

AGENDA

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

ONLINE INTERACTIVE

6:30PM

THE BOARD MEETING WILL BE ONLINE ONLY. WE ASK YOU JOIN AND LIMIT YOUR CONVERSATIONS AS WE NAVIGATE THE NEW WAY OF MEETINGS. THE ZOOM LINK WILL BE POSTED TUESDAY MORNING ON THE WEBSITE AND LIST SERVE

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order
2. Public Comment, please e-mail comments to the Town Manager or wait to be recognized on zoom
3. Approve minutes of Tuesday, August 4th and July 21
4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, August 18, 202
5. Accept Maine Healthy Grant of \$17,570.00
6. Communications, BOS requested topic
7. Plans for the Public Hearing and Fairgrounds Town Meeting
8. Follow-up from Planning Board on Food Ordinance
9. COVID-19 updates
10. Other Business
11. Town Manager's Report
12. Selectmen's Report
13. Future Agenda Items
14. Adjourn

AGENDA NOTES

August 18th 2020

6:30 Online

#5: We have been approved for round 2 of the Maine Healthy Grant in the amount of \$17,500. The BOS needs to approve acceptance of the funds. This includes partial funding for the library request as they could not apply on their own. We did not receive the full amount requested so all budget items will be reduced accordingly.

You will see in most of our local stores the hand sanitizer stands, signage, mask, sanitizer, brochures, all paid for by round one and two grant. Keeping Union safe!

#6 This is a Board requested topic.

#7: I want to go over the plans for the 24th at the Fairgrounds. I will be meeting with Ron Hawes next week on the logistics, but right now the plan is to use the area between blueberry acres and the stage area. There is pretty good lighting there and we have power for the system we will be using.

We could use volunteers; however, I have also asked the Fire/Ambulance if we could get a couple of people to work that evening. And since we are dealing with vehicles and sometimes frustration, I have requested a deputy for a couple of hours. Even though some do not believe in social distancing, it is important as a municipality we enforce this as others who are vulnerable expect to be in a safe environment. I believe I can cost this out on the FEMA form easily.

This is quite a bit of work for the Clerk's office and we will have all hands-on deck, well fairgrounds, for this. If others who have done this is any indications, the turnout will be small.

#8: Please see the attached notes from the PB meeting last Thursday. The BOS need to decide the next move on this, and I would suggest we pass this along to an attorney to give the BOS advice on any pitfalls of this.

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday August 4, 2020

ONLINE INTERACTIVE

6:30 PM

Selectmen Present: John Shepard; Chairman, Martha Johnston-Nash, Adam Fuller, Josh White, Bill Lombardi.

Others Present: Jay Feyler, PJ Jacobs, Christine Simmonds, John Gibbons, Elizabeth Dickerson, Greg Grotton.

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** Elizabeth Dickerson would like to see a Food Sovereign Ordinance in Union. She stated the values, especially during these unprecedented times. John stated that this suggestion is listed within tonight's agenda and will be addressed at the August 13th Planning Board meeting.
- 3. Approve minutes of Tuesday, July 21st, 2020:**

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen White to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 21st with the two amendments. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, Johnston, Lombardi, White. All in favor.

- 4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, August 4, 2020:**

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen White to approve the warrant. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, Johnston, Lombardi, White. All in favor.

Motion by Selectmen Johnston seconded by Selectmen Fuller to approve the Fire Warrant. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Shepard, Johnston, Lombardi, Fuller, White. All in favor.

5. Vote for Legislative Policy Committee Members:

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen Johnston to vote for Jay Feyler and William Post for Maine Municipal Legislative Policy Committee positions. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Johnston, Lombardi, Shepard, Fuller, White. All in favor.

6. Vote for MMA Executive Board Members:

Motion by Selectmen Lombardi seconded by Selectmen Fuller to vote for James Bennett, Robert Butler, Terry Helms & Diane Hines for MMA Executive Board Member positions. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: White, Lombardi, Shepard, Fuller, Johnston. All in favor.

