

TOWN OF UNITY

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

Attendees: Gary Ross, Garry Bator, Samantha Graham, Harold Booth, Tim Davis, Angela Huertas, Bruce Adams, Sarah Finney, Tara Tilton

4:00 – Garry called the meeting to order.

4:01 – Garry made a motion to sign the 8/19 minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:01 – Garry presented two letters for RFPs for winter sand for KA Stevens and Carroll Concrete, and three RFPs for winter fuel for Irving, Eastern, and RE Hinkley. The board signed; no motion needed.

4:02 – Garry informed the room that the internet has been down for the entire building today and continues to be down. Hopefully it will be fixed by tomorrow, but it cannot be promised.

4:03 – Garry presented a quote from CCI for a new computer to replace one in the office that is barely functional for \$2,041. Gary made a motion to accept. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:04 – Garry read a quote to replace the emergency radio in the building for \$375. Garry made a motion to approve. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:04 – Garry informed the room that there is still only one quote for the cemetery fencing, and the board would like to wait to see if more bids come in.

4:05 – Tara presented the laminated posters for the litter kiosk that the conservation commission was interested in. She gave a report on the progress of the kiosk's construction. The board will meet with Harold and determine where it can be placed safely.

4:10 – Angela talked about the graffiti on Copeland Brook Rd, and near North Shore Rd. Gary is speaking with Harold to get it cleaned up properly. Garry said to try the D2 cleaner first; Bruce suggested Easy Off oven cleaner. Gary mentioned he heard Goof Off cleaner would work. Angela went on to invite the room to Barbara Hathaway's cane holder presentation on September 22 in the Town Hall at 2:00.

4:13 – Bruce mentioned that the celebration of life for Jason Lemere is Saturday at 11:00 at the fire station.


4:15 – Garry gave a report on FEMA.

4:18 – Garry reported that the mowing of the roads should be done by Friday. North Shore Rd should be ready for paving soon.

4:20 – Garry made a motion to move \$10,000 from the general fund to the DMV fund so the clerk can process credit cards. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:21 – Garry mentioned a proposal from KA Stevens to crush asphalt for approx. \$24,000, which is \$8,000 per day over 3 days. Discussion followed.

4:35 – Gary reported some holes to Harold on Lear Hill Rd.



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4:38 – Harold presented a proposal for removing trees along the sides of the road for \$9,750. Garry made a motion to accept. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:43 – Harold asked about pasturing on Thurber Rd. The board will have an answer for next meeting. Discussion followed.

4:49 – Tim has some info to give on the upcoming fireman’s muster. Discussion followed.

4:52 – Gary made a motion to enter 91A regarding personnel. Garry 2nd. All in favor.

5:17 – Gary made a motion to leave 91A. Garry 2nd. All in favor.

5:17 – Garry made a motion to seal the 91A minutes for 99 years. Gary 2nd. All in favor.


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



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Select Board Minutes 13 Center Rd, Unit #3 September 16, 2024
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Attendees: Gary Ross, Garry Bator, William "Bill" Schroeter, Samantha Graham, Harold Booth, Paul Moeller, Rocco Ruggerio, Margaret Drye, Sarah Finney

3:58 – Garry called the meeting to order.

3:59 – Garry made a motion to sign September 3rd minutes. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

3:59 – Bill made a motion to sign the safety meeting minutes. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:00 – Rocco presented as the co-chair of the school board. He discussed withdrawing from SAU 6. He presented a handout to the room which compared costs, advantages, and disadvantages, as well as an organizational chart. A copy of this handout will be attached to these minutes. Gary asked about the timeline, and Rocco explained it would be voted on as a warrant article, then a year of preparation, so approximately July 2026.

4:14 – Margaret introduced herself and concurred with Rocco's presentation. Garry talked with her about the fire muster.

4:17 – Garry presented a pistol permit for Ronald Lanigan. Bill made a motion to sign. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:18 – Garry explained the HMP meeting last week.

4:19 – Gary made a motion to sign the HMP meeting minutes. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:20 – Garry read a letter to Sally to pay 4169.00 to Avitar for revaluation. Bill made a motion to sign. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:21 – Garry read a letter to Sally to pay 20,100 to Wet basement for Town Hall repairs. Gary made a motion to sign. Bill 2nd. All in favor.

4:22 – Garry read a letter about properties correcting the amount of land in current use after revaluation; Turner and McGoughry. Bill made a motion to sign. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

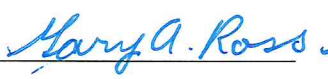
4:25 – Garry read a veteran's tax credit application from Avitar to be denied. Bill made a motion to sign. Gary 2nd. All in favor.


4:29 – Garry read the revaluation from Avitar. Garry made the suggestion to table signing and accepting until all selectmen get a chance to review.

4:30 – Garry read salt bids from Eastern Minerals for 85.40/ton, Morton Salt for \$79.46/ton, and American Rock Salt for \$84/ton. Harold made the note that Morton Salt is too fine for the roads, and you need to use twice as much, and the board should choose the second cheapest. Bill made a motion to accept American Rock Salt's bid. Gary 2nd. All in favor.

4:33 – Garry read sand bids from Carroll Concrete for \$10.20/ton, and KA Stevens for \$7.65/ton. Bill made a motion to accept KA Steven's bid. Gary 2nd. All in favor.


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4:35 – Garry read an email from Anthony Perras regarding North Shore Rd cracking. Harold said it's going to continue shifting until they get the pipe in there, but it is on the list.

4:37 – Gary invited the board to Barbara Hathaway's cane ceremony on September 22 at 2pm at the Town Hall. The public is invited as well, the more the merrier.

4:39 – Gary gave a report on the water mitigation at town hall. It looks great.

4:41 – Gary reported that the glass was replaced on the old hearse.

4:42 – Harold reported on the stumps on North Shore, and now it's ready for asphalt. Lear Hill is still waiting for guardrails.

4:44 – Garry gave an update on FEMA.

4:45 – Garry and Harold discussed inspections on the vehicles and the plow repairs.

4:47 – Paul brought up the waste oil heater, discussion followed. Harold mentioned a grant that may help.

4:50 – Paul gave a report on work done around town that he's seen. There are 8 new homes. There is a permit application that came in that will need to go in front of the Conservation Commission.

4:53 – Gary asked Paul about Devil's Playground. Paul reported his 2nd inspection came back clear. He plans on going back again before the season.

4:55 – Garry made an announcement that any veterans in town who are interested in getting a brick on the war monument, the town is buying five new ones.

4:56 – Gary gave a report on the person who requested ranching in Thurber Forest and Upper Valley Land Trust.


4:57 – Garry and Paul discussed population growth and certain infrastructures that will need to be in place. For example, after 3,000 citizens, a town loses their state police patrol.

4:59 – Garry and Harold discussed expanding the roads and adding cul-de-sacs at the end of dead-end roads.

5:01 – Garry discussed beginning a policy of upgrading 1 mile of paved road per year, which will take approximately 20 years to complete, and then starting again from the beginning. The town would create a list of what section of roads would be upgraded what year for the public to refer to.

5:04 – Sarah discussed the lot on Emerson Rd that was sold at auction. She also asked about the solar grant, which has stalled at this point.

5:08 – Bill made a motion to adjourn. Gary 2nd. All in favor.



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