

TOWN OF UNITY
Unity Select Board
MINUTES
December 3, 2018

William ("Bill") Schroeter	Todd Gregory, Fire Department
John Callum, Jr.	Bruce Adams, Fire Department
Edward ("Ed") Gregory	Charles Watt, Resident
Harold Booth, Highway	Paul Lahaise, Resident
Paul Moeller, Building/Health Inspector	Patricia Lahaise, Resident
Capt. Jamie Wilson, Sullivan Cty. Sheriff	Vanessa Keith, Transfer Station

Bill opened the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlie Watt, a resident from the Crescent Lake/Anderson Road area, spoke about poor conditions where the Town had added gravel last fall in an effort to improve the road. He said that the road has become very narrow especially since the recent snow and vehicles have been going off the road. He stated that it is very difficult for two vehicles to pass side by side and it has become dangerous. The Selectmen said that they had intentions of widening the road but sudden bad weather has made it difficult to take care of. Harold will go with the grader tomorrow to see what he can do. Also, the Town can see what signs they can put out for safety.

Capt. Wilson gave his update on the police log. The Board discussed some of the items that the Sheriff's department office still needs such as file cabinets and possibly a new heating system.

Vanessa discussed the glass recycling company the Town uses and an agreement that may need to be signed. The Board will look into it. She also discussed an electrical issue which needs to be taken care of. Also, she would like the Board to consider putting outdoor lighting for when it gets dark and they are locking up. The Board will get an electrician in.

Harold said that someone has been shooting signs in town.

Todd Gregory and Bruce Adams said that the Fire Engine is back from Reeds and is working, after the personnel from the fire department made some repairs to fix it. The Board suggested calling Caterpillar next time.

Todd had some items that he would like to purchase from the Emergency Management Budget before the end of the year. The items included two rechargeable flashlights, one generator that could be transported easily and two pagers. General consensus of the Board to purchase said items.

The Board read a quote for the electrician to do the wiring for the Scott packs for the Fire Station. John made a motion to have E. Brown Electric do the wiring for \$1,240.30 and to take from General Government Buildings. Second by Ed. All in favor.

Paul Moeller said that Mr. Clark responded that the December 20th clean up date is unreasonable. Paul suggested that Mr. Clark contact the Selectmen, but as of this meeting he has not.

The Board reviewed a letter from Donahue Tucker & Ciandella who represents the Town in the Fairpoint Tax Appeal. The four page letter does not recommend that the Town accept any settlement offer at this time. The Board had a general discussion November 19, 2018 to accept the settlement offer as recommended by the town's assessor Avitar. As this case has been going on for many years with many assessors and attorneys involved, the Board would like to settle at this time for a reasonable offer of \$8,268.00.

The Board read a letter from Transfer Station attendant Oliver Leonard who had several suggestions for the department including pay raises, lighting, dump stickers, and snow removal. The Board will work on addressing these items.

The Selectmen reviewed the Minutes of November 26, 2018. John made a motion to approve the Minutes as amended. Second by Ed. All in favor.

At 8:55 Ed made a motion to adjourn. Second by John. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Decker
Selectmen's Secretary

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William A. Schroeter

John M. Callum, Jr.

Edward A. Gregory