

TOWN OF UNITY

Select Board Minutes 13 Center Rd, Unit #3 March 4, 2024
Unity, NH 03603

Attendees: Gary Ross, Garry Bator, William "Bill" Schroeter, Samantha Graham, Harold Booth, Rhonda King, Cathy Lombardo, Kevin Brenker, Ramona LaBrie, Sally Teague, Paul Moeller, Angela Huertas, Nancy Zekos, Gordon Brann, Kelly Simpson, Sarah Finney, Greg Millette, Bruce Howard, Scott Powers

4:59 – Garry called the meeting to order.

5:00 – Gary made a motion to accept the minutes from 2/20/24. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

5:01 – Garry read an invoice from Paul Moeller for maintenance work. Bill made a motion to accept. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

5:02 – Garry read an estimate for an air exchanger for the garage. The board will think about it and reconvene at the next meeting.

5:06 – Garry made a motion to renew the membership with the NH Road Agent Association for \$30/year. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

5:07 – Garry read a letter from Casella from Vanessa informing the town that they are no longer taking loose paper.

5:08 – Cathy asked a question on behalf of a caller last week if the transfer station is going to be doing shredding. They are not, but the Town is open to the idea of a shredding day.

5:10 – Garry shared a tax bill for Bonnie Remick in the amount of \$266.32. Bill made a motion to accept. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

5:11 – Garry shared a tax bill for Robert Leonard in the amount of \$4,971.72. Gary made a motion to accept. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

5:13 – Kelly asked a question about last week's draft minutes, regarding the current use application from Wilbur Cox. Samantha read an email from Avitar for clarification; it is correct.

5:18 – Garry read an intent to cut from Greg on Coon Brook Rd. Greg discussed cutting closer to the road than is typical, per a previous conversation with Harold. Discussion followed. Greg is specifically looking for the town to assume responsibility for reseeding, sloping, and stumping, as required by NH law. Garry made a motion to approve this proposal. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

5:31 – Garry made a motion to approve Greg's intent to cut. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

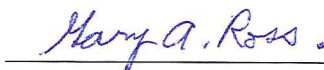
5:35 – Garry read a letter to Sally to pay Avitar for revaluation. Gary made a motion to sign. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

5:38 – Garry discussed his meeting with Dave Eckman earlier today regarding the walls of Stage Rd, and other plans for that road. He went on to discuss the plans for paving on Mica Mine.

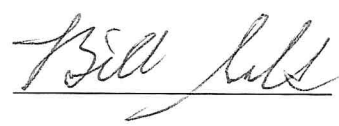
5:41 – Garry let the room know that Town Report books are available for anyone that wants one. A digital copy is also uploaded to the town site.



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5:42 – Garry discussed his recent meeting with FEMA regarding the 2021 storm on Lear Hill Rd. The town is expecting approximately \$45,000 around the 15th of March to continue work and is still obligated the rest of approximately \$528,000. The work will hopefully be done by June. Discussion followed.

5:52 – Garry discussed his meeting with Eckman Engineering regarding perambulation.

5:54 – Garry informed the room that there has been a concern brought up regarding the weight of the library on the 2nd floor. Engineering will need to come in to review the flooring, weight of the books, etc.

5:59 – Discussion about the town report, budget, and warrants.

6:01 – Discussion on town hall, bell tower leaking, concrete ceiling failures, etc.

6:06 – Rhonda gave a report on the fire extinguisher inspection. The board needs to decide what fire suppression company they're going to employ because the sprinkler pump needs servicing.

6:09 – Gordon had a question regarding page 26 of the town report, regarding library spending. That page is from the independent audit report.

6:13 – Gary gave a report regarding our previous state safety inspection. Our next safety meeting is next Monday March 11.

6:14 – Kelly asked about the new dump truck, which is waiting to be decaled. She also asked about the town's red pickup truck being back in service.


6:16 – Kelly addressed the board regarding election procedures. She also asked about the legality of holding election signs inside of a person's car. The board informed Kelly that they have already spoken to legal counsel, and cars are private property and can have election signs inside of them.

