

**TOWN OF UNITY**  
**Unity Select Board**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 24, 2017**

PRESENT

Edward ("Ed") Gregory  
William ("Bill") Schroeter  
John Callum, Jr.  
Harold Booth, Highway  
Holly White, Tax Collector

Bruce Adams, Resident  
Ron LaClair, Resident  
Rob Noll, Fire Department  
Debra Leahy, Library Trustee

Ed called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

Debra Leahy referenced two letters that the Library Trustees wrote. One was regarding the appointment of two Alternate Trustee's and the other letter requested viewing a town-owned property on Potato Hill Road. Consensus of the Board to allow the Trustees take a look at the property. Bill made a motion to approve Sarah Finney and Jim Baker as Alternate Trustees for the Library. Second by John. All in favor.

The Board discussed and amended the Minutes of April 17, 2017.

Tracy asked if Rhoda Staff could be hired for cleaning the office/library and town hall. The Board said that Tracy can show her what needs to be done on Friday and if she is OK with it she can start next Monday.

Bill made a motion to sign a pistol permit. Second by John. All in favor.

Rob Noll asked if the 29<sup>th</sup> of April was still the date that the Fire Department was to be finished and hand in their gear. The Board stated that after tonight's meeting with local fire chiefs they would have a better understanding of when the last day would be. He asked that the Board let him or the Chief know when.

Holly presented a gravel tax warrant. John made a motion to approve the gravel tax warrant for Kalervo Heino for \$68.10. Second by Bill. All in favor.

Ed read from a response letter from Bruce Baker regarding the Fire Department. A discussion followed.

At 4:55 the meeting moved to the Town Hall.

5:00 Town Hall

PRESENT:

Phil Tirrell, SW Mutual Aid  
Mark LaFlam, Charlestown  
Rick Bergeron, Claremont  
Gary Baber, Acworth  
John Early, Newport  
Brandon Langlois, Lempster  
Jon Thomas, Lempster  
Jim Couter, Charlestown  
Ron LaClair, Resident  
Patrick O'Grady – Valley News  
Harold Booth, Highway

Ed greeted the Fire Chief's and discussed the resignations of the Unity Fire Department and stated that it would take some time to set up a new Department. There is a need to reorganize everything. The Selectmen stated that they may have a Fire Chief shortly but in the meantime, Unity is looking for mutual aid for approximately three weeks. Phil Tirrell stated that there are zones in place so that each town knows who will respond to a call in Unity noting that there is limited personnel in the daytime. The Selectmen stated that an inventory was never done and Claremont volunteered their time for help in assessing equipment. It was suggested that the local Fire Chief's meet with the Selectmen and the new Fire Chief in a month to reassess Unity's needs at that time. The Board will let Phil Terrell know when a new Fire Chief is appointed.

Bruce Baker opted to continue as Fire Warden.

At 5:25 the meeting returned to the Selectmen's conference room.

John made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2017 as amended. Second by Bill. All in favor.

The Selectmen asked Tracy to e-mail Bruce Baker to let him know that the last day for the Fire Department will be on April 29, 2017 at 9:00 am, and also ask him to meet the Selectmen at the Fire Station at that time. Tracy will notify Phil Terrell.

At 7:20 John made a motion to continue the meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Second by Bill. All in favor.

On Tuesday, April 25, 2017 the Selectmen continued the meeting beginning at 5:00 pm with Dale Girard of Golden Cross Ambulance. The Board brought Mr. Girard up to speed on the Fire Department resignations as well as the meeting with the local Fire Chiefs. Mr. Girard stated that his organization would be responding with no delays to

the Town of Unity and would be happy to get together with the new Fire Department to discuss needs and training.

At 5:45 the Board met with Jeffrey Matthews and discussed the Fire Department volunteer opportunity.

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Second by John. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracy Decker  
Secretary

**SELECTBOARD**

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Edward A. Gregory

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William A. Schroeter

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John M. Callum, Jr.