

MINUTES
SELECTMEN’S/ASSESSORS’ MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room
6:30 p.m.

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

Others Present: Jay Feyler, Jim Justice, Christine Simmonds (Courier Gazette), Richard Morgan, Sybil Wentworth, Wayne Cunningham, Fran MacFarland, Elmer Savage, Abraham Knight, Erik Amundsen, Ann Johnson, Gail Hawes, Michael Johnson, Chris Packard, and John Gibbons

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment:

Richard Morgan spoke about a couple of personal situations he has encountered over the years and emphasized the need for a Restitution Ordinance. Greg stated that there is one currently in the process of being drawn up.

4. Disposition of Petition presented to the BOS:

Motion by: Greg Grotton stating that the sidewalk petition is invalid, as it was not properly circulated, and no further action should be taken on the petition.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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5. Discussion of potential Warrant Articles:

A. Sidewalk Petition

Motion by: Greg Grotton to put the sidewalk proposal on a written ballot in June only if it is agreeable to move forward once plans have been reviewed with updated costs.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

Discussion: Sarah feels that it should be on the ballot in November because at least eighty percent of the voters will cast their vote, and we will know what most of the

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town will want to do. Adam originally agreed with the idea of a November ballot, although it appears at this point that the information from the DOT will be in by June. He feels if we hold off any longer than June, it may push the project up another year which could result in increased costs.

Jay clarified that there would be a paper ballot in June under the current motion.

Voting would take place on an individual basis after a public hearing and/or town meeting.

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B. Town Hall Streaming Program

Discussion: Everyone on the Board agrees that they would rather see funds go toward more productive programs.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to indefinitely table the streaming program.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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6. Approve minutes of Tuesday January 21, 2020:

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Josh White

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7. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, February 4, 2020:

Motion by: Josh White

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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8. Request for tapping trees on town property:

Abraham Knight was present and made a request to tap the trees from the Alden House to the Town Office.

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Josh White

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9. Discussion on Vote and Potential Planning Board Member:

Michael Johnson introduced himself to the Board. He has lived in Union for 22 years. He stated that he is very interested in being more involved in the community.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to accept his application.

2nd by: Josh White

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10. Approve Ditching Bids for North Union Road:

<i>Vendor:</i>	<i>Bid Amount:</i>
Farley Inc.	\$167,945.00
Wellman Paving	\$164,970.00
Jake Barbour, Inc.	\$185,398.00
Chris Packard Excavation	\$117,040.00
Ford Enterprises	\$118,600.00

Motion by: Greg Grotton to approve Chris Packard bid of \$117, 040.00

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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11. Discussion of Cemetery Mowing for ensuing year:

Jay stated that having the PW department mow the cemeteries has become extremely time consuming. It interferes with fall cleanup and other important duties around town. He suggests an RFP for cemetery mowing.

Discussion: Adam feels that PW takes more pride in their work than an outside contractor would. Josh understands the time restraint but would like to compare the numbers. Sarah asked about insurance. Jay stated that insurance is an issue, but he is more concerned about the quality of the work. The Board agrees putting out an RFP is a good place to start.

12. Discussion of BOS who will be on the Pullen Committee this year:

Motion By: Adam Fuller that Greg Grotton, Josh White and John Shepard serve on the Pullen Committee.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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13. Discussion on Town Report and Spirit of America Awards:

Jay stated there is a list of Town Report dedications. The Spirit of America Award will be handed out during the informational meeting.

14. Other Business:

Jay stated that there has recently been a very hefty increase in the proposed ambulance budget. The Board needs to approve the new revenue rates.

Motion by: Greg Grotton to approve the new revenue rates.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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15. Town Manager Report:

PW update: Doors are in. Automatic openers are in, although the electrician needs to hook them up. The chimney for the boiler is in. Maritime Energy will have the heat running this week. The floors still need to be sanded and sealed. CMP ran the power to the pole yesterday. Jay is looking around mid-March for a completion date. The generator should be in by April, weather pending.

The town ice skating rink is near completion. Pat and Mitch Wilson did most of the work. A group from Parks & Recreation helped install the liner. Filling the rink will take time, as the water is taken from the town well. For insurance purposes, signs will need to be posted. Hours will need to be set. The Parks & Recreation Committee will decide on set hours at their next meeting.

The LED lights should be installed by late February unless the weather does not cooperate.

16. Selectmen's Report:

Sarah thanked everyone who attended the Founders Day meeting.

17. Future Agenda Items: None.

18. Adjourn:

Motion by: Adam Fuller

2nd by: Josh White

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Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary