

**MINUTES**  
**SELECTMEN’S/ASSESSORS’ MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 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, Christine Simmonds, Jesse Thompson, Terry Brackett, Barry Norris, Erik Amundsen, John Gibbons, Catherine Meyer, Pritchard Meyer, Dan Day, Gordon Meeks, and Terry Washburn

- 1. Call Selectmen’s Meeting to order:** 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment:**

Catherine Meyer mentioned that flower boxes are needed at the post office. Greg stated he is happy to take on another project. She complimented on the new benches on The Common made and donated by Greg. She stated that a lending library would be nice on The Common.

Terry Washburn complimented on an excellent job that Union Public Works does clearing the snow/ice covered roads. He travels throughout the Mid-coast, and by far, Union does the best job. He would like to present everyone in Public Works with a military coin to show his appreciation for the hard work keeping the citizens safe.

- 4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, December 17, 2019:**

Motion by: Sarah Drickey  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller  
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- 5. Sign Treasurer’s Warrant dated Tuesday, January 7, 2020:**

Motion by: John Shepard  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey  
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**6. Discussion on Minutes of November 19:**

Greg read a statement from Maine's Freedom of Access Act. At the minimum, minutes taken must include the time, the date, the location of meeting, the members of the body present or absent and all motions and votes taken.

Discussion: Greg stated that the minutes that have been recorded are well within the law. It was suggested by a couple of residents that the high points be noted and emphasized upon. Greg stated that moving forward, we can try and make that happen.

**7. Town Personnel Policy Reading 2:**

Jay noted that Sarah had questions about the Drug and Alcohol Policy. A few typos were corrected, and minor changes were made.

**8. Overview of Ambulance Budget:**

Jesse was present to discuss the ambulance budget. Statistical data was presented. He presented two options to the Board. Option A: 24/7 per diem. Option B: per diem on Fridays & Saturdays (busiest days) while increasing nighttime stipends.

Board of Selectmen Vote:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to accept Option A

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller

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Budget Committee Vote:

Motion by: Barry Norris to accept Option A

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Erik Amundsen

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**9. Discussion on Website update options:**

Jay stated the rates have been updated. The Board should review, and further questions should be emailed directly to him.

**10. Other business:**

Jay stated that security cameras will be installed at the PW garage. He has considered installing an anti-theft alarm. The installment fee would be \$2,525.00.

Discussion: Adam asked about grouping together with existing services and asked how much more a month to add the alarm. Jay had already entertained the possibility and is

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waiting on a quote for combining the services. He stated it would be an extra \$30.00 a month for alarm.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to install an anti-theft alarm in the PW building.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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### 11. Town Manager Report:

PW report: Doors are on backorder. The electrical work is about seventy-five percent finished. The 400-amp box has been installed; waiting for CMP to hook it up. Some of the sheetrock is done. Seacoast will be running security devices to the garage side doors.

As of 1/6/20, the town is required to be in a Drug & Alcohol Clearing House. To be employed, all CDL drivers are required to be in this nationwide clearing house. The system should be fully implemented by 2022.

### 12. Selectmen's Report:

Adam praised the local Animal Control Officer Heidi Blood for her quick action and superior ability in helping locate his geriatric dog who recently wandered off. Adam also commended the Union Easter Egg Hunt, referring to it as legendary and feels it is a great benefit to Union.

Greg stated that John Shepard reached out Karen Poulin, who was absent from this meeting, addressing her concerns about the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Greg recognized and gave credit to Jay for being the primary participant in Union's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Greg noted he is in the process of sending a letter to every Union resident. It is a brief letter asking residents to engage with the Board of Selectmen. If they decide to participate, a bi-monthly newsletter will be sent via email. Emails will remain confidential. The purpose is to open the lines of communication.

### 13. Future Agenda Items: None.

### 14. Adjourn:

Motion by: John Shepard

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick  
Secretary