

MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 17, 2020
William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Greg Grotton, Sarah Drickey, John Shepard, Josh White, and Adam Fuller

Others: Jay Feyler, Jim Justice, and Bill Stinson

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment:** None.
- 4. Approve minutes of Wednesday, March 4, 2020 and Monday, March 16, 2020:**

Motion by: John Shepard to approve minutes from March 4, 2020

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Motion by: Sarah Drickey to approve minutes from March 16, 2020

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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- 5. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, March 17, 2020:**

Motion by: John Shepard

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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- 6. Browns Lane Purchase Offer:**

Bill Stinson was present and read a letter on behalf of The Friends of Founders Park. The group thanked the Selectmen for rejecting the previous offer on the Browns Lane property. The letter stated that this would give them more time to raise funds for the proposed park expansion. They asked that the town reject the new offer and not relist the property to give them adequate time to complete their fundraising efforts.

Discussion: Josh strongly feels that the Browns Lane matter should be voted on by town residents. He would like to see the extension of the park. Adam feels a town vote is a good idea, though there is an offer on the table. However, he is rather conflicted and

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personally would like to see a green space on the property. Adam also stated if The Friends of Founders Park had adequate funding in hand, maybe he would feel differently. Sarah feels the town should accept the offer. Although John has mixed feelings, he is leaning towards accepting the offer. Greg does not see the benefits in adding park space nor is he enthusiastic about spending Union residents' taxpayer money so that Warren residents can take advantage of a park. He would like to accept the purchase offer.

Motion by: Josh to accept the full price offer and ask the party to defer until the day after the June town meeting.

2nd by: John Shepard

Discussion: John wonders if asking the buyers to defer is even possible. Jay stated that there may not be a June meeting. Adam feels the conditions are not fair. He feels the only solution would be to reject the offer and take it off the market.

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Motion by: Josh White to reject the offer

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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Motion by: Sarah Drickey to accept the offer

2nd by: John Shepard

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7. Discussion and vote on Mowing Cemeteries and Town:

Motion by: John Shepard to reject all the bids

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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8. Discussion and vote and Warrant Petition Article, Marijuana:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to accept the land use regulations

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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9. Discussion on vote on Sidewalk Warrant Article Wording:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: John Shepard

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10. Discussion and acceptance of Clarry Hill Culvert Grant:

Motion by: John Shepard to accept the Clarry Hill Culvert Grant

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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11. Discussion on Bonding/Paving Projects:

Jay presented a spreadsheet on estimated bonding for paving projects. He would like to see the projects done correctly as there is a process. The Board agreed to have Jay investigate further.

12. Update on COVID-19 plans:

Jay stated that things are changing quickly. There will be delays in meetings including the Budget Committee meetings leading up to Town Meeting. BOS meetings may also be cancelled.

13. Other Business: None.

14. Town Manager Report:

The TCC has decided to close until further notice because of COVID-19.

15. Selectmen's Report:

Sarah asked if the food pantry will still be helping people in need. Jay suggested that folks call 211.

John stated that Tri-County is taking safety precautions and working on a contingency plan. They would like to see the facility stay open while keeping safety a priority for workers and the general public.

16. Future Agenda Items:

April 1st DOT Sidewalk Presentation postponed.

Motion by: Adam Fuller that if the Browns Lane buyer backs out, the Board reevaluates the listing.

2nd by: Josh White

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17. Adjourn:

Motion by: Greg Grotton

2nd by: John Shepard

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Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary