

## MINUTES

**Selectmen's/Assessor's Meeting  
Tuesday, April 3, 2018  
William Pullen Building Meeting Room  
6:30 PM**

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

**Others present:** Jay Feyler, Martha Johnston Nash, Eric Amudsen, Bruce Cobb, Terry Brackett, Lori Carlson, Sara Moore, Joel Moore

**1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** 6:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

**3. Public Comment:**

Lori Carlson was present, she handed out an email referencing the audit being delayed until August. The firm contracted to handle the audit is currently experiencing back-up due to tax season and previously scheduled audits.

Motion by: Jim Justice to authorize extension of audit to August 1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

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Eric Amudsen was present to speak on behalf of a group of concerned citizens with interest in the TCC building. They would like to see an engineering structural study done on the building and request that the town add a \$10,000-line item to have this accomplished.

Discussion: Greg stated that an engineering study was completed a couple of years ago. He went on to say that the TCC is an outside agency, and the funds would have to had been added to the budget by the end of January. The \$10,000 request was brought forward in the initial budget work-up and due to previous facts, it was voted down.

Lyle feels a thorough inspection would be adequate now that the town owns the building. John questioned what was inspected with the engineering study, Lori Carlson confirmed it was the gymnasium. John, Jim and Sarah agree with Lyle that it would be money well spent and an asset to the town. Jay feels that \$10,000 is quite low for an engineering study. He agreed to explore the options and pricing to have a complete study done.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to have Jay explore an estimated cost for a comprehensive engineering study.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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**4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, March 20, 2018:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

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**5. Set Date for Annual Informational Meeting:**

Jay stated that the dates would need to be in May for postcards to be ordered.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer for meeting to be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

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**6. Appointment of Election Clerks:**

**Democratic:**

Dorothy Black

Dianne Groce

Pamela Jensen

Nancy Johnson

Carol Watier

Debra Hilt

**Republican:**

Linda Dean

Charlotte Doughty

Barbara Fang

Ruth Leonard

Tera Corson

Martha Johnston-Nash

Motion by: Jim Justice to appoint election clerks by list provided

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

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**7. Discussion and vote on ambulance left assist charge:**

Jay stated that the ambulance is doing lift assists with costs incurred. The recommendation is to start charging \$100.00 for lift assists.

Motion by: Jim Justice to start charging \$100.00 for lift assist

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

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**8. Follow-up on Ayer Park for Summer:**

Several suggestions were brought forth by the Board to try and alleviate the trash issue.

Sarah suggested charging a fee for park usage and suggested having one or two paid high school or college students to collect fees. Charge by the carload. Jay stated the town cannot charge for someone to park or launch a boat in that area, which consists of four parking spaces, although, the adjacent area is subject to charging. A time frame for opening and closing times would need to be decided upon.

Jay stated there is a lemon law stating a carry-in and carry-out trash policy. For the worker to not have to confront users who do not carry-out trash, they can record license plates and report them to the officer. Greg suggested closing the gate at a specific time each day and posting no trespassing signs. There will be further discussions pertaining to regulations at the park and parking for launching watercraft.

Bruce Cobb suggested instead of charging a fee, hiring someone for about ten hours a week clean the facility.

Motion by: Jim Justice to put in the budget to hire a summer attendant.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**9. Recorded votes on Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles:**

Jay presented the latest draft. Article 4 is still pending. Pricing for digital sign is still being reviewed and he will have firm pricing by the next meeting.

Motion by: Jim Justice to vote on what was presented as is, excluding for 3 pending articles

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**10. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated April 3, 2018:**

Motion by: Lyle Cramer

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**11. Town Manager's Report:**

Jay stated he ordered more salt in case it is needed for the remainder of the season

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success. Everyone did a wonderful job, including Racheal from the school. A plan is in place to hold it again next year.

The International truck now has an extended warranty. The vehicle will be sold before the next warranty is scheduled in about 4 -5 years.

**12. Other Business:**

**13. Selectmen's Report:**

Greg stated that Paul Doherty passed away this past week. The Board will need to designate a new Senior Citizen and Senior Veteran as holder.

**14. Future Agenda Items:**

Ayer Park

**15. Adjourn:**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

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Adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Sandy Patrick- Secretary