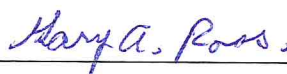
6:26 – Scott continued the discussion about town hall.

6:33 – Bruce asked Harold about the progress on shelving in the shop.

6:34 – Ramona asked about Sarah's recordings and NCTV. Sarah confirmed that all recordings will be sent; she has no internet at home, so it takes some time.

6:41 – Bill made a motion to adjourn. Gary 2nd. All in favor.


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3:58 – Garry called the meeting to order.

3:59 – Bill made a motion to renew the chairman of the board. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:00 – Garry assigned jobs to the selectmen; Garry is the highway agent, Gary is keymaster and security/health agent, and Bill is HR and office work.

4:01 – Bill made a motion to sign the minutes of 3/4/24 and town meeting minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:05 – Bill made a motion to approve Amber Millette's pistole permit. Garry 2nd. All in favor. Gary made a motion to approve Gregory Millette's. Garry 2nd. All in favor.

4:06 – Garry made a motion to approve a camper permit for the Viens' property. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:08 – Garry made a motion to sign the timber bill for Todd Carmichael. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:10 – Garry read a bill for the town dump truck. Gary made a motion to approve and have Sally pay out of the highway vehicle maintenance fund. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:11 – Garry read a veteran's tax credit application for Christopher Tracy, already approved by Avitar. Garry made a motion to approve. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:12 – Garry read another veteran's tax credit application and made a motion to approve. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:15 – Garry read a bill from Eckman Engineering for Stage Rd and perambulation for \$7,930. Garry made a motion to pay this out of the bridge and highway trust fund. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:17 – Garry read information about a grant from Sullivan County for safe streets and roads.

4:19 – Garry read a letter from Sheila Purington with pictures of washout on her property from United Construction. The board has addressed this with the engineer as well as United and is in progress. Payment is being withheld until this, among other issues, is corrected. Discussion followed.


4:28 – Garry read the new StanTec contract at \$23,000, and the recent report for well monitoring. Bill made a motion to sign the contract. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:31 – Garry read a quote for palette jacks for Harold at \$1755. The board will compare it to the first quote and deliberate.

4:32 – Kelly spoke to the newly formed cemetery committee and suggested that they maintain the current existing cemeteries as well as any new cemeteries formed. Discussion followed.



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4:34 – Discussion about the town hall and bell.

4:37 – Harold reported that the trees on Coon Brook Rd are going to be cut soon, and the road will be closed during that time.

4:39 – Sally reminded the board that in mid-April, there are 5 CDs coming due.

4:41 – Scott asked about the cemetery committee.

4:42 – John spoke to the town hall and bell tower.

4:55 – Vanessa presented the annual facility report for DES to be signed. She also informed them of a July 9 tour of the landfill to supplement the class they took previously. She also asked about signing up for the recycling conference; three people should attend. Vanessa also relayed a message from Vikki Davis wanting to hold a meeting at no cost to the town. The board gave the go-ahead, and also gave Vanessa permission to prune the apple trees this year as she has previously. Discussion on dump pricing and transfer stations followed.

5:16 – Sara Finney asked further questions regarding the cemetery committee. She also reminded the board of the timer for their outdoor lights needing to be changed. She went on to express her appreciation for the hard work of the selectmen.

5:20 – Budget discussion.

5:30 – Angela asked about asking Sullivan County for land for the cemetery. Discussion followed. She also asked about finding ordinances online. The town is in the process of digitalizing records and articles.


5:33 – Discussion on trust funds and town CDs.

5:37 – Ramona reported a great turnout for the election, 301 voters. She expressed appreciation to everyone who came out.

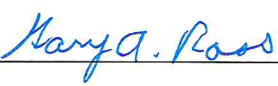
5:39 – Paul reported new building permits coming into the office, and on ones currently in progress.

5:40 – Gordon asked about the progress on checking with engineers regarding the loading of the floors in the library.


5:42 – Bill made a motion to adjourn. Gary 2nd. All in favor.



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