

## **Minutes**

### **April 7, 2014**

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

Selectmen reviewed and approved the minutes from the 3/17/2014 meeting.

Account balances were available and reviewed. The checkbook balance is extremely low for this time of year. Selectmen are going to explore borrowing in anticipation of taxes (TAN) to be able to pay bills until taxes are committed.

Warrant # 5 for \$125,781.68 was reviewed and approved by Selectmen.

Clem attended the School Budget meeting for Selectmen. The proposed budget will increase Unity's portion by approximately \$25,000.

Public Feedback: Jason Reynolds, a local contractor, was at the meeting and hopes of convincing Selectman to reconsider adding his bid to the bids for Town Office construction. The Selectman stated the process, as well as its outcome will not be modified to include his bid. The Selectman denied his request on the grounds that due process was done in the proper manor for the bidding process for the Town Office construction. Jason accepted our decision. He asked to be considered if the project needs to be put out for bid again. For example, if none of the bids fit our budget or there are modifications needed.

Ervin Hochstetler was at the meeting to discuss the posting of Stagecoach Road. His son would like to purchase 97 acres on Stagecoach Road and relocate his mini barn business there. The only concern is receiving deliveries in the spring when the road is posted for heavy loads. The Selectmen informed him that since the road was in such poor shape, they have to post the road to prevent any further damage. Ervin will give the Selectmen an estimate of how many loads might be brought in when the road is posted.

#### Old Business:

Town Office Update: Boyd Snowden submitted an invoice for work beyond the scope of his original contract proposal. Selectmen will discuss whether to pay this invoice and asked Sue to hold it for the time being.

Bids for Town Office construction are due back on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

TIF Update: The UTAC Committee has begun meeting twice a month and is still searching for more members.

#### New Business:

Kim Sheff from Unity College was at the meeting to invite the Selectmen and their spouses to a dinner with Stephen Mulkey at Unity House. A date was set that is mutually agreeable to all parties.

Selectmen appointed Chris Rossignol as Chairman of the Board for this year. Penny and Clem will share General Assistance Administrator duties for the year. Training will be set up for Penny and Clem with a GA trainer from DHS.

Selectmen appointed necessary town officials for the year. The Emergency Management Director's position is vacant. Selectmen would like to meet with Dale Rowley about possibly sharing a EM Director with another county town.

Ron Rudolph has been manning the Transfer Station for many years and will need to be replaced. Clem has a person that might be interested in the job. It is the first Saturday of each month.

Selectmen discussed road work for this year. The plan was for a "spring clean-up" along town roads, cutting & chipping brush, cleaning out ditches, etc. Chris will get an estimate for the clean-up. Lack of available funds will more than likely cut back on work planned. Penny would like to borrow \$1,000,000 to finish Town Farm Road and put a base coat on Waning Road to Crowell Road. Selectmen will meet with Phil Curtis of Maine Local Roads Center to discuss the work planned.

Other Business: Penny has had a complaint about the "Welcome to Unity" signs. They were installed several years ago by the Rotary and are in need of sprucing up.

Penny questioned how much the Fire Department receives in donations each year. She will check with David Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.