

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2015

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Elmer Savage, James Justice and Sara Moore.

Absent: Lyle Cramer.

Also Present: Jay Feyler.

1. **Call to Order:** by Chair at 6:30PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** there was none.
4. **Approve minutes of January 6, 2015:** Motion by Jim Justice to approve minutes as written. Seconded Elmer Savage. One abstention. (Moore).
5. **County Budget overview:** Jay provided the Board with copies of the Budget our assessment is up a little. Union's Assessment for 2015 is \$277,000.00. Jay noted the County has some major issues coming up depending on what the Governor budget does with the jails. He may increase the County Jail costs significantly with his proposed budget.
6. **Discussion on going forward with Bond:** The Board had some discussion about doing a road bond and if they were going to continue to commit to the \$100,000 to be used to pay off a bond. Jay needs to know Board's decision in order to go forward and gather information for Boards Budget packets. Greg is in favor of going ahead with the bond to complete the work no paving on Davis Road. Elmer is not sure about putting all of that into Davis Rd. If we think about bonding he thinks it makes sense to include at least some other roads. Jim asked what a million dollar bond would be and have a game plan on what roads we could fix up how much the increase on our taxes would be. Jay said if you do it the way Greg explained it and use the \$100,000 we are already using there would be no increase because you would be using

that to pay off the bond. What the amount of the bond will cost, you won't know until you sell the bond they are in 2.50% to 3% right now. A million dollar Bond will cost \$25,000 in interest per year. Jay said he will have Maine Bond Bank print out a 10-15 yr. bond package with current interest rates. To have a 0 tax increase you would have to go 10yrs. and use the \$100,000 you have now. The Board will look at the information and go from there.

7. **Selectmen/manager goal review #1 and decision to go forward or table:** Jay noted from the Selectmen goals the process for school withdrawal is quite extensive. It's his understanding you have to negotiate with the district on your debt which is about two million dollars. Jay said he personally has not heard a lot of talk about it like in other areas. Most of those areas were forced into it so they withdrew. It's a lot of work, you would be lucky to get it done by next June probably the year after when it would come up for a vote by the time you go through the whole process. If you decided to go forward on something like this you would have to hire a consultant at some price to do all this particular work. Jim said he doesn't see us doing anything this year on this. Sally acknowledged it is quite a process to go through and will cost the Town a lot of money to do that and we will also have to buy the building. It's quite a process to go through she doesn't think the people in Town have any idea what it entails. Greg said no one has said anything to him about wanting to withdraw from SAD 40 and he doesn't see it going anywhere.
8. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated January 21, 2015:** Motion by James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.
9. **Other Business:** there was none.
10. **Town Managers Report:** none.
11. **Selectmen's Report:** Greg talked to some members on the Pullen Committee and they suggested the TCC get an application in ASAP.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
13. **Adjourn:** Motion by James Justice to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on February 3, 2015 with the following amendments.