

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting
October 20, 2015

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

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Joseph Patricia and Beth Birmingham.

1. **Call Selectmen's 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 of October 6, 2015:** Motion James Justice to approve October 6, 2015 minutes as presented. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
5. **Discussion on Selectmen letter regarding TCC:** Motion James Justice to take no Action. Seconded John Shepard. Discussion followed: Lyle said this is a major change, so major that he thinks we need to go to the Town because we have given up any rights and responsibilities there. Before we can make that kind of change we need to have a Public Hearing and a Vote of the Town. Greg explained so that everyone knows what is going on that Abe Knight is requesting the Town take back the TCC and void out the Current lease that we have which is a 99 year lease. He would like to become a Director responsible directly to The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. As Jay has pointed out the process would take a vote of the Townspeople and funding of the TCC would be the responsibility of The Town. The TCC Board would also have to agree with it. Greg added if the current crew over there which Jim and I are both on the committee working with them we think they have some good ideas and direction. They are paying bills and putting a little extra away. If they fail it goes back to the Town. Greg added he is opposed to that. John asks if it's valid the point made here (letter) is that they are running the building into the ground and letting everything fall apart and they have their own Agenda? It's a serious claim. Greg totally disagrees with that, we are on the Board over there these people are making money we have a profit and loss every month to look at. They can only do what they can do and it's not being run into the ground. They have

Tenants over there and he thinks overall they are doing a good job, their doing the best they can. They are working the best they can to get more money, funding and donations so they can get the sprinkler system in. They will start having dances again which was put on hold with one scheduled at the end of this month so he disagrees with that in answer to Johns questions. Jim noted improvements are being made slowly but surely they are all working people and there is only five of us on the Board and volunteers are hard to come by. Lyle asks what is the progress towards getting the money to put the Sprinkler system in so they can start making more money by getting people in there. Greg noted the bank rejected the initial requirement because they didn't have enough income coming in to support the loan. We are now working with a couple of different Banks we have increased the revenues coming in so it's just going to take a little time. They are still functioning. Lyle asks for status on Insurance. Jay said we just got the Insurance Certificate from TCC, their Liability Insurance and that whole Property Insurance thing and said he is not sure there is a whole lot of value over there. They have to provide us with proof of Insurance Naming the Town of Union as the additionally insured which he has, it came in a couple of weeks ago. The MMA issue is still there when that six months is up it will probably be off the Town after the major review in the spring. Jay expects according to the last letter we received if significant progress has not be made for those safety issues they will take further action. Whether they'll just drop the Insurance which they have the right to do or they will just put it down to the value of almost nothing. The Town of Union has property insurance on the building through MMA they are supposed to have Liability Insurance and content Insurance. They are supposed to have their own According to the Lease. Greg asks for vote on the motion. Unanimous.

6. **Comprehensive Plan update by Buddy/John:** John reported Barry Norris has agreed to be Vice-Chairman. The Committee is currently focusing on Transportation. Eric Galant the facilitator from Mid-Coast Regional Planning presented us with a proposed Revision and update of the Transportation Chapter of the 2005 Comprehensive Plan. We are relying heavily on Eric to give us a sense of direction, it's good to have his help and Assistance. He is going to compile a few suggestions for the Transportation concerns i.e.: Safety and State regulations for entrances onto Route 17, parking concerns around Town and he will bring back a data version. Not sure we will totally finish it but we will vote to move on to the next step. One of the discussions was for a Park and Ride Lot somewhere in Union to encourage people to leave their cars and commute since we don't have bus services. It was thought that maybe the Thompson Community back lot could become the Park and ride lot. Jay asked the dirt section, that's basically Town it's not really a part of The Thompson Community Center. John noted he sees no great changes just reviewing the Transportation part of the Comprehensive Plan. Elmer noted one of the things we are going to do by way of public input is surveying Townspeople. He thinks we will probably do it several times during the process. He thinks it would be far too broad to do one survey. It will be done in sections but used perhaps at Town Meeting and Informational Meetings. He also thinks you won't get much of a response from a paper survey but rather an online survey.

Jay suggested where this is a two year project we could have a Section in the Town Report for the Survey. Elmer said at some point it will probably come up that The Committee would like to know what the Town has for Town owned Property. Jim Murphy could probably get that for the Committee.

7. **Update on Road Damages from Storm:** Jay reported we're still working on Carroll Road with the Engineers we did fill the hole the other day after DEP came down and said we could do it under Emergency Measures. We need to come up with a long term plan for Carroll Rd. that road it's not if it's going to Fail it's just when. As we get these bigger storms and the higher water flow it's eventually going to undermine that road and that road is going to collapse at some point. We still need more stone for Butler Rd. We have a lot of edges on the roads all over town that we will try to get done before winter.
8. **Sign Treasurers Warrant dated October 20, 2015:** Motion Lyle Cramer to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
9. **Other Business:** Board agreed to Executive Session at the end of regular meeting.
10. **Town Manager's Report:** We are working on the Salt Building, budgeted out we are going to be really close. The elevation difference costs an extra \$5,000. They are going to start work on that tomorrow we'll get the pavement and then the containers. The trusses are due here November 6th. We'll get it done by the middle of November.
11. **Selectmen's Report:** there was none.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.
13. **Adjourn regular meeting convene Executive Session:** Motion Elmer Savage to adjourn regular meeting. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on November 17, 2015 with the following amendments.