7. Approve annual Policy on Disbursement Warrants:

Motion by Selectmen Johnston seconded by Selectmen Lombardi to approve annual Policy on Disbursement Warrants with amendments. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, White, Shepard, Johnston. All in favor.

8. Set date for Public Hearing on pending ordinances:

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen Lombardi to set the public hearing date for Monday, August 17th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Johnston, Lombardi, Shepard. All in favor.

9. Appoint representatives to work with the Planning Board on August 13th on Food Sovereign Ordinances:

Selectmen White and Selectmen Lombardi were appointed to work with the Planning Board on the Food Sovereign Ordinance on Thursday, August 13th at 6:30 p.m.

10. Discussion on Elections of Budget Committee and Pullen Members:

The Board has decided to continue voting on Budget Committee and Pullen Members as is, with no changes.

11. COVID-19 updates:

Jay stated that customer service is going very well at the town office. Nothing new to report currently.

12. Other Business:

Set speed limits on Cole Road and Ayer Hill Road:

Jay stated that there have been resident requests to initiate set speed limits on Cole Road and Ayer Hill Road. He explained that the DOT may or may not comply to the requests. They will need to determine whether the road warrants a set speed limit.

Discussion: After much discussion, it was decided to have Jay place the digital speed limit sign on Cole Road to determine speed activity. John will also reach out to the resident who wrote in the request and will explain the series of steps that the town is taking before engaging the DOT.

Browns Lane:

Motion by Selectmen Lombardi seconded by Selectmen Fuller to accept the Browns Lane offer of \$20,000 on a Quit Claim Deed. Vote by roll call.

Selectmen in favor: Shepard, Johnston, Lombardi, Fuller. Selectmen opposed: White.

13. Town Manager's Report:

Public Works Update: Mechanical Services inspected the floor last week. They will submit in their report by next week. The current air lines will be replaced with steel lines.

Jay signed the contract for the town website last week. The work will start, although, it may take longer because of COVID.

Next Tuesday is the last day for the intern. Jay will be conducting his exit interview. He stated that he has been invaluable with such tasks as PW fire paperwork & COVID grant writing.

14. Selectmen's Report:

Adam felt that the meeting went well and complimented John on conducting the meeting. Josh praised the paving on North Union Road. Bill stated that he would like to see the communication improve between the Select Board and the residents of Union. He would like to see everyone work together keeping in mind kindness, clarity, and directness in communication. He is pleased with how this meeting was conducted.

15. Future Agenda Items:

Communication solutions: Select Board vs. Union Residents

16. Adjourn:

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen White to adjourn. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Shepard, Fuller, Lombardi, White, Johnston. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday July 21, 2020

ONLINE INTERACTIVE

6:00 p.m.

Selectmen Present: John Shepard, Josh White, Adam Fuller, Martha Johnston, Bill Lombardi

Others Present: Jay Feyler, Greg Grotton, Christine Simmonds, Jesse Thompson, John Gibbons

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:01 p.m.

2. Public Comment: None

3. Approve minutes of Tuesday, July 7, 2020:

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen White to accept the minutes as written. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, White. All in favor. Selectmen Lombardi and Johnston abstained.

4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, July 21, 2020:

Motion by Selectmen White seconded by Selectmen Fuller to approve the warrant. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, White. All in favor. Selectmen Johnston and Lombardi abstained.

5. Board Election of Officers, Chair, and Vice-Chair:

John Shepard was nominated by Martha Johnston for Chair of the Board.

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen White to accept John Shepard as Chair. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, White, Johnston. All in favor.

Adam Fuller was nominated by Josh White for Vice-Chair of the Board.

Motion by Selectmen White seconded by Selectmen Johnston to accept Adam Fuller as Vice-Chair. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Shepard, Lombardi, White, Johnston. All in favor.

6. Discussion on Tree Carving:

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen Johnston to rescind the original motion to carve the tree in the Common. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, Lombardi, White, Johnston. All in favor.

7. Discussion on Town Meeting options:

The 2020 Town Meeting will take place at the Union Fairgrounds on August 24th at 7:00 p.m. Due to COVID-19, this will take place as a drive-in method.

