

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING Tuesday, December 18, 2018 William Pullen Building Meeting Room 6:00 p.m.

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

Others Present: Jay Feyler and John Gibbons

- 1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** 6:03 p.m.
- 2. Executive Session Poverty Abatement 36 MRSA 841 (2): 6:03 - 6:25:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to open executive session
2nd by: John Shepard
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Motion by: Sarah Drickey to close executive session
2nd by: John Shepard
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Executive session adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Public Comment:** None
- 5. Approve minutes of Wednesday, December 4, 2018:**

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: John Shepard
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- 6. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, December 18, 2018:**

Motion by: John Shepard
2nd by: Jim Justice
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7. Discussion and Decision on collecting unpaid Personal Property Tax:

Jay stated there is one outstanding personal property tax bill by Kathy Packard for \$616.15. He suggested starting with an official letter written up by the town attorney to collect the funds owed.

Motion by: John Shepard to authorize Jay to contact the town attorney to start collection proceedings.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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8. Civility proclamation:

Motion by: Jim Justice to sign the proclamation at the informational meeting.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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9. Discussion on budget process with Budget Committee, times, etc.:

Jay recommended meeting with the Budget Committee on Wednesdays, starting in the last week of March.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to follow the manager's recommendation.

2nd by: John Shepard

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10. Set date for next Selectmen's meeting:

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to have one meeting on January 15th, 2019.

2nd by: John Shepard

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11. Discussion on 2020 budget request from the Board:

Jim Justice suggested a new LED sign in front of the town office. Sarah agrees with Jim and believes using the sign for activities and events going on around town will be beneficial. Greg also agrees, and thinks Jay did a great job finding a great price for a quality product last year.

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12. Town Manager's Report:

Jay stated they purchased more dry sand to fill the depleting inventory. It is less costly to buy now than in March, when more is needed. The Public W budget has been hit hard because of early storms but seems like we are getting a break in the weather for now. The LED's are in the RFP. The Town of Camden is doing the leg work. Jay will be attending a meeting at the beginning of January. He contacted the Union Fair to see if they are interested; he is waiting to hear back.
Reminder – Jay will be on vacation until Dec 28th.

13. Other Business: None

14. Selectmen's Report:

John announced that Tri-County is meeting on Thursday Dec. 20th in Appleton for a preliminary budget review. Contracting reliable hauling companies has become an issue. They are currently using Gordon Libby Forest Products Inc. which has caused prices to increase.

Jim complimented Public Works on clearing the roads during recent storms and feels they have done a great job. He also complimented the employees at the local transfer station for being pleasant and helpful. Lyle agreed with Jim's sentiments.

Greg asked about the status on fiber optic cable coming to Union. Jay stated there will be no further information until budgets are situated at the state and federal level.

Jim inquired about the Dollar General not living up to their agreement on keeping their grounds neat and clean. Jay stated Grant is in the process of addressing the issue.

15. Future Agenda Items: None

16. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: John Shepard

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Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary