

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, July 7, 2020

ONLINE INTERACTIVE

6:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Jay Feyler, Bill Lombardi, Martha Johnston, Erik Amundsen, Jim Justice, and Tom Belyea

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:02 p.m.

2. Public Comment: Bill Lombardi stated that he watched the video of the DOT sidewalk proposal. He felt that it was informative, and that the State did a nice job. He reached out to someone in that department and inquired about the cost that Union has incurred thus far. The estimated figure is between \$73,000 - \$75,000. He stated that if the plan does not go through, Union should expect a bill for these expenses after the first of the year. He was surprised by this cost and asked the Select Board if they knew about this extra fee. He also feels that the taxpayers should be paying more attention to this project and the fees that are being incurred.

Discussion: Adam thanked Bill for the information and asked if there will be additional fees other than what has been incurred. Bill explained that the engineer department bills hourly, and that there will be more fees. Jay was aware that the town would be responsible for ten percent of \$100,000.00 which is stated in the contract, saying that there is surveying and engineering work involved. He stated that the Select Board was made aware of the process. Bill feels that the taxpayers should have been notified. Both Josh and Greg feel that the process should go forward to a vote in November.

3. Approve minutes of Tuesday, June 16, 2020:

Motion by Selectman Drickey seconded by Selectman Shepard to accept the minutes as written. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Shepard, Drickey, White, Grotton. All in favor.

4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, July 7, 2020:

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Shepard to accept the warrant. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Drickey, Shepard, White, Grotton. All in favor.

5. Confirmation of Ballot Clerks:

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Drickey to approve the confirmation of ballot clerks. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Drickey, Shepard, White, Grotton. All in favor.

6. Approval of replacement of International 4500 with GMC 550 lease purchase:

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Drickey to approve the lease purchase. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Drickey, Shepard, White, Grotton. All in favor.

7. Approve quit claim deed of tax acquired property back to owner, Lot 008-010 pending signed agreement:

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Shepard to approve the quit claim deed. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: White, Drickey, Shepard, Fuller, Grotton. All in favor.

8. COVID-19 updates:

Jay stated that ambulance and fire personnel are required to wear PPE under the new CDC guidelines.

Garrison has been working on Prevention and Protection Grant Award which is part of the Keep Maine Healthy Plan. The paperwork is almost complete. As part of the grant, they are currently contacting businesses in town asking what they need for PPE. Masks, signage, and pamphlets are included on the list.

Jay is hoping the absentee ballot box will arrive before elections.

9. Other Business: None.

10. Town Manager's Report:

The installation of the LED streetlights may be delayed because the truck broke down.

PW update: sand, salt and gravel are being delivered. The solar panels are almost operational pending some routine paperwork. The rental trailer will leave this week.

Families are being asked to pick up free lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at the Union School. If there are not enough pick-ups, they will have to terminate the program.

Downstairs is set up for elections.

11. Selectmen's Report:

Sarah Drickey stated that she has enjoyed serving the Town of Union. Martha Johnston thanked Sarah for her service and stated that she did an exemplary job in her years as Selectman. Everyone else on the board also thanked Sarah and wished her well, stating that she was a huge asset over the years and that she will be missed. Greg Grotton was also recognized and thanked for his service if he does not return depending on the outcome of the election.

John Shepard stated that Tri-County is meeting Thursday, July 30 in Union in the William L. Pullen Municipal Building meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

12. Future Agenda Items: None.

13. Adjourn:

Motion by Selectman Grotton seconded by Selectman Drickey to adjourn. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Drickey, Shepard, Fuller, White, Grotton. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary