

Minutes

September 1, 2015

Opening:

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

Residents present: Mike Murch

Public Feedback:

Mike would like to have an update regarding the "Tort Claim". Selectmen will meet with Mike in an Executive Session.

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer:

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

Old Business:

Discussion about the ongoing road work- The costs are higher than expected. The invoices have exceeded the amounts that were budgeted. Mike M. explained that it is very hard to predict the exact cost because of the different depths of ruts. It is not a simple equation.

Penny presented a price list from Davis Dirt Works that gives the prices on gravel products and equipment rental prices. She suggested that we keep these on file for future projects. She stated that we should get quotes from other business who may want to submit bids to do work for the Town. Chris stated the bidding was for that one particular year and not for all future work. Penny asked to see the exact wording on the vote for the "bidding" process for the Town. Chris further stated that the bidding process cost money, and the engineering process cost money. Penny stated that we need to run the Town like a business and that we need to adhere to the bidding process and know up front what we are paying for.

Chris stated that there were a couple of culverts on Clark, Crowell & Hunter that need to be flushed. Emily suggested that the selectmen use some of the work session to make the loop and get the survey done.

The work on Hunter is almost finished and then the work on Waning Rd on the ¼ mile part. The mower and grader will be coming later this month.

New Business:

Road Name Change- Penny spoke with Rachel Elwell about changing the name to Elwell Road. After speaking with her it was determined that the preferred name change is: Elwell Farm Road. The selectmen agreed unanimously to this change. Emily has the paperwork for the Maine Enhanced 911 & MDOT Road/MSAG Update Form and will file it.

HHW Disposal Event- There was discussion regarding paying for services at the Pittsfield Transfer Station when the same services are offered for free here in Unity. The selectmen

decided to participate with the provision that any disposal services that can be obtained in Unity would not go to Pittsfield. Since there is a pre-registration required at the Town Office that each registrant could be given some sort of “proof” that they are actually from Unity. This is needed because we will not be able to send a representative on that day because it coincides with the Unity day of Service. Emily suggested a cap of \$500 limit this year.

Breakdown or Bike Lane on Depot Street- Barry McCormick has suggested that the Selectmen consider paving over the dirt shoulders currently on Depot St to create a breakdown or bike lane. He is afraid that someone could get hit and injured with the road in its current condition. He said that he would be willing to help with communicating with MDOT if needed. Penny commented that the depot St needs extensive work and work also needed to be done around the railroad tracks as well. Chris said that perhaps removing the tracks would be an alternative solution. Emily said that she would make the appropriate calls to begin the communication on this.

Town Website- Jon Wadick sent an email stating that he would be able to begin the work on the website in late October. He had some technical questions regarding wire-framing and the navigation and reorganization of current information. Emily said that she would contact Jon about going forward with a .gov website project.

Mowing of Beach- Brian Eaton sent an email stating that the weed whacker was broken. The selectmen decided to not fix/replace that weed whacker. However, it was decided that Chris would contact Mike Berry about taking ALL of the mowing for Town owned property for FY2016 including the Town Office, the old town office and the beach.

Day of Service- Sue suggested that the Day of service would include cleaning out the old town office. She said that she would contact JC about getting the School’s property taken out. There is a lot of stuff and it will not all fit at the current Town Office. Many of the items can not be disposed of by law. Emily suggested using a sticker system and marking the items that would go to the current Town office and which items would be disposed. Penny said that it would be a good idea to purchase a shed to be used for Admin. storage. She asked that it be put on the Warrant for the FY2016 budget. Sue will call Sullivan’s and arrange to have a dumpster available during the Day of Service.

Other Business:

Penny said that there need to be a stop or a yield sign at the Waning & Crowell Intersection. Someone will let Brian know.

Emily said that she thinks there should be signs to let people know the correct side of the road to walk and ride bikes on. She would like signs put in coming in from the college, at both ends of Depot St, and both ends of Main St.

The Welcome to Unity signs have been ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29

Selectmen moved to Executive Session