

## **Minutes**

### **March 3, 2014**

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

Public Feedback: Brian Jones was at the meeting to discuss food waste and food hubs with the Selectmen.

Brian also talked to the Selectmen about the Town of Freedom borrowing money to pave 7 miles of road. They borrowed \$900,000 for the project. Brian spoke about loan apr vs. cost of inflation of asphalt and whether it makes sense to borrow the money or wait to pave. Freedom's current mil rate is 17.9.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Town Office Update: At this point, the Selectmen are considering putting the town office project out to bid to 7 local builders and 3 modular builders.

Ways to raise additional funds (not through taxation) were discussed.

TIF update: A Unity Tax Increment Financing Advisory Committee has been formed. Members at this point are: Andy Reed, Robin Fowler Pratt, Jim Perry and Jean Bourg. The committee will have its first meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Noreen Norton will be the TIF consultant for the committee. Noreen's initial fee is \$10,000 to \$15,000 and will be paid from TIF funds if approved at Town Meeting.

TIF funds are to be used for economic development.

New Business:

Selectmen signed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Selectmen approved a \$534.69 abatement for Mark and Yvonne Reifschneider for their 2011 and 2012 taxes. The acreage was incorrect on their tax bills.

Selectmen agreed that the Town Office will be authorized to accept debit/credit card payments by phone.

Town Meeting preparations will be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.