

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

February 2, 2016

Opening:

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

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

Employee: Samantha

Guests: Lynn Warman, Dave Schofield, Brian Gaudette, Tony Avila, Charles Schaeffer & 5 gentlemen from Unity College.

Public Feedback:

Tony A. brought concern from neighbors who live on Wesley Rd regarding a proposed park being put in by Seabasticook Land Trust at the end of the road. Tony asked if it was going to go before the Planning Board. Emily stated that the park doesn't trigger anything that would require it to go before the planning board (i.e.: no buildings or plumbing etc ;) Dave S. said that there could be some land use issues and suggested that Charlie (code enforcement) look into it and determine if it is wetlands or any other things that would constitute a land use problem. Tony stated that the Town already has Field of Dreams and Triplet Park so he questioned the need for an additional park. He also wanted to know if and when the residents on the road would be notified of any pending actions. Dave didn't think that there was a requirement to notify the residents.

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The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer:

Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

There was budget discussion. Penny spoke of some needs such as a projector and screen.

There was also discussion about continuing with this operating budget until Town Meeting.

New Business:

Lynn Warman presented the cemetery budget which showed an increase in mowing. However, she did get a good deal on some flags. The town is obligated by the State of Maine to provide upkeep for cemeteries. Sue Lombard is planning on going through the cemeteries and find stones that are missing the dates of death and proposing to be able to have it added to the stones. The budget proposal will be forwarded to the budget committee. Lynn also proposed a change to the ordinance. There will need to be a public hearing in order to change an ordinance. She also discussed the idea of "Adopt a Cemetery" and adding rubbish can to try to keep the trash from ending up on the ground.

Dave Schofield is the Plumbing Inspector. He gave an update on how the past year has gone. He has issued 28 permits and said there has been a lot of subsurface work done, mainly replacing old systems. There are 2 new homes being built. He says that he tries to get back with people who call him as quickly as he can since he doesn't have regular office hours and he has been doing a little bit of covering for Charlie while he has been out. One thing that Dave would like to see changed is the order of permits. Right now the building permit is issued prior to the plumbing

permit. He would like people to obtain the plumbing permit before the building permit for inspection purposes.

Brian Gaudette has been reviewing material given out by MRC. He gave the selectmen an update of the company Fiberight and PERC. He stated that PERC is using old technology and will cost more money in the long run when they begin the needed upgrades. He also believes that our recycling center will be affected. We are going to have to decide how to handle our waste in Unity. Emily said that she will talk to some other carriers to find out about actual cost differences.

Winter Roads- Brian took care of some tree work on the Waning Road.

The town's current plowing contractor said that he would like to extend his contract for an additional 2 years. Emily wanted to know if the financial terms would remain the same. The Selectmen would also like to extend the contract for an additional 2 years. They will send him a letter continuing on at the same rate.

New Business:

UHOP submitted an application for a liquor license. The Selectmen unanimously agreed to sign off on the application.

Economic Development Committee: The Selectmen appointed 11 people to the EDC:

Tony Avila	Clem Blakney	Gail Chase
Mike Gold	Maryann Hayes	Mary Leaming
Dan McCormick	Chia Murdock	Don Newell
Emily Newell	Lucia Picard	

The term of each appointment will be determined at the next meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 6:30 at the Town Office.

Other Business:

Emily has ordered the Welcome to Unity signs.

Penny has suggested that a Selectman try to attend other meeting for the Town especially if there is a possibility of it becoming contentious.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35