

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
February 2, 2016

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

Absent: Greg Grotton and John Shepard.

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Joseph Patricia and Karen Poulin.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Co-Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** Karen Poulin asked the Board during their Budget discussions to keep in mind that senior citizens will not get a raise this year 0% on their Social Security and also Federal and State employees are only getting a 1% raise this year. She also said on The Town's list of people that are unable to pay their property taxes each year it grows longer and longer. In last year's Town Report counting up the number of people who were on that list came to almost 19% of the taxable properties in this Town, that's almost 1 out of 5 who are having trouble paying their taxes. Lyle noted because we don't have a full quorum tonight we will be discussing item #7 in two weeks when we'll have a full quorum. We have taken note of your comments and will keep them in mind.
4. **Approve Minutes of January 19, 2016:** Motion James Justice to approve Minutes as presented. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
5. **Discussion on intern for the summer of 2016:** Jay noted he's talked about this in the past and we have some students who live close by, some in Public Management. He needs to submit the request, it's not a guarantee that we will get it, but he thought it would be a great opportunity to have an intern at our office during the summer months. We need to find the right person who is within travel distance of the Town. This is a 12 week Internship that would cost us about \$5,000. The scope of the projects will encompass Admin, PW, Parks and Codes, we can fund this out of the various departments.

6. **Approve Mid Coast Regional Planning Members:** Jay noted the members were Mary Jane West and Barry Norris until Grant Watmough took over. Motion Elmer Savage to authorize the Town Manager to appoint Mary Jane West and Grant Watmough. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
7. **Discussion on Salaries for 2016-17:** to be discussed in two weeks.
8. **Discussion on N. Union Bridge Embankment work and award of Bid Administration:** Jay reported last summer we hired Landmark Engineering to do the Bridge Stabilization Plan, It is quite technical, and Jay thought it best since they wrote and did this, for them to do the bid process. There is going to be a lot of questions with the Contractors on details that Jay is not qualified to answer and he would have to go to the engineer for the answer anyway. The estimated cost of services is \$4,000 for them to put this out to bid and to do all the meetings with the contractors on site, phone consultation etc. which we have in our Public Works Budget to start this year. Hopefully we can accomplish that this summer. The bridge is way up by Guinea Ridge Road. The bridge is in fairly good condition, a couple of cracks, most of it is erosion control from the high water we've had the last couple of years. If we don't take care of it we are going to lose the bridge. Motion Elmer Savage to hire Landmark for \$4,000 for Bid Administration. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
9. **Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee:** Elmer reported the Survey is ready and will be at the printers tomorrow and it will be online as well.
10. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated February 2, 2016:** Motion James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant dated February 2, 2016. Seconded Elmer Savage. Unanimous.
11. **Other Business:** there was none.
12. **Town Manager's Report:** Jay didn't know until tonight that Greg was not going to be here. We received another notice from Maine Municipal Risk Management on the Sprinkler system update for the Thompson Community Center. The Board continues to give TCC extensions on that and Maine Municipal has as well. Jay thinks when they come out for the spring visit it is sounding quite serious that enough time has elapsed. Jay had asked TCC for minutes from their meetings or anything else he could give Maine Municipal to keep them happy. We've been dealing with this for three years and it could affect the Insurance on that building.
13. **Selectmen's Report:** there was none.
14. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.

15. **Adjourn:** Motion James Justice to adjourn at 7:00PM. Seconded Elmer Savage.
Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on February 23,2016 with the following amendments.