

Union Selectmen & Assessor's Meeting

February 20th, 2018

6:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:00 p.m. BOS Meeting

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, Jim Justice, Sarah Drickey, Lyle Cramer

Others present: Jay Feyler

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** 7:05 p.m.
- 2. Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (E)- Town Attorney Contract**

Motion by: Jim Justice to open Executive Session

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Executive Session opened at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Jim Justice to close Executive Session

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Executive Session closed at 6:50 p.m.

- 3. Executive Session #2- 1 MRSA 405(6) E -Town Attorney, legal action PW truck**

Motion by: Jim Justice to open Executive Session

2nd by Sarah Drickey

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Executive Session opened at 6:50 p.m.

Motion by: Jim Justice to close Executive Session

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Executive Session closed at 6:55 p.m.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

5. Public Comment:

Several residents were at the meeting and shared some thoughts pertaining to the TCC building. One resident spoke for the tax payers, stating that they would like to receive clear and accurate information about the building, which could effectively lead to practical solutions. She also voiced that there appears to be a disconnect between the Board and the residents of Union and feels that cooperative teamwork can lead to positive solutions for a final vote. Another resident stated that the citizens of Union are not the adversary, but merely tax payers in town, looking to resolve this issue by reaching out to the Board to make things happen. Martha Nash stated that a group met with Matt and presented him with ideas. She feels it was a productive meeting. A thought was brought forward to have an open meeting, wherein can bring members of the community together to help decide on what the town would like to see for the future of the building.

Discussion: Jim feels that the town has given the Board a bad reputation since the special town meeting. The town previously voted in favor of elderly housing in the community, and in return, the Board explored the possibilities of providing elderly housing by bringing ideas to the forefront. Jim feels he works hard for the town and has not been treated fairly.

Lyle stated that he is privy of current information and feels it will help him with future goals in which the town will be aware of within the next couple of weeks.

Ann Johnson feels that the town all has one common goal, which is to live and thrive in a healthy community. She feels that the animosity over this issue should cease, and everyone should find common ground and move forward peacefully.

Greg publicly apologized to Cybil for anything he said to upset her during their last conversation. Furthermore, he stated that he would like to see an audit done before a final decision is made about the TCC. He could not stress enough the importance of an audit, which is a mandatory requirement within the bylaws and are long overdue. Martha asked about the differentiation between the TCC and the town bylaws. Greg backed up his answer with researched data, stating that the TCC is required to have a registered agent amongst other statutes which could change the outcome of decisions made about the TCC building.

6. Approve minutes of February 6, 2018:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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7. Action from Executive Sessions, if any:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to authorize the town manager and town attorney to formulate a letter requesting information for the TCC to make an informed decision.

2nd by: Jim Justice

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8. Meals on Wheels, Kate Tarbox:

Kate Tarbox spoke about the Meals on Wheels program. She asked the town for their support and requested that the residents share the information with their neighbors and friends so that they can continue to provide this beneficial service to the community. She also introduced the Home Safety & Repairs program. This program provides LED lightbulbs and the reflective 911 house numbers. For additional information, brochures will be provided at the town office.

9. Discussion on tapping trees on town property:

Request has been withdrawn

10. Health Insurance Coverage Discussion:

Jay suggested that this be discussed at the next scheduled meeting when John Shepard is present. Topic tabled until the next meeting.

11. Official appointment of Aging in Place Committee Members:

Jay stated appointment papers need to be done. Current members are listed.

Motion by: Jim Justice to accept current members

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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12. Sign Treasurers Warrant dated February 20, 2018:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Jim Justice

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13. Town Managers Report:

Jay stated budget folders were given out with reports.

One truck is still down, and the pick-up truck is having issues.

DEP representative visited the town garage and is happy with the current operations.

Travis has been working on the recreational track and will have some current information for the Board to review.

14. Other Business:

15. Selectmen's Report:

16. Future Agenda Items:

17. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Patrick – Secretary

Minutes approved on March 6th, 2018