

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday January 19, 2021

ONLINE INTERACTIVE

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen Present: John Shepard (Chair), Adam Fuller, Josh White, Martha Johnston-Nash, and Bill Lombardi

Others Present: Jay Feyler, Greg Grotton, Jim Justice, John Gibbons, Erik Amundsen, Jesse Thompson, and Gail Hawes

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment:

Eric Amundsen complimented the Select Board Sidelines, stating that he is impressed with the current commentary.

3. Approve minutes of Tuesday, January 5, 2021:

Motion by Selectman Johnston-Nash seconded by Selectman Fuller to approve the minutes of Tuesday, January 5. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, White, Lombardi, and Johnston-Nash. All approved.

4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, January 19, 2021:

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Lombardi to approve the Treasurer's Warrant. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: White, Shepard, Fuller, Lombardi, and Johnston-Nash. All approved.

5. Discussion on forming a committee for the TCC:

Bill Lombardi stated that it is important to implement goals and open the lines of communication with the TCCA. He referred to the TCC as an underdeveloped town asset which could easily turn into a town liability which could potentially create significant expenses for the taxpayers. Since the town attains ownership, that there should be transparency with the town and the taxpayers as far as status and utility. The purpose of the committee should be to review what the town wants from the building. He also feels that it is important to start moving forward with forming a committee and start making decisions. Adam feels there needs to be a clear vision and short and long-term goals.

Martha reminded the Board that the TCC Board has a lease on the building and they are not at liberty to reveal what their plans are. She stated that from a legal stance, the Board can only do so much. She feels that a committee can help guide them and that Covid-19 has had an impact on their finances. John feels that ensuring collaboration is important. Motion by Selectman White seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash to create a seven member TCC Committee naming it *Future of the TCC* with an initial objective of opening a communication pathway with the TCC Board. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: White, Shepard, Fuller, Lombardi, and Johnston-Nash. All approved.

6. Approve updated Ambulance billing rates:

Per request by the Board, Jesse will compile some corresponding figures with private agencies as comparison before the rates can be approved by the Board.

7. Approve Erik Durbas to the Aging in Place Committee:

Motion by Selectman Lombardi seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash to approve Erik Durbas to the Aging in Place in Union Committee. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Lombardi, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. All approved.

8. COVID-19 updates:

No current updates.

9. Other Business:

Motion by Selectman Johnston-Nash seconded by Selectman Shepard to approve Rachel Burns to the Broadband Committee. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, White, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. All approved.

10. Town Manager's Report:

Jay has finalized the Maine Healthy Grant paperwork. He continues to work on the insurance paperwork with MMA; will be closed out soon. The FEMA paperwork for Covid-19 needs to be out by mid-February which includes copious hours of work.

11. Committee Reports:

a. Broadband Committee:

Making slow but steady progress. The survey will be going out to Union residents this week. They are in the process of compiling a street by street and address by address map of current coverage identifying costs for grant opportunities. Meeting with representatives from LCI and Tidewater in February as well as the Broadband Rockland/Camden taskforce.

b. Food Ordinance Committee:

The group continues to develop criteria. They will be reviewing an existing ordinance from another town to get a general baseline. Josh is happy that Jim Justice is on the committee, as his main concern is about the safety of the residents and helping to build a template for a safe and healthy community. Josh stated that there is a difference between testing and licensing; it is important to differentiate the two. Gail Hawes reiterated the importance of public safety and that clarification will need to be outlined moving forward.

c. Aging in Place in Union Committee:

No report

12. Selectmen's Report:

John stated that Tri-County is in process of negotiating the budget. Final approval will be at the January 28th meeting.

13. Future Agenda Items:

14. Adjourn:

Motion by Selectman White seconded by Selectman Fuller to adjourn. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: White, Shepard, Fuller, Lombardi, and Johnston-Nash. All approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary