

Minutes

November 19, 2012

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Warrant #23 for \$46,788.32 was reviewed and signed.

Old Business:

Nothing has happened on the new town office since the last meeting. There have been no more meetings with the district. The District has advertised for bids on the surveying project. Randy Reynolds is under the impression that the survey is going to locate the 4 corners of the lot and not the buildings. The Selectmen will discuss this with Heather Perry. Locating the buildings on the lot would be an added expense to the Town.

Kanokolus Road gravel is done, still needs ditching & grading. Grader will be in town this week to finish all the fall grading. The power lines on Stagecoach & Town Farm/Mussey have been moved. Work should commence on those roads soon.

New Business:

Ellery Bane, Assessor's Agent for Unity was at the meeting to discuss land trust easements and other programs available such as Tree Growth, Farm & Open space. The focus of his discussion was the effect that these programs & easements have on the tax base. How an easement is worded determines its effect on the town's tax base.

Municipalities receive reimbursement from the State for Tree Growth but there is no reimbursement for Farmland.

It was a very informative presentation.

Selectmen voted the Municipal Review Committee ballot.

A committee to review the Land Use Ordinance was discussed. KVCOG has offered to review the ordinance and to meet with the committee to implement the changes. The goal of the committee will be to make the ordinance more user-friendly. Selectmen will discuss what the expectations are going to be for the committee, what their goals should be.

Unity has no subdivision ordinance which should be addressed during the review.

Term-limits on the planning board were also discussed.

Other Business:

Clem said that he has heard from several people that the Family Dollar store's sign should be on, but the Land Use Ordinance prohibits signs from being internally lit. Charlie Porter said that they could have floodlights shining on the sign, but they chose not to.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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