

Union - Board of Selectmen Meeting

December 19, 2017

6:30 PM

Selectman present: Greg Groton, Lyle Cramer, Sarah Drickey, John Shepard, Jim Justice

Others present: Jay Feyler, Stacy Parra

- 1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve minutes from December 5, 2017**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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4. Public Comment

A Union citizen brought forth his concerns as well as shared concerns by Union residents pertaining to the Thompson Center. He voiced his concerns about the time frame and feels that the residents should be offered more time to vote on the warrant article. He is asking for more information as well as alternative uses for the Thompson Center that would better benefit the community.

Discussion: Greg addressed his concerns, stating that there will be an informational meeting which will help clarify concerns or questions. He also mentioned the very timely and extensive comprehensive plan that was just completed by the town of Union, which includes a need for elderly housing.

John feels that the concerns are valid, but also stated that we are under pressure from Penquis to move forward and time is of the essence, as the informational meeting will help add transparency to the issue. Lyle concurs with John and explained that the purpose of the town meeting is for the people to decide.

5. Tax abatement of \$9.72 for CIT Technology (Assessors)

Motion by: Jim Justice to accept tax abatement

2nd by: John Shepard

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6. License Plates (Town Clerk)

Union Town Clerk, Stacy Parra stated that the town office is ready to take on the responsibility of issuing license plates.

Motion by: Jim Justice to only issue license plates to Union town residents until the office staff is comfortable with the process.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

Discussion: Lyle has reservations about just issuing plates to Union residents. He feels that the towns that have been offering mutual aid to Union may be upset with this process. Both Jay and Stacy stated that they are thankful for towns such as Washington and Appleton for assisting, nonetheless, they feel that a temporary training period would be helpful in the Union office before opening the service to surrounding towns.

Greg stated that the discussion of license plates has surfaced in prior years and he does not feel that it is cost effective. He also feels that this will only add to the existing heavy workload for office personnel. However, if issuing of licenses is approved, he would like Stacy to provide a report indicating how many license plates are issued to Union residents after six months as well as a one full year.

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7. Set information meeting over TCC January 8th?

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to set the informational meeting for January 8th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

2nd by: John Shepard

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8. Reschedule the Town Meeting

Jay suggested several dates in January that Jason is available.

Motion by: Jim Justice to schedule the town meeting on January 17th at 6:30 p.m.

2nd by; Lyle Cramer

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9. Sign Treasurers Warrant dated December 19, 2017

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: John Shepard

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10. Town Managers Report

11. Other Business

12. Selectmen's Report

John stated that the Tri-county budget meeting will be on Thursday December 21st in Appleton.

Greg asked Jay for the names and town of residence of the current Board of Directors for the TCC before January 8th.

13. Future Agenda Items

14. Adjourn

Motion by: Jim Justice to adjourn

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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Adjourned at 7:12 p.m.