8. Discussion on Future Selectmen Meetings and Streaming:

After much discussion, the Selectmen would prefer a 6:30 p.m. start time.

Motion by Selectmen Johnston seconded by Selectmen Fuller to return to the original 6:30 p.m. start time. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: White, Shepard, Johnston, Fuller, Lombardi.

9. COVID-19 updates: Refer to Town Manager's Report

10. Other Business: None

11. Town Manager's Report:

The town has been providing town businesses with PPP equipment and supplies from the Maine Health Grant funding.

Ayer Park is open for the season. Jay indicated that visitors are not social distancing.

PW update: There continues to be a leak in the floor. Jay would like to see the entire floor torn up and redone. There are several variables involved to see whether tearing the floor back up is achievable.

Streetlights should be operational very soon; just waiting on CMP to install the meter.

12. Selectmen's Report:

13. Future Agenda Items:

14. Adjourn:

Motion by Selectmen Fuller seconded by Selectmen White to adjourn. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, Lombardi, White, Johnston. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary

Jay Feyler

From: jerry brooks <jerrybrooksjr@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 7:25 AM
To: Jay Feyler
Cc: Grant Watmough
Subject: Re: Planning Board / Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Good Morning All,

I would like to add that the Planning Board was unanimously pleased to have been included in this preliminary review of a potential new ordinance. If the initial introduction of the ordinance review was somewhat confusing or garbled, I would like to take a moment and apologize....as Chairman, I did not choose the correct wording or opening presentation for this type of idea exchange between the two Boards....hence the confusion. In the future, the Planning Board will have a format, if only an outline, to guide us through future preliminary reviews of this nature. Post agenda discussion between the present Planning Board members regarding this type of Inter-Board Exchange, was overwhelmingly positive and bodes well for the future of the Town of Union. Speaking on behalf of the Planning Board, a hearty thank you to Jay Feyler, Town Manager, and the Union SelectBoard for including the Planning Board in this process.

Respectfully,

Gerald Brooks Jr
Planning Board Chairman

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2020, at 6:48 AM, Jay Feyler <townmanager@union.maine.gov> wrote:

From: Bill Lombardi <blombardi@union.maine.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 5:55 AM
To: Select Board <selectboard@union.maine.gov>; Jay Feyler <townmanager@union.maine.gov>; Martha Johnston-Nash <mjohnstonnash@union.maine.gov>
Cc: Lizzie Dickerson <lizzie.dickerson@gmail.com>
Subject: Planning Board / Food Sovereignty Ordinance

Good Morning,

Josh and I attended the Planning Board meeting last evening. This is my attempt to provide you with a brief summary of the discussion.

The Planning Board questioned why this was being brought to their attention. After a short conversation regarding inclusiveness and getting input from as many sources as possible the Board concluded that although Food Sovereignty is not part of land use it does reflect on the Comprehensive Plan.

Lizzie Dickerson then gave a concise summary of the ordinance and shared her desire to be able to supplement her income from the sale of goat milk and cheese from her two goats. In summary, regulations add a financial burden that make it prohibitive for the small farmer to meet the requirements. A friendly and lively conversation ensued.

Key points of the conversation:

- 1.) The reg could be tailored to the town. Examples of possibilities to be added to address food safety could be a herd testing requirement for TB and the dating and clear labeling of non-pasteurized milk. This was not a comprehensive listing of all areas but addressed a need to include food safety in the ordinance.
- 2.) The Board didn't particularly like the title "Food Sovereignty". They like "Community Food Self Governance" better.
- 3.) There was a discussion about Town liability if such an ordinance would be enacted. The Board recommended that the town attorney review. Grant pointed out item #7 that states that there is "civil enforcement" indicating that the town would not have liability

The Board unanimously felt that this ordinance was "worthy of consideration" and made sense to enact. One statement was made that they have been doing it this way in Europe for hundreds of years. In conclusion, the Board felt that this was a good idea.

Josh please add, subtract or clarify anything that I've written. I don't have Gerry Brooks email or I would have cc'd him on this email. Jay, could you kindly forward this to him for his review?

With Gratitude,

Bill Lombardi
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