

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

July 5, 2016

Opening:

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

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

Employee: Samantha Mank.

Guests: Clem Blakney, Sue Lombard, Dan McCormick, John McKinney and Arlene Schaefer

Public Feedback:

Sue L. stated the minutes haven't been put up on the website since May 3rd. She was wondering if there was a problem and when the Town's own website would be up and running. Samantha said that she would get in touch with Jean regarding the minutes and that the Town website is about halfway finished. It may be possible to "go live" with it even if some areas were still under construction.

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

Treasurer: Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

- Clem wanted to speak about Ron Rudolph. Ron will be leaving the Town of Unity in approx. 45 days or less. He would like the Town to honor Ron with a plaque for his 20+ years of service. Ron has served the Volunteer Food pantry, Recycling Center the Town as a Selectmen. He has received the Spirit of America award and had the Town report dedicated to him. Penny will contact Yankee Trophy in Benton to order the plaque. Clem will organize and coordinate a date with Ron's friends and colleagues to present the plaque to him.
- A Municipal Quit Claim Deed was written by Butler Whittier, LLC, for the 95 Main St. property that was sold to James Bahoosh. The Selectmen signed the deed. Samantha will notify CMP, UUD and Berry Family LLC that the Town no longer owns the property.
- The Selectmen signed the Local Roads Assistance Program (LRAP) application for work that was done in 2015 in order to receive some additional funds for roads.
- Kanokolus:
 - Penny and Tony have been going to the beach fairly often. There have been some issues. The garbage is a big problem. It is all over the place. "It is absolutely trashed". There are cigarette butts all over the place as well. Dog owners have not been picking up after their pets. Other towns: Benton, Burnham, Clinton and Troy all use the beach and the boat launch however, Unity pays the entire amount while the other towns contribute nothing. Swimming lessons are free to the children.

The lifeguard attendant, Kyle Pisano, only works about 20 hours per week and only on the weekends. At this point in time there is no coverage through the week. The question was raised if the Town should start charging a fee to use the beach. People are swimming at the boat launch. Arlene S. said that the Friends of Lake Winnecock have tried to reach out to Burnham and Troy to help with the costs. They were not received well at that time.

- Tony has a list of possible improvements:
 - The attendant's hours do not meet the need. There is a void for the fee collection.
 - We need to make it more family oriented.
 - There needs to be more trash cans.
 - There needs to be additional signage.
 - There should not be any swimming or fishing off of the boat dock.
 - There should not be any fishing off of the swimming dock.
 - There should be a separate area for dogs to swim in.
 - There should not be any smoking on the beach and no alcohol at the picnic table area.
 - There should be designated handicapped parking closer to the beach.
 - Right now most of the parking is filled with boat trailers, need to set aside a place for car parking.
 - We need to make it more appealing to families.
 - Picnic tables can be painted
 - Install the small metal bbq grills.
 - Possibly have a swing set.
 - Find out these improvements can be covered by TIF money.
 - Use Community Service as help.
 - Try to get the college students involved.
 - Build/Install and changing area.
 - Install cameras for monitoring the area.
- Penny spoke with the new Warden and deputies, who said that they will increase the patrolling in the beach area.
- Sue L. said to check with the Dept. of Conservation to see if there is any rules or regulations that would affect any possible changes or enhancements to the lake area. Sue said that there may also be some money available from the Kanokolus investment interest.
- Tony said that it is possible that some grants might be available.
- Penny suggested a forming a committee for these project.
- Sue suggested contacting the Boy Scouts to help with the projects.

- Penny wants to have volunteers meet for an hour and have some “work” time and then take the volunteers to Conez for ice cream after they help.
- Emily said that she is curious about lighting and cameras in the future and that we would need to plan for the expense.
- Tony spoke about the Celebrate Unity Festival. There is going to be a concert by Kevin Libby. Kevin said that he would split the proceeds from the concert with the Town but asks that the Town’s share of the money be used for the next years Celebrate Unity festival and not on some other cause or place.
- Samantha will get in contact with Bob Van Deventer regarding the Board of Appeals.

Old Business:

- Penny heard back from Chris Huck from KVCOG. There are several things / items that need to be fixed with both the Land Use Ordinance and the Comp. Plan. The Land Use ordinance is not complete as is and the Comp Plan needs additional work. The Sub-Division portion of the Land Use Ordinance was not included so Penny will send that to Chris if the Selectboard decides to continue with KVCOG. The methodology of the Land Use Committee and the Comp Plan Committee are different. Emily said that she was on board with having KVOG or a neutral party to explain the methods regarding zoning and the other big discrepancies and then see if the 2 plans can be merged. ALL of the people need to be on the same page. Penny will talk to Chris Huck about the cost.
- Emily prepared a letter to be included in the tax bills establishing a “Road Ambassador” program.
- Road prep work is expected to begin on Friday, July 8th.

Other Business:

None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30