

Minutes
Selectmen's Meeting
December 15, 2015

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. People present were:

Selectmen: Chris R., Penny S. & Emily N.

Employee: Samantha

Guests: Melissa Reed, Dan Pitman, Tony Avilla

Public Feedback:

Melissa Reed came on behalf of her husband, Scott Reed, to ask permission for him to park his tanker truck at his residence located at 391 School Street, when the truck is empty. Scott is an owner operator for Kaegil Transport and hauls wet chemicals. He has checked with his neighbor, Ralph Nason, who Melissa says doesn't have any problems with it. The selectmen will discuss this further at the Thursday work session.

Dan Pitman from Eaton Peabody is here to have some documents signed on behalf of Unity College. The closing for the project loan is scheduled for Friday, December 18, 2015.

Minutes:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer:

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

Warrant #23 was signed for \$123,327.59

Old Business:

Summer Roads: Chris toured Stevens Rd, Bailey Rd, Waning Rd, Bacon Rd and Stagecoach Rd after the heavy rain. Bailey Rd was bad on the Stevens Rd end. The road was soft and spongy. Bacon Rd had large ruts that were several inches deep. He said that Stagecoach Rd was the worst road as it also had spots of standing water. Heavy Load signs are being put up due to the wet weather. Emily asked if the pot holes could be filled in with some gravel because the cold patch won't work. Chris has an idea to check into having a hot box to fix the pot hole problem. Chris said that he would talk to some local contractors to see if they would be interested in or if they have any ideas about how to get a few towns to commit to using it instead of wasting more money on cold patch. Penny thought that trying some quik-crete would be a stop gap measure to help with the potholes. The selectmen will continue discussing this at the Thursday work session.

Winter Roads: Fortunately we aren't dealing with any snow right now. However, the selectmen feel that good preparations have been made in advance of the upcoming snow.

Lights: Penny will call CMP this Thursday during the work session to see about having the bulbs changed out to the brighter ones for pedestrian safety and the corner of School & Main St.

Town Sign: The new sign at the Town Office has been installed. It looks good. The selectmen are pleased with it.

Land Use Ordinance: The selectmen are still reviewing it.

Clem Blakney was sworn in as the new member on the recycling committee.
Dan McCormick was sworn in as the new member on Board of Appeals.

Planning Board: Chris would like to have packets put together for the potential nominees for the Planning Board. He thinks all new prospective members should know what the duties are. He suggested including the handbook that Charlie Porter carries, Comprehensive Plan, Land Use ordinance, State & Federal Constitutions in the packet. He suggested going ahead and sending them out to the 2 people who have expressed interest in serving on the Planning Board.

The Selectmen gave Samantha authority to sign an agreement with the Secretary of State's office to continue renting the voting tabulator machine.

Selectmen signed the contract for the .gov website. John Miller and Jean Bourg are interested in helping with the website.

New Business:

Ronald Stevenson from the Unity Fire Department came to express his interest in being appointed as the Fire Chief if and when David Smith ever decides to retire.

Other Business:

Penny wanted to know if now would be a good time to put up the cemetery chains. They have all been marked with fluorescent tape. All of the selectmen were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30