

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes  
July 5, 2016

**Board Present:** Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, James Justice and Sarah Drickey.

**Absent:** John Shepard.

**Also Present:** Jay Feyler, Eleanor Snyder, Marian Whitman, Scott Whitman, Scott Farley, Lawrence Nash, John Gibbons, Lori Carlson and Beth Birmingham.

1. **Call Meeting 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 June 21, 2016:** Board tabled approval of minutes until next meeting on July 19, 2016.
5. **Discussion on Dog Ordinance memo from Town Attorney:** Greg reported all members of the Board and the Dog Ordinance Committee received a copy of Roger Therriaults memo. Lyle said someone needs to address the issue of barking dogs. Greg noted after careful research and a through reviewed of the State's Law on Animals and Dogs nowhere in State Statute is there any regulation regarding barking dogs. If barking dogs are to be regulated it must be done through the Local Ordinance. A Committee was formed that established an Ordinance the game players were all part of that committee and Greg is asking for a recommendation. He favors leaving the Ordinance as it is. Greg added the thing he sees is harassment, that's a civil matter. Motion Lyle Cramer to table indefinitely changing the Ordinance and leave it as is. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
6. **Discussion on TCC memo from Town Attorney:** Greg said in reference to Roger Therriault's memo he never liked that Lease. Greg agrees with the Town Attorney and we will discuss this at a future date. Lori Carlson expressed her concern that as of July

1st the TCC is no longer covered with Insurance. She asks if she needs to make a move on that or is it ok, we have the ability to get coverage, she doesn't know what she is supposed to do at this point. Greg noted if the Board continues to table this until we rewrite the lease you don't have to worry about it. Jay said from the suggestion that he put in the Boards notes and he's talked with Roger about this was the recommendation that you vote that the TCC is out of compliance with the Lease but you don't take any action at this time. The only thing that cannot be changed by the Selectmen is the terms and the price per year because it has to come back to the voters. Lyle suggests putting together a blue ribbon committee or something like that to look at what the Lease should be like whose responsible and who is not responsible if it's going to be run by a board and what are the expectations of that Board, there's a whole group of things that need to be covered. We need to come up with a plan and vote to put it before the people at Town Meeting. Greg agrees completely but at this time we need to table this until such time we form a Committee. Lyle motioned that we start forming this committee by August 1st to review the current lease and explore where we go with the Thompson Community Center. The plan will then go before the Board for a vote then we will have a Special Town Meeting to deal with the plan. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Jay asked the Board to vote on the Compliance issue. It was suggested in his notes to the Board that they vote the TCC is out of compliance with the lease because of Insurance issues and repair issues but not take any action at this time. Motion Lyle Cramer the TCC is out of compliance with the Lease and not take any action at this time. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Greg noted if the TCC puts the Insurance they say they can get into effect you come back to us with the policy and we'll look at it. Jim asks if they have a price for the Insurance Laurie said she believes it's around \$7200.00. Greg asks for a vote. Unanimous.

7. **Vote on representatives on the LPC:** Jay said we have two people who are running for the LPC in our District 12. Bill Chapman, Chairman Selectboard Town of Rockport and Jay Feyler, Town Manager Town of Union. Motion Lyle Cramer to vote Jay Feyler and Bill Chapman as LPC Representatives. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
8. **Annual Appointments by Board of Selectmen:** there were none.
9. **Discussion on proceeds from tax acquired properties:** Jay noted the tax acquired properties we've had over the last year totals about \$49,000.00 Jay suggested the Board vote to put it into roads. Lyle had a good idea that you put the other half in Fund Balance. Motion Lyle Cramer to distribute the proceeds a fifty fifty split. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
10. **Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee:** John Shepard sent an email saying the Historical Society has put some input on the Historical portion of the Comp. Plan.
11. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated July 6, 2016:** Motion Lyle Cramer to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.

- 12. Other Business:** Motion Lyle Cramer to approve Games of Chance for the Warren Three Links Club at Union Fair. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Jay said when Eleanor came to work for us we had projects that she's been working on. She's inventoried all Town properties and will tell you a little about it. There are seventeen properties: Cemeteries, noting nothing will be done with those. There are a few that will become gravel pits. One property #1315 we are working on with the Medomak Valley Land Trust to become a trail system and we're thinking about a Conservation Easement with them. Jay noted she had put all the property cards and tax maps together and any covenants that were found so we'll have that 10 yrs. down the road. Eleanor said what she tried to do was the basics and have notes as to where you can find more in-depth information on them. The Board complimented her on her work.
- 13. Town Managers Report:** Jay reported the lights are up on Rt. 17 for the work the DOT will be starting on Thurs. The Town will close Short St. during the construction. Tomorrow morning Miller, Payson and Daniels Rds. will be posted to through traffic and truck traffic. This may be closed for a month or more to get it done. Chris Packard will be starting next week on Rabbit Farm Rd. Letters have gone out to everyone on Rabbit Farm Rd. and Clarry Hill Lane. Barrett Hill Rd. work will probably be in September.
- 14. Selectmen's Report:** Lyle reported Ayer Park was full this weekend he did go back several times but didn't check the trash because there was no place to park. The good news is they are using the park like crazy the bad news is we may have to look at additional place for parking which doesn't exist.
- 15. Future Agenda Items:** none
- 16. Adjourn:** Motion James Justice to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on July 19, 2016 with the following amendments.

