

Minutes

February 3, 2014

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

Several Unity College students were at the meeting to observe.

Brian Jones, our representative to the Legislature, was at the meeting to update the Selectmen on a few LD's that will directly affect municipalities. LR2721, *An Act Related to the Report of the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force Pursuant to PL, 2013, c.368, Part S.*, which takes funds (Revenue Sharing) from municipalities to help balance the State budget. Brian urged the Selectmen to contact Mike Thibodeau, our Senator, to oppose the reduction in Municipal Revenue Sharing. It will directly affect property taxes.

LD1177, *An Act to Implement the Recommendations from the Discontinued and Abandoned Roads Stakeholder Group*. This is another unfunded State mandate which will be passed along to the tax payers. Brian also urged the Selectmen to voice their opposition to this bill.

And LD1662, *An Act to Clarify the Law Governing the Maintenance of Veteran's Grave Sites*. This helps relieve municipalities of some of the mandates previously enacted. Only veteran's graves in public, or known cemeteries need to be maintained.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Account balances, the final for the fiscal year, were reviewed. Winter Roads was the only account that was overdrafted.

Old Business:

Town Office update: None

Land Use Ordinance committee update: A draft of the ordinance has been prepared by the committee.

Comp Plan Committee update: None

TIF update: Selectmen met with Jim Perry, Executive Director of the Unity Barn Raisers, Charles Schaefer, a member of the UBR board and Noreen Norton last week to explain the TIF process. A committee will be formed by the Selectmen to review all TIF applications.

New Business:

The updated letter to Unity College concerning a waiver of posted roads was accepted by the Selectmen. Dan LaForge requested that the construction & delivery vehicles be able to use the second entrance to the campus when students are present for safety reasons. Selectmen agreed with this change.

Selectmen reviewed and signed the Liquor License application for Unity House of Pizza.

Budget Meeting is next week. Selectmen will need to be prepared to explain their budget.

Other Business:

Ron suggested that the Metal Recycling Bin (Transfer Station), only be open April – October. There is very little use of the transfer station during the winter months. Selectmen will consider this idea. Also, having the UARRC take over operation of the metal bin was discussed. Clem will take this up with the UARRC board at their next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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