

TOWN OF UNITY
Unity Select Board
MINUTES
December 11, 2017

PRESENT

Edward ("Ed") Gregory
William ("Bill") Schroeter
John Callum
Harold Booth, Highway
Derek Ferland, County Manager

George Hebert, County Commissioner
Dave Eckman, Eckman Engineering
Charlie Creem, Resident

Ed called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

County Commissioner George Hebert and County Manager Derek Ferland asked if the paving of a portion of County Farm Road near the jail was a project that the town had considered doing. John stated that the Town has no plans for that road. The Board stated that the Town may be going out to bid on a paving project and the county and the Town could work together to keep the price down. Providing the County is funding that project.

Mr. Ferland discussed the Sullivan County Economic Profile project that focuses on how the county is today as well as how it may be in 10-15 years. The focus is on tourism and education that meets the needs of the towns.

John made a motion to sign an abatement for Shedlock for \$2,111.00 and Thomas for \$1,986.00. Second by Bill. All in favor.

Bill made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2017 as written. Second by John. All in favor.

John made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 5, 2017 as written. Second by Bill. All in favor.

Rosemary said that in the Minutes of November 27th she stated that Babbs would be trained and ready to take over when Rosemary is out but she has still not been trained by the state. She said that the state changed the training dates again. The Selectmen asked if she had this information in writing from the state. She said she had some e-mails. The Board would like to see them.

Dave Eckmen reviewed his contract for engineering for the continuation of Center Road reconstruction with the Board. The Board had a better understanding of pricing and the process which began with test pits and will go through all stages including inspections. Cost will be \$15,450.00. John made a motion to sign Eckman contract for potential completion of Center Road work with monies coming

from Highway Capital Reserve. Second by Bill. All in favor. John made a motion for Chairman to sign. Second by Bill. All in favor.

At 5:30 Bill made a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A for Personnel. Second by John. All in favor.

At 6:50 John made a motion to return to Selectmen's Meeting. Second by Bill. All in favor.

Bill made a motion to hire Jennifer Connelly as Bookkeeper pending background check. Second by John. All in favor.

John made a motion to hire Wayne Simoneau for Highway laborer pending background check. Second by Bill. All in favor.

John made a motion to purchase the nuts and bolts basket per the quote from Fastenal for \$590.56 providing they are grade 8. Second by Bill. All in favor.

Ed discussed the guardrails for Center and Stage Road which were originally engineered for a single lane traffic pattern so there will be an extra cost for the end pieces. John made a motion to approve the \$10,921.00 for the guardrail, complete with endcaps for the culvert adjacent to Quaker City Road and Stage Road intersection, which will come from the highway encumbered funds. Second by Bill. All in favor.

The Board reviewed the Avitar general assessing contract for 2018. John made a motion to approve the contract for \$8,244.00 per year. Second by Bill. All in favor.

The Board reviewed an e-mail from Stantec for doing additional testing in town. Bill made a motion to go out to bid for well testing for 2018. Second by John. All in favor.

The Board reviewed an Intent To Cut for a Quaker City Road resident. John made a motion to keep the document on file as is without signature since the timber was not cut for sale, it is exempt. Second by Bill. All in favor.

The Board read a letter from Bookkeeper Ingrid Bjork with a proposal for training a new Bookkeeper after her last day on December 31, 2017. She requested \$25.00/hour including travel time. The Board will take this under advisement.

The Board reviewed the Household Hazardous Waste contract from UVLSRPC for 2018 with an estimate of \$413.00 for ½ of the total cost for the year. The Board amended the contract and John made a motion to approve the contract as amended. Second by Bill. All in favor.

The Board reviewed the packets of information on the proposed new brush truck for the Fire Department.

John said that there is a camper on the town-owned property on Gilman Pond Road that may be salvageable. He will have someone come to look at it.

John stated that there is a used generator that is just like the generator that is down at the Unity Highway Department in Warner that is for sale for \$200.00. Consensus of the Board to purchase the generator for parts for \$200.00 and to use Harold's trailer to pick it up.

It was suggested that Vermont Life Safety, Chief Matthews and Jim Petrin meet next Wednesday to discuss the security at the Fire Station.

At 9:05 pm Bill made a motion to adjourn. Second by John. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Decker
Secretary

SELECTBOARD

Edward A. Gregory

William A. Schroeter

John M. Callum, Jr.