

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2015

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Elmer Savage and James Justice.

Absent: Sara Moore.

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Joseph Patricia and Constance Canavan.

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** by Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** Jim mentioned the death of Union resident Jean Grimord.
4. **Discussion and vote on US Geological Survey request:** Jay reported the Agreement for the US Geological Survey regarding Bees is a good project. The bee Population has been unstable for years and it's extremely important for our Blueberry growers and all other farmers. All Maine Towns are in agreement with The University of Maine System Fish and Wildlife Co-operative Research Unit doing the survey. Motion James Justice to vote on US Geological Survey request. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
5. **Sign 2015 Town Meeting Warrant:** Motion Jim Justice to sign 2015 Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
6. **Lincolnvile Communications agreement:** Jay attended the recently held Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. Tidewater Telephone was there and talked about offering IPTV (Internet Per Call Television) plus internet at lightning speeds. They have fiber cable across the street from the Municipal building going down 131, Rt. 17 past Ayer Park and up to Shepard Hill Rd. Under Federal Law they must have a franchise agreement in order to offer television. The exciting thing is what we talked about for the Business Park, high speed internet. The thing they didn't include in the agreement was free IPTV and fiber for Municipal buildings. Jay has asked that they put that in the agreement as it would help us tremendously at Ayer Park. Currently with all those cameras we have down there we can't stream live because we keep getting cut out. When you get those types of speeds we could speed right through that digital recording and find the offense real quick. Jim asked will they do the whole Town? Jay doesn't think we will ever see the whole town done with the cost of fiber it has got to be astronomical per mile. It will not be in every place but they are expanding big time they have been putting it up for the last few weeks. If we develop an Industrial Park somewhere in town they would be in agreement to a partnership with us to run the line.

7. **Approve Minutes of April 21, March 24 & 31, 2015:** Motion Jim Justice to approve March 24th and March 31st as written. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous. Motion Jim Justice to approve April 21st minutes as written. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Three for. (Grotton, Justice and Cramer). One abstention. (Savage).
8. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated May 5, 2015:** Motion Jim Justice to Sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
9. **Other Business:** Lyle read with interest when Rockland at first turned down the idea of having a gas powered power generator. He suggests it would be worth our while to write a letter to that company saying that if Rockland doesn't want it they could look at Union. Westbrook has it and it makes a huge amount of money for no costs. If the gas line goes from Windsor to Rockland it would go right by our Industrial Park. He doesn't see any reason why they couldn't generate the electricity there instead of going further with the gas all they would have to do is switch it to electricity then transport the electricity which would probably be cheaper, easier and safer than the gas line. Jay said there may be a transmission line right close by there. That's the big thing do we have the capacity to send it out from here. Lyle bets if CMP were offered the opportunity to purchase electricity at a decent price and it's a good price; it costs almost nothing other than pay for the gas, that's what they do in Westbrook they bring the gas in and pay for the electricity. Greg noted that is an excellent idea to pursue. Jay said he would ask Grant what the requirements are.
10. **Town Manager's Report:** there was none.
11. **Selectmen's Report:** Jim asked if DOT since their working on the bridge would they be working on the sidewalks too. Jay said it's on there and actually it was on last year's budget.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** There was none.
13. **Adjourn:** Motion Lyle Cramer to adjourn at 7:05PM. Seconded Jim Justice. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on May 19, 2015 with the following amendments.