

Union – Board of Selectmen Meeting
July 18th, 2017
6:30 PM Meeting

Selectmen Present: Greg Grotton, Jim Justice, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey

Others present: Jay Feyler

- 1) **Selectmen's meeting called to order:** 6:30 p.m.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3) **Public Comment:**
- 4) **Approve minutes from June 20th, 2017**
Tabled until next meeting
- 5) **Discussion and clarification of building fees:**

Jay stated that building fees were implemented on 9/1/2015. Agriculture structures less than 2000 square feet is a flat rate of \$10.00. Over 2000 square feet the flat rate is \$0.15 a square foot. Grant is asking for clarification for the exact square footage vs. fee. There seems to be a discrepancy on how this is interpreted on the fee schedule.

Discussion: Sarah stated that the terminology is not clear and that the numbers should equal out. John feels it should be clarified on the fee schedule.

Motion by: John Shepard to clarify confusion: After 2000 square feet it will be \$0.15 cents a square foot for each additional square foot.

2nd by: Jim Justice

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- 6) **Approval to post Barrett Hill Road to NO PARKING for concerts 7/20, 8/13, and 9/1 & 2, 10/15.**

Jay stated that the Board can give Mr. and Mrs. Savage permission to post NO PARKING signs during those concerts.

Discussion: Mr. Savage asked if they can add new dates to the current schedule; Sept 1st and 2nd.

Motion by: John Shepard to approve the request to close the road and post no parking signs for the approved dates listed.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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Discussion: Jay suggested that the motion be amended to cover the 5 dates.

Motion by: John Shepard to amend the motion to approve the five dates including Sept 1st and 2nd.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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- 7) **Discussion and vote on Warren Odd Fellows & VFW Post 3108 - game of chance, Union Fair**

Motion by: Jim Justice to allow Warren Odd Fellows & VFW Post 3108 - for game of chance at the Union Fair.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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8) Vote to allow Town Manager to close office if necessary due to staffing issues:

Jay explained due to lack of staffing the office will not be registering vehicles on August 1st and August 7th. They do not have enough trained staff to register vehicles on these dates.

Discussion: Greg voiced his concern regarding a clerk being left alone the days following these dates and receiving complaints from displeased residents. Jay confirmed that a clerk is never left alone in the office for any reason.

Motion by: Jim Justice to close town office if necessary due to staffing issues on August 1st and August 7th.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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9) Vote on MMA Officers:

Jay stated that they only had a few candidates apply for the job but only one candidate for Vice President: Mary Savens - Town Manager of Vassalboro

The three nominations were - James Bennet, Jill Dusland and Gary Fortier.

Motion by: Jim Justice to select the candidates that were expressed to us

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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10) Intern Report, Asher Sizeler Fletcher

Asher put on a slide presentation for the Board explaining his internship responsibilities. Some of his duties include updating the Road Maintenance Management Software, Demographics Report and the Safety Works SHAPE Program. This is part of his grade and he will present the Board with a final report at the end of the Summer. Wonderful job Asher!

11) Sign Treasurer Warrant dated July 18, 2017

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: John Shepard

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12) Town Managers Report

Jay and a select committee just finish interviewing this evening for the Town Clerk position and the decision will be made within the next couple of days. The candidates are current employees from other municipalities. Due to their experience and because they are already certified by the state it will make the transition much easier. He went on to say that there were some great applicants.

North Union got paved. There is a delay on Cole Road as the supplier did not meet specifications so All-State needs to adjust their schedule.

Michelle will be out for 4-6 weeks.

13) Other Business:

The town received local road assistance funding; the Board needs to sign and certify that the funds were used on maintenance. (capital improvements)

14) Selectman's Report:

Sarah is concerned about poison ivy on side walk in front of town hall. Jay stated that it is a state road and state will probably not take care of it, and we are not licensed to do it.

Nonetheless, we can hire someone to do it who is licensed.

Sarah asked about Beano at the Union Fair and if it requires permission from the Board. Jay stated it would require a Beano license through the state and then signing by the town.

Jay wanted to add that the tree across from Butler, Maxcy & Heath is scheduled to come down in next couple of weeks. It will cost about \$1,200.00 to remove. Jay asked that the stump be left behind (about 6 feet high) so the professional carver that comes to the Union Fair can carve something out of the stump related to the town of Union. This could last up to 10-15 years before it rots away.

15) Future Agenda Items

16) Adjourn

Motion by: Jim Justice to adjourn

2nd by: John Shepard

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Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Patrick