

TOWN OF UNITY

Select Board Minutes 13 Center Rd, Unit #3 February 5, 2024
Unity, NH 03603

Attendees: Gary Ross, Garry Bator, William "Bill" Schroeter, Samantha Graham, Harold Booth, Angela Huertas, Sarah Finney, Nancy Zekos, Tim Davis, Kelly Simpson, Ramona Labrie

3:58 – Garry called the meeting to order.

3:59 – Gary made a motion to accept the 1/16 minutes. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:00 – Annual post-closure agreement needs to go to Stantec.

4:00 – Garry made a motion to add \$288 for pest removal services plus \$136 for labor for the town hall. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:01 – Garry read a grant for \$7500 for local hazard mitigations. The Select Board, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities, BRIC's presented in the amount of \$7,500.00 for updating the local hazard mitigation plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$10,000.00, in which the town will be responsible for a 25% match (\$2,500.00). Garry made the motion. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:04 – Garry read an abatement recommendation from Avitar for Steven and Stephanie Viston. Gary made a motion to grant the abatement in the amount of \$4708. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:06 – Gary made a motion to hire the Hampshire Fire Protection company. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:07 – Bill made a motion to approve Richard Tatum's pistol permit. Garry 2nd. All in favor.

4:08 – Gary made a motion to approve Chrisitan Boles' pistol permit. Garry 2nd. All in favor.

4:08 – Gary made a motion to approve the tax assessment of Jeremy Turner. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:10 – Gary made a motion to approve the intent to cut for Heidi Hathaway. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:11 – Gary read a letter to Sally to pay \$92.50 to Avitar. Bill made a motion to sign. Gary 2nd. All in favor.


4:12 – Discussion on revaluation letters, missing mail.

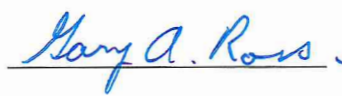
4:14 – Kelly asked if people are required to allow Avitar on their property. The answer is no, but it is smarter to do so. Avitar will make assumptions based on a drive-by of your property if they're not allowed to investigate. Kelly's concern is that if a large amount of property owners refuse, the valuation will be wrong by a large, unknown degree, and there is no recourse or repercussions. People may also call Avitar if they have questions.


4:19 – Sarah informed Kelly about Avitar's list and charts of valuations and adjustment values.

4:21 – Garry gave an update on FEMA; 2023 has opened up to answer questions and upload. 2021 is still paying out.

4:22 – Garry made a motion to move 2/19 meeting to 2/20 to accommodate President's Day. Gary 2nd. All in favor.


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4:23 – The next safety meeting is March 11 at 4pm. They are planned to continue to be the 2nd Monday of every 3rd month at 4pm.

4:26 – Harold asked about chains for the sander, should be here tomorrow. Nothing else to report.

4:26 – Nancy told Harold his team did a great job on Center Rd.

4:27 – Tim had nothing to report.

4:27 – Ramona thanked the ballot clerks for being present at the election and for helping, working hard.


4:28 – Angela asked about the town auction properties. Garry let her know there is still a legal tangle with the deeds.

4:29 – Kelly asked about having department heads present at the meetings. If they don't have anything to report, they're not required to attend. She also asked about budget preparations; the board informed her she just missed the reading of the budget and articles.


4:31 – Sarah asked about her 91A request for her building permit from 2010. Some records in the attic are in disarray and it may take longer to find some than others. She also asked about the 12/11 minutes regarding the wording of the minutes and changes made during proofreading. Sarah went on to ask about a police report where Garry is quoted saying Slack Rd cost "Over \$100,000 to maintain," and about how roads must be built back in kind or FEMA will not pay the town.

4:39 – Sarah asked about Mica Mine Rd being a public road, and why a person may not walk on it. Discussion was ended.

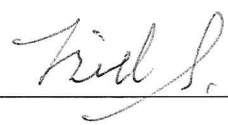
4:41 – Gary made a motion to adjourn. Bill 2nd. All in favor.



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4:00 – Garry called the meeting to order.

4:01 – Bill made a motion to accept the 2/5 meeting minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:01 – Bill made a motion to accept the 2/5 special meeting minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:02 – Bill made a motion to accept the 2/15 special meeting minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:02 – Bill made a motion to accept the library meeting with the selectboard minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor. Discussion followed.

4:06 – Garry read an estimate from electrician Elliot Brown for work done at town hall for \$997.88. Gary made a motion to approve. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:07 – Garry read the UVLSRPC agreement for 2024 household hazardous waste collection. Bill made a motion to approve. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:09 – Garry read an estimate for shelving in the garage for \$2240. Discussion followed, and Harold agreed to shop around for equivalent shelving at a lower price.

4:12 – Garry read an intent to cut on Candy Cane Ln. Discussion followed. The town does not have jurisdiction over private roads. Seeking legal counsel as well as advice from the town forester will follow.

4:14 – Garry read an intent to cut on 2nd NH Tpke. Bill made a motion to approve. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:15 – Nancy asked about the conservation commission receiving intents to cut, and about wetlands being cut.

4:26 – Garry read a current use application on 2nd NH Tpke. Gary made a motion to accept. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:31 – Garry made a motion to deny the tax credit on Unity Springs Rd. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:32 – Gary made a motion to approve the tax credit on Garry Bator's house for solar panels. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:34 – Garry corrected himself from last meeting. There were no letters sent out regarding revaluation. Revaluation information is available on the town website and Facebook. Discussion on revaluation followed.

4:44 – Bob asked about tiny homes. The maximum sq ft for a tiny home is 500, and the minimum sq ft in Unity is 750. The policies and ordinances are available on the town website. Bob continued with a discussion regarding the building application checklist recently put into place.



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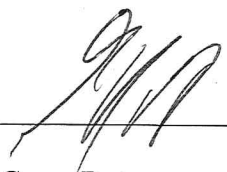
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5:08 – Kelly asked about the supervisors of the checklist. The state oversees elected officials. Kelly also asked about copy fees. Copy fees are part of the RSA and set throughout the state. Kelly also brought up that the checklist she received is incorrect.

5:12 – Sarah introduced her recording of the meeting, and her posting it to the NCTV. She also mentioned a bill currently in the house that may require all selectboards to record their meetings.

5:16 – Bruce asked if there is a Meet The Candidates this year. There is not because there are no new prospectives that have not run before.

5:18 – Gary made a motion to adjourn. Bill 2nd. All in favor.



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