

Minutes

July 21, 2015

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

Public Feedback: None

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Account balances were reviewed and accepted. Tax bills have been mailed and tax revenue is starting to come in.

Old Business:

Roadwork 2015 was discussed. Smaller jobs have been started. More shoulder work needs to be done on Bryant, Waning and Crowell. Penny feels that the work should be progressing faster and perhaps another contractor could do the jobs sooner. She feels that town work is put on the bottom of the contractor's list.

Dave Smith is having the bad area of the firehouse parking lot excavated to find out what is causing the problems. It will be filled in with gravel but not paved this year since it wasn't in the fire department budget for the paving.

Selectmen need to work on the budget committee's requests from the recent hearing. The committee wants to know what their roles are in the possible financing of a major paving project, firm figures on the project, and they need a priority list of roads before they can help the Selectmen.

Todd Littlefield has made the cuts for the "aprons" on dirt roads and should be paving them in the next couple of weeks.

New Business:

The Comp Plan committee is reaching the drafting stage for the document. The draft will be out for review as soon as it's complete. It should be done in time for the March Annual Town Meeting. A hearing will be held prior to the meeting.

Tony Avila is concerned that the comp plan committee isn't listening to the concerns of the residents at the forums that have been held. He feels that the town needs to be happy with the comp plan before it goes to the state for approval. He also feels that the Selectmen need to step up and do something about the way the comp plan committee is operating; not listening to what the residents want and drafting the plan the way they want it.

Chris said that a draft is needed so that residents can make up their own minds.

Selectmen signed letters to the DOT requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 25 mph on the Fisher Road and the Berry Road.

Selectmen signed the DOT Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) Certification for 2015-2016. The Town will receive an additional \$360 this year in LRAP funds.

Emily will attend a Maine Local Roads Center workshop on the Road Management System Software that the town has purchased.

Selectmen signed the MMA ballot for Vice President and Executive Committee Members

Selectmen signed an Application for a Catering Permit for Rollie's Bar & Grill to cater an event at the college.

Other Business:

The generator is up and going at the firehouse. It was obtained through an EMA grant.

SRLT donated 20 hours to writing a grant for replacement culverts in town.

Selectmen discussed the "Welcome to Unity" signs again. A decision needs to be made and the signs need to be ordered.

Interviews are being conducted for the Administrative Assistant/Town Clerk position. Selectmen will pick the top 5 or 6 from the pool and the "hiring committee" will assist in the next round of interviews.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.