

# MINUTES

## SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 ONLINE INTERACTIVE 6:30 p.m.

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

**Others present:** Jay Feyler (Town Manager), John Gibbons, Ann Donaldson, and Christine Simmonds

**1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** by John Shepard.

**2. Public Comment:**

Ann Donaldson said she would very much appreciate the board voting in favor of closed captioning.

**3. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, April 27, 2021 (two sets):**

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, and Johnston-Nash. Selectmen abstaining: White, Shepard. Motion passes 3-0-2.

**Approve Minutes of Tuesday, May 18, 2021:**

Motion by Selectman Johnston-Nash seconded by Selectman Fuller. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Shepard. Selectmen abstaining: White. Motion passes 4-0-1.

**4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated June 1, 2021:**

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. Selectmen abstaining: White. Motion passes 4-0-1.

**5. Approve sale of tax acquired property back to the owner:**

Map 3 Lot 56-5

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

### **6. Discussion & Vote on the sale of two town properties:**

Map 15 Lot 1

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash to sell, amended to sell by realtor. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Shepard. Selectmen abstaining: White. Motion passes 4-0-1.

Map 10 Lot 12

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash to sell by realtor. Vote by roll call. Selectmen opposed: Fuller, White, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Shepard. Motion does not pass 0-5.

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

### **7. Discussion on Committee Meeting formats / In person or Zoom:**

Motion by Selectman White seconded by Selectman Lombardi to allow committees currently meeting by zoom to continue meeting by zoom if they wish. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Lombardi, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. Unanimous.

### **8. Discussion & vote to have in person meetings beginning June 15:**

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash to have Select Board and Budget Committee meetings in person beginning June 15. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Shepard. Unanimous.

### **9. Discussion & vote on spending funds on closed captioning on Town Hall Streams:**

Motion by Selectman Fuller seconded by Selectman Lombardi to table until after the next meeting. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Lombardi, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. Unanimous.

### **10. Confirmation of the BOS of the Town Manager Ballot Clerk Appointments:**

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

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### 11. Other business:

One abatement and one supplemental: The abatement is for \$226.81 for property belonging to the Town of Union. The supplemental is for removal from farm space of 4.8 acres owned by Erik Amundsen, penalty \$2,802.65.

Motion by Selectman Johnston-Nash seconded by Selectman Fuller to accept the abatement. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, Johnston-Nash, White, and Shepard. Unanimous.

Motion by Selectman Lombardi seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash to accept the removal from farm space of Erik Amundsen's 4.8 acres and supplemental \$2,802.65. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Shepard. Unanimous.

John was asked by the Chairperson of the Food Ordinance Committee whether nor not the Chairperson can ask for the resignation of a committee member based on unexplained absences, etc. After discussion, it was decided to keep things as they are with the Select Board making these decisions since committee members are appointed by the board, and since board members serve on committees.

### 12. Town Manager's Report:

This is John Shepard's last meeting as Select Board Chairman. We all appreciate the incredible job he has done in this position. He will be missed.

Jay gave an update on Common trees.

Shimming on North Union and Sennebec should start tomorrow. They will schedule other work later on.

Our intern started today. He will be working partially in Union, partially in Washington, and sometimes at the EMA office. He will be working on a database of culverts and other elements important for emergency management. He is already working on a last-minute grant opportunity. His name is Mike Levesque.

### 13. Committee Reports:

- a. Broadband
- b. Food Ordinance
- c. Aging in Place in Union
- d. Future of the Thompson Community Center

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### 14. Selectmen's Report:

Adam thanked John Gibbons for his ton of work on the Broadband Committee – cannot thank him enough. He has been typing great minutes, so they will get on the website.

Adam is also reflective – It's been a weird year, and John Shepard has carried us through with a good steady hand.

Martha echoed Adam: she appreciates John Shepard's leadership with the Select Board, and thanks him for finding someone to serve on the Tri-County committee. She heard from Penelope Olson whose car on Sennebec Road. Jay referenced the paving plan.

Martha also thanked Matt and the Public Works crew for doing a great job.

### 15. Future Agenda Items:

Martha will bring up plans for Union's Sestercentennial after the second meeting with the new board.

Bill said the public needs to be educated on the fabulous work of the Broadband Committee. He would like to see improvement with communication to the public including updated minutes.

Discussion about \$5,000 more to participate in broadband coalition feasibility study. A motion was made by Selectman White and retracted regarding this. Adam said it will be finalized more and brought to the board.

### 16. Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo  
Secretary