

# **Minutes**

## **Selectmen's Meeting**

**June 7, 2016**

### **Opening:**

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

Selectmen: Emily Newell, Penny Picard Sampson and Tony Avila.

Employee: Samantha Mank

Guests: Dan McCormick, John McKenney and Jean Bourg

### **Public Feedback:**

None

**Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

**Treasurer:** Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

### **New Business:**

- A Unity resident who is visually impaired asked the Selectmen if “Blind Pedestrian” signs could be posted on both sides of the crosswalk located by the Family Dollar. In addition, the Selectmen were asked to look into flashing beacon signs in the same location for additional safety. Emily said that she would contact DOT since it is a state road. She further said that she would check on posted speed limit signs for Depot Street as well.
- Bids for the sale of the old Town Office were opened on Thursday. There were 6 bids for the property.
  - Robin Coffin                 \$6,555.00
  - Todd Converse             \$7,653.00
  - Antonio Avila             \$10,050.88
  - Jason Reynolds           \$10,100.06
  - Jordan Tozier             \$10,500.00
  - Jim Bahoosh               \$11,111.00

The Selectmen awarded the winning bid to the highest bidder, Jim Bahoosh. Samantha will notify Mr. Bahoosh and return the deposits to the other bidders.

- The Selectmen signed the Auditor's representation letter.
- The Selectmen signed the letter for updating signers on the CNB accounts.
- The Selectmen signed the \$750,000.00 Obligation Bond from Eaton Peabody. The town has already received the first \$1,500,000.00 from the first loan for the road work project. These monies have been deposited into a separate interest bearing deposit account that will be used solely for the purpose of the 2016 road project garnering 4.4% interest.

**Old Business:**

- Roads: Emily rode with someone from Maine Local Roads, she discussed that there may be some ways to save some money by not needing to reclaim as much as originally thought. The pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. We are expecting all bids to be in by Thursday June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Selectmen hope that the work can actually begin during the first part of July.

**Other Business:**

- The Economic Development Committee met and would like to include a searchable business directory on the town website. Samantha has been working on getting all of the information uploaded and is hopeful to go live very soon. The Town address will be Unityme.org
- Emily brought up the idea of having “Road Ambassadors”. This would mean that people will be given a road to keep an eye on and help keep the Selectmen informed about issues that arise regarding the roads. (i.e.: washouts, potholes, problems with culverts, etc.;;) The Selectmen will figure out the details during their work session.
- Penny called Anthony Brilllard to let him know that Selectmen did not sign the grave digging contract.
- Penny spoke to Brian Gaudette and was wondering if the town has a landscaping budget. Penny asked if there should be flowers planted under the Welcome to Unity signs. Penny will contact Brian regarding what the expected work will be done.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:25**