

# MINUTES

**SELECT BOARD/ASSESSORS' MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023  
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM  
ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS  
6:30 p.m.**

**Select Board present:** Jim Justice, Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bill Packard, Adam Fuller, and Martha Johnston-Nash

**Others present:** Jay Feyler (Town Manager), Lawrence Nash, Greg Grotton, John Mountainland, Linda Mountainland, Erik Amundsen, Abraham Knight, Sherry Cobb, Bruce Cobb, John Gibbons, Christine Simmonds (Courier Gazette), Stuart Finkelstein, Argy Nestor, and others

**1. Call Select Board Meeting to Order:** at 6:30 p.m. by Adam Fuller.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment:**

Lawrence Nash noted that Martha arrived before Adam tonight, and kudos for the town's road work.

**4. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2023:**

Motion by: Bill Packard  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Wayne Kirkpatrick  
5-0

**5. Approve Treasurer's Warrants dated Tuesday, January 17, 2023:**

Motion by: Wayne Kirkpatrick  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Bill Packard  
5-0

Martha raised the issue of select board members doing business with the town. The board tasked Jay with coming up with a set of relevant guidelines for the next meeting.

**6. Discussion on the Fire Marshal's Clarification:**

Extensive discussion ensued among board members and attendees. Many topics were revisited including insurance, heating costs, building closure as of January 31, MCOG timeline, legal advice, and the Article 2 engineering survey.

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### Discussion on Statement of Interest Form for TCC Working Committee:

Motion to add Abraham Knight to the TCC Working Committee by: Bill Packard  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Wayne Kirkpatrick  
5-0

In answer to Martha, Jay said Elaine Frost dropped off a form today, too late for this agenda. He added Abraham should have been on the last agenda.

### 7. Town Manager's Report:

Jay said we need to move forward on other business besides the TCC. For the next meeting he wants to see if we're going to do the EV (electric vehicle) charging station.

He asked board members to list three things they'd like to see accomplished this year. These will be brought before the board; he will put timelines to them and see how staff can get them done.

Re: plowing, he will have the TCC parking lot closed. The priority is roads before parking lots.

He thanked Abraham Knight for putting plywood on the window downstairs.

We still have the truck waiting for bolts re: a recall and warranty work. We are pushing to get it tomorrow.

### 8. Other Business: None.

### 9. Committee Reports:

#### a. Broadband

John Gibbons said all the grant applications have been submitted. They expect successful grant applications to be announced around February 27. MCA has \$20 million set aside for this grant round with three more planned.

#### b. Aging in Place in Union – None.

In answer to Adam, Jay said we have three or four members but no chair. Stacey has been running the meetings. More members welcome.

#### c. Green Space – None.

In answer to Adam, Jay said the Green Space Committee would like to present to the board next meeting if nothing about TCC.

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### d. Sestercentennial

Argy Nestor, co-chair with Keith Siegel, gave an update. Members are Select Board Rep Martha Johnston-Nash, Matt Blazek, Gail Hawes, Buddy Savage, Tracy Weed, Sherry Abaldo, and others are welcome. Karen Strunk is the school liaison. The historical society, which took the lead with the bicentennial in 1974, will collaborate.

She noted the Sestercentennial is a way to bring the community together. The theme is *Looking back to look ahead*. She listed goals and encouraged people to participate by: visiting and liking the Facebook page Union, Maine 250; volunteering to help/organize an event; considering what you're most proud of about living in Union; sending ideas to [unionme250@gmail.com](mailto:unionme250@gmail.com).

In answer to Abraham, the date will be July 2024. Argy raised the question of a year-long celebration culminating with the opening of the time capsule, or just focus on three days in July 2024? Opinions invited.

### e. Ambulance Advisory – None. The state report is out.

## 10. Select Board Reports:

Bill said words matter and talked about the importance of different opinions.

## 11. Future Agenda Requests: None.

## 12. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo  
Secretary