

Minutes

May 5, 2014

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and a few minor changes were made.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Checkbook balance is still very low.

Selectmen reviewed and signed Warrant #7 for \$30,263.95.

Public Feedback: None

Town Office Update: Selectmen met with Bellerose Construction and have made some changes in the town office design in an effort to cut costs. The full foundation has been eliminated; cabinets for the kitchen won't be supplied by the contractor and the possibility of tying into the Leisure Homes water supply is being discussed. Bellerose hasn't come back with a new, lower bid price at this time.

Tony Avila is concerned that the Selectmen will need to ask for more money to build the office. It will all depend on what final figure the contractor supplies. There are some items that were not included in the bid specs that will need to be supplied by the town.

Proper lighting in the parking lot isn't included in the bid specs. We will need to be certain that the parking lot is well lit for safety reasons.

A contract has not been signed with Bellerose yet. Selectmen are not sure who drafts the contract. It will likely be reviewed by an attorney to make certain that everything is ok.

TIF/UTAC update: None

New Business:

Dale Rowley, Waldo County Emergency Management Director was at the meeting to discuss the duties of an Emergency Management Director for Unity. The position is currently vacant. Ronald Stevenson has held the position for a few years, but decided to no longer serve in that capacity. State law dictates that each municipality have a director. It is possible to share a director with another county town. The average yearly stipend for the position is \$800.00. Unity has budgeted \$125.00 for the position.

The role of the local EMA director is to be a point of contact between the town and the county should a disaster strike. The county director is the point of contact with the State.

Selectmen will attempt to fill the position in the near future.

Selectmen voted to appoint David Huff as the Deputy Animal Control Officer to fill in if Sue Dwyer is unavailable. There will be no compensation for the deputy position except mileage.

Selectmen voted to have Paula Maxim teach swimming lessons again this year at Kanokolus Beach.

Summer Road Work: Patching of the paved roads has begun. Gravel roads will need to be graded soon. Chris would like to see the gravel roads graded, compacted and have calcium spread in spring, mid-summer and just a grading in the fall. He will contact Works and Toby Farrington to see if they're interested in this.

The culverts on Wesley Road were discussed. They are a problem every spring. Selectmen will need to decide whether to remove the culverts, leave them as they are or do extensive ditching on the road.

The spring clean up of town roads will begin when the patching is done. Penny will get prices from area tree-trimmers for the clean-up project. Only the roads not scheduled for major brush cutting this year will be included in the clean-up project.

Tony Avila would like to see the Selectmen explore using concrete rather than pavement for the roads. Clem will check with Phil Curtis at Maine Local Roads Center to see if he has any thoughts on using concrete.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.