

Minutes

August 18, 2015

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

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

Sue reported that 46% of the 2015 taxes have been collected since the bills were sent out in July.

Old Business:

Gary Holmes, a resident of the Stevens Road, asked the Selectmen if any work would be done on the Stevens Road this summer. Selectmen outlined the road maintenance plans for the rest of this summer. It doesn't include any major work on the Stevens Road.

Emily reported that Unity was not selected for the DEP Stream Crossing Public Infrastructure Improvement Projects this year. We can resubmit the application to be considered at a later date.

Selectmen need to get an estimate ready for the Budget Committee on the 3.5 miles of road that needs to be rebuilt soon, along with a top coat on the remainder of the Town Farm Road. When this estimate is ready, they will meet with the Budget Committee.

New Business:

Selectmen discussed the salary for the new hire. She will receive \$15.00 per hour during training with no vacation time accrued.

Charlie Porter is out due to surgery and Dave Schofield is filling in for him as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. Selectmen voted to continue paying Charlie his regular salary and pay Dave ½ Charlie's salary while he's helping out.

Selectmen voted to continue paying Arlene Miles her regular salary (1 day per week) while Sue is training the new hire. Arlene won't work during the training but will come back as Deputy when Sue is officially "retired".

Selectmen signed the letter to MOFGA outlining their stand on MOFGA's request for partial tax-exempt status on 2 properties they own.

Selectmen signed the Municipal Proclamation naming Mary Leaming the 2015 Spirit of America recipient for Unity.

Selectmen reviewed the minutes from the recent Cemetery Committee meeting. Lynn Warman requested that the Selectmen measure for the amount of chain needed to close off roads into Pond Cemetery during the spring. Penny will take on this task.

Emily reported that she has received a quote from Bangor Neon for 4 “Welcome to Unity” signs. Selectmen voted to have Emily order the signs. The price for the 4 signs is \$600, or \$1325 installed. Selectmen agreed to have the signs installed by Bangor Neon. They will be paid by TIF funds.

Special Appropriation requests for the upcoming budget year were discussed. Selectmen will decide what additional information will be asked to be submitted with the requests. The Budget Committee will be consulted on this also.

Sue informed the Selectmen that Maine Municipal had contacted the town office and said that there would be no coverage for the Tort Claim against the town. They will send a certified letter outlining the exclusion and steps the town should take.

The Land Use Ordinance Committee is wrapping up their meetings. They are currently working on the subdivision portion of the ordinance.

Emily suggested that a projector would be helpful in the conference room. Selectmen will look into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.