

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes  
October 4, 2016

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

**Also Present:** Jay Feyler and Jim Murphy.

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 September 20, 2016:** Motion to approve minutes as written Jim Justice. Seconded John Shepard. One abstention. (Cramer).
5. **Tree Growth Penalty Withdrawal Jim Murphy:** Jim reported Tree Growth Penalty Withdrawal of 14.00 acres of Qualified Tree Grown classified acreage from Map 009-048 property owners Kevin and Diana Sawyer's request. Motion Lyle Cramer to sign Tree Growth Penalty Withdrawal for \$2,953.26. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.
6. **Appointment of Election Clerk:** Motion Lyle Cramer to sign Election Clerk Appointment for Tera Corson. Seconded Jim Justice. Unanimous.
7. **Oldest tax payment policy update:** Jay explained apparently the last one that was done didn't say this Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers. It's a Policy that the Board of Selectmen have the authority that when a resident comes in to pay their taxes if we didn't have this someone who is three years behind could pay the newest not the oldest taxes. We are required to get the oldest taxes paid there has to be a policy by The Board of Selectmen. You can do one every year or we can do it that it will remain in effect until the Board rescinds it. Jay added the line This Order shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers. Motion Lyle Cramer to approve policy until rescinded. Seconded Jim Justice. Unanimous.
8. **Update and final decision on light or sign at Wotton's Mill Road:** This was previously discussed by the Board it was determined that all four intersections belong to the State of Maine. If the DOT determined that it's a dangerous intersection then it's their duty to correct that danger and not have the Town of Union pay for it. Jay's recommendation is we tell them no, we are not going to pay for it. Motion Lyle Cramer to have Jay draft a letter to the

State telling them of the Board's decision. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

9. **Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee:** there was none.
10. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated October 4, 2016:** Motion James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
11. **Other Business:** there was none.
12. **Town Manager's Report:** Jay reported he has not heard from Haggar regarding repairs to Rabbit Farm Rd. they have until October 15th then a fine kicks in. Barrett Hill Rd. work will be starting on Monday October 10th. Parks and Recreational Committee meeting last evening put forth some good ideas, The Committee voted to work a little bit more with the Town of Warren. The Recreational Director over there works 32 hrs. a week, our Rec. Committee doesn't have a permanent Chair. Aaron is filling in but really doesn't want to do it. He wants to participate, he wants to coach but he doesn't want to do all the paperwork maybe that's something we can work with the Town of Warren to collaborate with them and have John Leach do the paperwork for the Town of Union. We've been working with Warren on Softball, Basketball and Soccer so it's kind of a natural.
13. **Selectmen's Report:** Sarah reported she attended the Vocational School meeting. She asked questions one being how come they don't have students for a full day. They said they aren't licensed to feed the students. She asked why they didn't look for another area to build The new school the answer was because they have to be near the ferry terminal for the kids from Vinalhaven. John asked if it was possible to have active representation from the School Board at the Regional School. Jay will ask the Superintendent next week. Jim reported a company from Rockland will be doing window inserts for the TCC on Thursday at no charge to the TCC. Jim is looking for volunteers to help with the installation. There was a heated discussion between Lyle and Jim regarding the Blue Ribbon Committee that is to be formed to review The TCC Lease. Lyle recommended that the Committee meet in Executive Session to decide where we all stand and what our positions are on this. Greg said we need have someone take the reins, contact the people set the time for a meeting so this Committee can get started. Once they meet you can then select someone for Chairman then review the Lease and come back with a recommendation to the Board whether taken into Executive Session or not. Jay said he would call the people to set up a time and date for the meeting. Board agreed to meet in Executive Session for discussion on Town Managers Evaluation on Tues. October 11, 2016 at 6:00PM. Greg mentioned he would like to host an Appreciation Day at his home for all employees and their families. With the Election right around the corner then the Thanksgiving Holiday there didn't seem to be a date that would work for everyone. Jay said it could be done here at the office and suggested it could be held around Christmas.
14. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.

**15. Adjourn:** Motion John Shepard to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on October 18, 2016 with the following amendments.