

Selectmen's/Assessors Meeting

January 2nd, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard

Others present: Jay Feyler, Travis Brown – Union Recreation Committee Chair

1. **Selectmen's meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Approve minutes of December 19, 2017**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by Lyle Cramer

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5. **Discussion on the recreational complex**

Jay stated that the committee met with the DEP and the Army Corp. of Engineers and have concluded that it is in our best interest to pursue another piece of property. The construction of the recreational complex on the potential site could turn out to be very expensive and complex due to the nature of the wetlands. The Board feels that other alternatives should be sought out.

6. **Discussion on budget dates**

Packets will be handed out in February. March 6th will be the preliminary start date.

7. **Sign Treasures Warrant dated January 2, 2018**

Motion by: Lyle Cramer

2nd by: John Shepard

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8. **Town Manager's Report**

Jay is optimistic that the International Truck will be ready tomorrow morning. (01/03)

The road maintenance crew for the upcoming storm may be scarce due to lack of help; with one employee having a recent death in the family and another dealing with an ill family member. Jay stated he will try and recruit as much help as possible.

Jay stated that a new pole on Barret Hill needs to be moved back. Board needs to approve the insulation of the new pole.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to approve the insulation of the new pole on Barret Hill

2nd by: Jim Justice

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9. Other business:

Greg asked with the budget increase less than 1% this year, if Palermo is paid? John stated that Palermo is paid off and that the designated fund balance has decreased slightly but there is some surplus available.

Jay stated that last year's town audits are in and he will distribute those to the Board.

10. Selectmen's Report:

Jim feels that the new computer system is inadequate and if there is a chance of reverting back to the previous way. Jay stated that it is slower because it now goes through a double security system; all emails are required to be archived by federal and state laws. One of the issues is that the current laptops are approximately nine years old and lack efficiency. It is currently in the budget to obtain new laptops or tablets for next year.

11. Future Agenda Items:

Ambulance budget will be discussed at the next meeting

12. Adjourn

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: John Shepard

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Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Patrick