

# MINUTES

**SELECT BOARD/ASSESSORS' MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023  
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM  
ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS  
6:30 p.m.**

**Select Board present:** Jim Justice, Adam Fuller, Martha Johnston-Nash, and Linda Mountainland

**Others present:** Jay Feyler (Town Manager), Greg Grotton, John Mountainland, Ellen Harrison, and others

- 1. Call Select Board Meeting to Order:** at 6:30 p.m. by Jim Justice
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, June 6, 2023:**

Motion by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash

Jim said the discussion was omitted re: staff vacation day. Adam clarified they did not use vacation time.

Amended motion to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes adding the board specified this is simply a paid day off and not utilizing vacation time by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
4-0

- 4. Approve Treasurer's Warrants dated Tuesday, June 20, 2023:**

Motion by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
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- 5. Election of Select Board Officers for ensuing year:**

Motion to nominate Adam Fuller as First Chair by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
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Motion to nominate Wayne Kirkpatrick as Second Chair by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
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### 6. Confirmation of appointments:

Jay read them aloud, all reappointments.

For Green Space Committee: Clairlynn Rountree, Don Kleiner, Heather Jackson, Joshua White, Kathleen Thornton, and Wendy Reinemann.

Motion to approve all the above existing members for another year by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
4-0

Planning Board: Jesse Thompson

Motion to appoint Jesse Thompson on the Planning Board by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
4-0

Board of Appeals: Abraham Knight

Motion to approve Abraham Knight for the Board of Appeals by: Linda Mountainland  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
4-0

Broadband Committee: Renee Flanders and John Gibbons

Motion to appoint Renee Flanders and John Gibbons to the Broadband Committee by:  
Martha Johnston-Nash  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
4-0

Tri County Solid Waste Management Organization: Ally Crocco, John Shepard, and Tom Pitzi

Motion to accept the above for TCSW by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
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Parks and Recreation Committee: Ashley McKellar, Daniel Taylor, Matthew Wyman, Michael Thompson, Mitchell Wilson, and Patrick Hood

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Motion to appoint the above applicants to Parks and Rec by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland

Emergency Management Director, General Assistance Administrator, Public Access Officer, and Road Commissioner: Jay Feyler

Motion to accept all the above as read by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland  
4-0

### **7. Approve the Chamber of Commerce using the Common Green on July 14:**

Martha said this is the annual Founders Weekend concert on the Common and now famous pie social. They will have a band and should know who shortly.

Motion by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Linda Mountainland

Jay asked about Saturday. Martha said the Sestercentennial Committee will have a table. She didn't know whether or not Jay would have to shut roads down. Linda thought the Masons would be doing the barbecue at the lodge. Adam noted the Chamber of Commerce was making this request. Jim said he'd like to table it, awaiting more information. Martha noted this was just for this request. Adam said we could figure out Saturday, road closures or not, etc. at the next meeting.

Motion passes,  
3-0-1 abstention (Johnston-Nash)

### **8. Town Manager's Report:**

Jay said he just got off a (TCC) working group meeting. They will be here with MCOG the second meeting in July (July 18), to give the board a pretty good idea of what to put on for a special town meeting.

He said there will be a PowerPoint and plans for the board to endorse. They did a lot of work and a lot of discussion today. Adam clarified this is the working group for the TCC, and they will come with language recommended for a special town meeting based on future planning working with a developer which Jay confirmed.

Martha asked if they needed to ask Bill Packard to fill out an application to stay on that group. Jay said yes; he asked Bill to attend tonight's meeting which he did. He will send Bill an application. Adam's preference with that working group is not to shake it up as they are making progress. Jim asked about a select board rep to replace Bill. Adam reminded Wayne is on it. He likes the separation of board and working group, and thinks

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the group may go to a different phase after its presentation so that would be the time to reassess if at all. Jay said they have a pretty good plan.

Jay continued we had a couple volunteers step up to do the flags, Stephanie and Jim Turner. They may need some assistance getting them up on the poles. He is hoping Ryan Soule will help. Hopefully the flags will be up this weekend. They've got the flags in Searsport.

In answer to Adam, Greg Grotton said he met with them the other day and briefed them on the process. They are in touch with him. Jim personally thanked Greg for the years he that he put in with the flags; he did a great job. Adam concurred. Jay said there were a lot of damaged flags.

