Road paving project with the remaining balance in the Summer Roads Budget.

Clem agreed to replace Jim Kenney as Unity's representative on the Waldo County Budget Committee. There is 1 year remaining in Jim's term.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the Personal Property Abatement recommended by the Assessor's Agent.

Selectmen will review the Mailbox Policy for Winter Roads and will have any changes they would like to see ready for the next meeting.

Selectmen signed a Pole Location Permit for installation of a new pole by CMP on the Town Farm Road.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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