

Minutes

Selectmen's Meeting

August 2, 2016

Opening:

Meeting opened at 6:32 p.m. People present were:

Selectmen: Emily N., Penny S. and Tony A.

Employee: Samantha M.

Guests: Kevin Spiegel, Matt Curtis, Jim Porter, John McKenney and Maryann Hayes

Public Feedback:

- Kevin Spiegel came speaking as a concerned citizen about speeding issue town. He is even considering moving because of it. He said that he has done a traffic pattern study from April to August. People are driving too fast on Main Street. Kevin gave some possible fixes to the problem: radar boards, signage and additional enforcement. Matt Curtis said that they are already doing a lot of radar details but answering complaints takes priority over speeding and radar details. Matt will look into data cards for the speed boards and we will get the speed boards in late August. Matt Curtis said that there may be some grants available to a municipality to help with the purchase of a stationary unit.
- Mary Ann Hayes had a question from the Economic Development Committee regarding the revolving fund. She has invited Sarah Ross from KVCOG to talk with the EDC about management options. Mary Ann would like the selectmen and Samantha to be a part of this meeting. If the selectmen are available, she would also like to meet with a representative from Bangor Savings Bank.

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

Treasurer: Account balances were reviewed and accepted.

New Business:

- Jim Porter is one of the constables for the Town of Unity. He has been informed the Maine Municipal Association that constables are not permitted carry firearms while doing constable duties. Town of Unity is unique in that it's two constables are also full-time law-enforcement officers. As such, they carry firearms all the time both on and off duty. MMA has also stated that constables do not have powers of arrest. This causes a conflict of the interest as both of our constables do have the power of arrest and carry firearms. Jim would like the selectmen to see if Unity can be granted an exemption since the constables are MCJA graduates and are full-time law-enforcement/deputies.
- Kevin Spiegel like to come to some sort of understanding regarding plumbing permits. Unity Utilities District is a separate entity from the town. He said that people are slipping through the cracks because they are getting plumbing permits without going to the planning board or letting the you UUD now. His concerns are outright new construction or radical change of use construction. Kevin would like a more transparent process. Emily suggested that the Utilities District work with Charlie regarding permits Kevin said

that he has already tried that. Jim Porter, chair for the planning board, stated that UUD is a private business so how can the town enforce the rules of a private company? Emily will talk to MMA about the Unity Utilities District and enforcement of their rules.

- Selectmen signed a warrant for the Special Town Meeting that is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Unity Fire Station.
- Selectmen signed a winter roads contract with Littlefield paving and plowing.

Old Business:

- Roads work will begin again on August 8th. A little section of North Waning Rd had to be reclaimed. All of South Waning Rd was reclaimed. Hopefully Stagecoach Rd will be the next one to get fixed. John McKinney says that the roads need to be cleaned before they get hot topped. John said that it wouldn't matter which company we used it would all turn out the same and expressed that he is not an expert but he was just using common sense when he wanted the streets to be swept prior to being paved. PM wrap will return on August 7th. Shimming should be done on Crosby Brook Road before the Common Ground Fair. However, it would likely not have the finished topcoat before then. Jim Porter said that when MOFGA came to town that they agreed to help pay for widening the road. He said to look in the planning board minutes for details.
- Culverts the final count of numbers was 31. The quote was for 20 culverts. Emily believes that the quote was not a guarantee but Tony thinks that they should have known before submitted their bid. All of the selectmen agreed that the culverts needed to be replaced before the rest of the work was done to prevent needing more work. Emily says that the paving company did not "lead us astray". The selectmen instructed the all metal culverts should be replaced. This cost is an additional \$22,000. All States is predicting that ditching cost will come in under budget. There is still a lot of work to be done but it is a possibility.
- Kanokolus- the new sign is here and it looks really nice. Emily and Tony think that it should be installed up high to prevent vandalism. John suggested asking Unitel for poles and use of the bucket loader to install the sign. The selectmen thought that was a good idea. Emily will talk to Unitel. They had the cleanup day down at the beach a lot of old brush and wood was taken away. We also have some left over red stain and will be able to paint the picnic tables with it. There's going to be a day of service so possibly some of this work to be done then in October. Penny had some questions that she would like people to ponder: *Should property taxpayers have to pay for the use of the beach, is it double-dipping? Should people use the beach more than others pay the same amount? Should people who volunteer to work at the beach get a free summer pass?* Jim wanted to know if it would be more cost-effective to hire a lifeguard/maintenance person. Penny said that the beach would have to be restored to its "former glory" before that would be feasible.

Other Business:

- None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:41