

**MINUTES**  
**SELECTMEN’S/ASSESSORS’ MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 21, 2020**  
**William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

**Others Present:** Jay Feyler, Jim Justice, Gerald Brooks, Heidi Washburn, Terry Washburn, Elaine Frost, Pritchard Meyer, Amy Cornell, Richard Morgan, Erik Amundsen, John Gibbons, Nick Westervelt, William Lombardi, Holly Lombardi, Joe Patricio, and Jayne Patricio

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

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment:**

Terry Washburn presented military coins to Union Public Works to show his appreciation for them going above and beyond in keeping the roads clear and safe during the winter months.

**4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, January 7, 2020:**

Motion by: John Shepard  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey  
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**5. Sign Treasurer’s Warrant dated Tuesday, January 21, 2020:**

Motion by: John Shepard  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
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**6. Cause and Effect discussion:**

Terry Washburn read a letter of his perception that there is a disconnect between Union town government and Union town residents. In his opinion, he feels that there are ways to alleviate the divide. For instance, he would like to see the current Comprehensive Strategic Plan organized in a way that residents will find it easier to maneuver through

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the content. He would also like to see the content outlined in a clear and precise manner. He feels that if taxpayers are better informed of potential projects with clear facts, it would alleviate much of the disconnect. The intent of his letter is not to criticize, but to find better ways to communicate with Union residents.

Discussion: Greg stated that he is not in agreement with Terry's interpretation of false statements given to The Courier Gazette. Adam stated despite Terry's well-organized letter, there are statements with which he cannot agree, one being that the Board is one unit and has one voice. Adam clarified that everyone's job on the Board is to voice their own points of view, but he does agree with the idea of goal setting components. Sarah made it known that many of the decisions brought forth were initiated by town residents and that there are documents to support those decisions.

### **7. Discussion and vote to allow the Farmers Market to operate on the Common in 2020:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller  
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### **8. First review and discussion on Restitution Ordinance:**

Jay stated that in the past the Board voted to allow billing for fire calls; the larger insurance companies would like to see an ordinance adopted. He stated that the Board will eventually need to make an official vote to have it added to the Town Warrant.

### **9. Accept Town Meeting and Election Dates:**

Nomination Papers available	Monday, March 2, 2020 – 8:00 a.m.
Deadline for Warrant Articles	Wednesday, April 1, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.
Nomination Papers Filing Deadline	Friday, April 10, 2020 by 12:00 p.m.
Election	Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Town Meeting	Monday, June 15, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Motion by: John Shepard  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey  
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### **10. Confirmation of Town Clerk Appointments of Richard Niles, Warden; Jarrett Feyler and James Justice, Deputy Wardens:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**11. Appointment of Michael Drickey to the Planning Board:** Tabled.

**12. Other Business:**

The Informational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**13. Town Manager Report:**

Public Works update: garage doors were put in this week. The heating system will be installed afterwards. PW Foreman is on light duty because of an ankle injury. A new PW employee is starting on Monday.

Jay stated that some municipalities are streaming their meetings. These are streamed live and stay on the cloud for 5 years. There is an estimated cost of \$5000.00 -\$6000.00 per year. There are extra costs depending on the number of cameras and placement. He has presented the proposal to the Board for review.

**14. Selectmen's Report:**

Josh suggested holding a brief open house at the newly built Public Works building come spring or early summer. Josh also stated there is an informational meeting January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Pour Farm regarding the fundraiser for Friends of Founders Park. Adam asked about the status of Browns Lane. Jay stated there is a preliminary estimate which will be coming in soon.

Sarah asked about plowing the byway in front of the historical society. Greg stated that the town does not plow that area.

Sarah also stated that the Founders Day Committee is looking for volunteers to help with this year's event and reminded everyone that this is Maine's Bicentennial Year which will be included in the event.

A reminder from John that there is a Tri-County Solid Waste Management meeting scheduled for Thursday in Liberty at 7:00 p.m. They will be finalizing the budget for the year.

Greg stated that the town received a petition from Catherine and Pritchard Meyer with 193 signatures. Greg went on to say that by state law the petition is invalid. He added that only registered voters in the state of Maine can circulate a petition. Jay stressed the importance of reading the fine print on a petition and hiring an attorney because of the specific rules that go with circulating a petition.

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**15. Future Agenda Items:**

Restitution Ordinance  
Sidewalk Petition

**16. Adjourn:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller  
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Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick  
Secretary