

Minutes

May 6, 2013

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

Selectmen opened the bids for the 3-year contract for Cemetery Maintenance:

Bids were as follows:

- CLC Lawncare - \$6,000 for the 2013 season, \$6,000 for the 2014 season, \$6,200 for the 2015 season.
- S and T landscaping - \$5980 for each season
- Radar's Lawn Service - \$8800 for each season
- Berry Family LLC - \$9500 for each season

Members of the Cemetery Committee, the Sexton and Selectmen discussed the bids at some length. Berry Family LLC was awarded the contract.

Public Feedback: None

Minutes from previous meeting were reviewed and accepted by Selectmen. Jean Bourg asked to have the account balances made part of the minutes for posting on unitymaine.org.

Account balances are fine since it's early in the fiscal year, but the checkbook balance is low, as is normal for this time of the year. Until tax bills are mailed out in August, any big projects will have to be delayed.

Warrant #8 for \$127,652.59 was reviewed and signed.

Old Business:

The transfer has taken place between RSU #3 and the Town for the old high school and the lot. The deed has not been received back from the Registry of Deeds yet, but should be coming soon. Selectmen voted to engage the services of Boyd Snowden of Snowden Consulting Engineering for the demolition of the old building and design and construction of a new town office. Eaton Peabody, the town's bond counsel, has contacted several banks for interest rates and closing costs for borrowing up to \$250,000. The bids are due back by May 15th. Loan documents will be signed at the May 20th Selectmen's meeting.

Comprehensive Plan Committee:

Selectmen appointed the Comprehensive Plan Committee from a list of interested residents:

Primary Committee members:

Najeen Shedyak	Jim Kenney	Jo Kenney	Charlie Porter
Michael Murch	Donald Newell	Emily Newell	Chia Murdock
Sydney Taber	Jean Bourg	Tony Avila	Mark Nickerson
Jim Perry	Lori Roming	John Piotti	Sherry Wilson
Bob Downie	Doug Fox	Nancy Zane	Michelle Leavitt
Jessie Dowling	Sara Trunzo	Tess Cleary	Randy Reynolds
John McIntire	Barry McCormick		

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Second Circle:

Andy Reed David Smith Bob VanDeventer Ken Murch Jr.

Possible Alternates:

Larry Curtis Robin Coffin E. Hochstetler Marty Maines

Others may be added as necessary.

The Comp Plan committee will be meeting on Thursdays at the SLT building on Main Street. Members of the committee recently met with 4 firms that would like to bid on the Comprehensive Plan update. MacGregor Stocco, a senior planner with the State of Maine also met with the committee to discuss the update. The Committee will make a recommendation to Selectmen of their choice to update the Plan.

Land Use Ordinance Committee: The Land Use Committee is continuing to meet weekly at the Masonic Lodge on Wednesday evenings. They will be working side-by-side with the Comprehensive Plan Committee to reach the end result. LU Committee members are invited to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee if they choose to, although it will be a huge commitment to be on both.

Road work Discussing: The Farwell Bridge has several boards on it's decking that need to be replaced. It is a safety issue. Selectmen voted to temporarily close the bridge until the needed repairs are done.

Penny Picard-Sampson, Mark Nickerson, Chris Rossignol and Phil Curtis of Maine Local Roads Center did a survey of all the town roads recently. A Road Surface Maintenance System program will be downloaded from DOT for inputting all the information they gathered during the survey. This will help determine which roads need work the most, what should be done, and at some point, the approximate cost to do the repairs. It will be a valuable tool for the Selectmen.

Chris met with Richard Morrison on Stagecoach Road about the damage done to his trees by past plowing not just last winter. Chris conveyed to Mr. Morrison that due to the ledge across from his driveway, the road is narrow for a plow truck and makes it hard to avoid the tree damage. Chris also discussed the road with Rick. He was concerned that the town was taking more and more of his property with the road getting wider. Chris explained that there was little documentation on the road but that it was believed that the road is a 4 rod road, which Rick agreed with. It is believed that the stone wall was the start of the easement and that it would be 66 feet from the wall which would place the damaged tree in the right of way and that the tree may need to be removed for safety purposes. The road may not be in the exact center of the right of way but it is the understanding that the road may vary as long as it remains in the right of way. Side note that the road was scheduled for widening last year but do to weather was postponed for this year and this should address some of the problem that is accruing in front of Mr. Morrison's.

More engineering will need to be done on Town Farm Road before any major projects are undertaken there.

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The 2013 paving projects will be put out for bid later this summer.

Selectmen signed a letter informing Farley & Son that their Winter Roads Maintenance Contract has been terminated. The residents at Town Meeting were very clear that they were not pleased with the performance of Farley & Son this past winter.

New Business:

Comprehensive Plan Committee appointments (see above)

Selectmen accepted Robert Esposito's resignation as a member of the Planning Board.

Appointment of a replacement will be tabled until the May 20th meeting.

Selectmen signed a letter giving Barry McCormick permission to sponsor a street dance at his business on Depot Street on May 18, 2013.

Other Business:

Charlie Porter requested permission to send letters to the owners of 4 properties telling them that they were in violation of the junkyard or nuisance law and need to clean-up their property. Selectmen gave him their blessing.

Chris was concerned that work done on Kanokolus Road recently was more extensive than expected. It was agreed that in the future, a "Work Order" will be issued to anyone doing work for the town so that all parties know what is expected.

Lynn Warman, chair of the Cemetery Committee is concerned that several veteran's stones have been damaged or are deteriorating in the town's cemeteries. She will check to see if there are any programs that will help with restoring or replacing the stones.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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