

# MINUTES

## SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

ONLINE INTERACTIVE

6:30 p.m.

**Selectmen Present:** John Shepard (Chairman), Martha Johnston-Nash, Adam Fuller, Josh White, and Bill Lombardi

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

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** Elizabeth Dickerson would like to see a Food Sovereignty 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 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting.
- 3. Approve minutes of Tuesday, July 21, 2020:**

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

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

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

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

**5. Vote for Legislative Policy Committee Members:**

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

**6. Vote for MMA Executive Board Members:**

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

**7. Approve annual Policy on Disbursement Warrants:**

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

**8. Set date for Public Hearing on pending ordinances:**

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

**9. Appoint representatives to work with the Planning Board on August 13<sup>th</sup> on Food Sovereignty Ordinance:**

Selectmen White and Selectmen Lombardi were appointed to work with the Planning Board on the Food Sovereignty Ordinance on Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 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 with 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 the request and will explain the series of steps that the town is taking before engaging the DOT.

### **Browns Lane:**

Motion by Selectman Lombardi seconded by Selectman Fuller to accept the Browns Lane offer of \$20,000 on a Quit Claim Deed. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Shepard, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Fuller. Selectmen opposed: White. 4-1.

## **13. Town Manager's Report:**

Public Works Update: Mechanical Services inspected the floor last week. They will submit 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 Board of Selectmen 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 between Board of Selectmen and Union residents.

**16. Adjourn:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick  
Secretary