Jay said we are working with Steel Pro on a weekly basis – lots of facets going on, a lot that they have to do as a company, a little bit that we do on our side that we've been working on. They are still coming. They've already been donating. They donated to the sign. They will be great in the community. They are still working on the design, want to get the cement out of there, a few tires down back, etc.

### **9. Other Business:** None.

### **10. Public Comment:**

Union resident Ellen Harrison said she thought the public was wondering what was going on with the TCC. She asked about a timeline and/or action plan. Jay said July 18 will be the presentation, and there's a tentative timeline in there. Adam's opinion was there would be several stages, and the developer would want some commitment from the voters before they start putting skin in the game. Jay said the biggest obstacle has been the history of the town, the nastiness and division for MCOG to get over, which will be seen in the presentation.

Ellen asked if the presentation would be one design idea being pursued. Adam doubted it would be that specific. Jay said he would not speak for the group. Martha said that is what the board asked them to do; they have not been informed, either. Adam added that is on purpose; the board is not steering that (working group/MCOG).

Brief discussion ensued. The upshot was if you want to know more, come on July 18.

In answer to Ellen, Jay said there are five people on the working group, and they are: Wayne Kirkpatrick, Bill Packard, John Mountainland, Abraham Knight, and Steve Migliorini.

Brief discussion followed. Martha said the board asked the committee to look at all options and to put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Adam said he did not expect any votes on the 18<sup>th</sup>; it would be at a scheduled town meeting.

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Ellen asked about the short-term fix for the tennis and basketball courts. Adam understood we have been waiting for the contractor. Jay said to redo the whole tennis courts we would contract it, in the \$200k range. Re: the short-term money the board voted in, these are under federal guidelines and have to be approved. We do not have the money to do the whole thing yet, so it will be the way it is now for a short period of time.

Ellen asked about pursuing the federal grants due the end of this year. Jay said there is a good possibility if the board wants to do that. Adam said one thing that came up was even if we get it this year, they won't award it until next year. Jay added with construction it will probably be 2025. He said there has already been a site visit and added it is a competitive grant. He noted eligibility and location vis a vis the TCC. Adam and Ellen further discussed grants and info from the '70s. Ellen thanked the board.

### 11. Committee Reports:

#### a. Broadband

John Gibbons said they are still waiting to meet with LCI re: fiber expansion resulting from the grant award a couple months ago. The holdup is critical paperwork coming out of MCA. Among the things expected to come out of that meeting are 1) a finalized guaranteed list of the Union addresses that will receive fiber as a result of the grant-supported buildout, and 2) a list of the residual addresses that will still have to be addressed before we claim town wide broadband access.

Meanwhile they continue tracking grant opportunities, one in August and the next toward the end of the year. There is a lot of Washington baggage attached to both. They are immediate opportunities to do any residual expansion of the network after this coming expansion.

In answer to Jim, John said this does not have to do with wires going up now.

Adam said once they get the list from LCI, he expects the Broadband Committee to be revamped into more of an ombudsman position. There will probably be an outline of what LCI would like that to look like by mid-July, and they will be looking for new members. John added it's been done very successfully, and LCI knows what they want.

In answer to Ellen, John said LCI (Lincoln Communications Incorporated) is the parent company of Tidewater. The board thanked John.

#### b. Green Space – None.

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### c. Sestercentennial

Martha said some members helped Waldoboro with its Sestercentennial last weekend. They've been working with them to get ideas, see what works and what doesn't, get contact info, etc. A couple people from Waldoboro's event will be at the next meeting July 17 with a presentation on their final results.

The logo design was awarded to Alyssa Willey. There has been a meeting with the Union Historical Society; info will be forthcoming to the board on how they are splitting up responsibilities.

Adam brought up subcommittees and where to find out what they are. Martha said inquiries can be made via Facebook page. In answer to Linda, Jay said the email address is on the town website. He added there are a couple of openings on the committee.

Martha said they had a table outside on voting day. They got pages of interested people and ideas. Last night's meeting was three hours long. They accomplished a lot. Jay said hopefully those who sign up will stay active on Founders Day, via the historical society Martha added.

### d. Ambulance Advisory – None.

## 12. Select Board Reports:

Adam said it's his busy time of year. Jim brought up the sign. Jay said we should thank Bill for his time on the board. Adam posted thanks online and also thanked Bill for his time, including hitting the ground running and bringing a good moderating voice to the board, echoed by Martha.

In answer to Greg, Jay said approximately \$8,000 has been collected for the sign.

## 13. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
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Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo  
Secretary