

## MINUTES

**SELECT BOARD/ASSESSORS' MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022  
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 Josh White

**Others present:** Jay Feyler (Town Manager), Greg Grotton, John Gibbons, Erik Amundsen, John Mountainland, Linda Waltz-Mountainland, Gail Hawes, Wayne Kirkpatrick, and others

- 1. Call Select Board Meeting to Order:** at 6:30 p.m. by Adam Fuller.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment:** None.
- 4. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, May 17, 2022:**

Motion by: Josh White  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash

Martha said under TMA Report, the line "Erik said the budget passed tonight" should be struck as it referred to the school budget.

Amended motion with above change by: Josh White  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
4-0

- 5. Approve Treasurer's Warrants dated Tuesday, June 7, 2022:**

Motion by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
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- 6. Approve and Sign the Notice of Shortened Nomination Process:**

Jim is opposed to the shortened schedule and would prefer to fill Bill Lombardi's Select Board seat in the November election. Discussion of pros and cons followed including number of board members, expense, and voter turnout. Martha said there would be absentee voting in a special election as in a regular election. Jay confirmed special

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election times are 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It was noted that a lot of this debate seems driven by the TCC.

Motion to approve and sign by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
3-1 opposed (Justice)  
Motion passes.

### **7. Approve and Sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant:**

Motion by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
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### **8. Sign the County Assessors Return:**

Martha lodged a complaint that the county spent all the ARPA money on themselves. Jay said they gave \$100,000 to the food pantry, some to the homeless shelter, and that was it.

Motion by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
4-0

### **9. Discussion of June 21 Select Board Meeting:**

Jay said this meeting conflicts with Town Meeting.

Motion to change Select Board meeting to June 22 by: Martha Johnston-Nash

Martha brought up the TCC vote and the TMA agreement.

Motion to drop the second June Select Board meeting by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Adam Fuller  
3-1 opposed (Johnston-Nash)  
Motion passes.

### **10. Appoint a Planning Board Member:**

Motion to appoint Jesse Thompson as a Planning Board member by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
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### 11. Town Manager's Report:

Jay said the town report is in the mail. Printing and postage costs are getting expensive. Adam came out and we had the dedication in front of the fire station; it should be in the newspaper soon.

He appointed Town Clerk Stacey to the Treasurer position. We had five applicants but none with municipal experience. We have a tight time frame for fiscal year end. He hates to see Maria leave; she bought a house beyond commuting distance. Jay and the board credited her with drastically improving that department.

Regarding Clarry Hill Road and Rabbit Farm Road chip seal, we are doing shouldering on those two roads. We may delay the chip seal depending on culvert replacement.

### 12. Other Business:

Jay said the annual septic waste disposal agreement from Interstate Septic came in after the agenda, for \$2,300 (which he doesn't think has changed since day one).

Motion to sign the Interstate Septic agreement by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Martha Johnston-Nash  
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Adam asked for a motion on the TMA agreement.

Motion to extend the TMA agreement until at least July 5 by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White

Amended motion to extend TMA agreement until the end of July by: Jim Justice  
2<sup>nd</sup> by: Josh White  
3-0-1 abstention (Johnston-Nash)  
Motion passes.

A new interim committee for the TCC was discussed. Consensus was the CFTCC has done a great job; its job is done; and a new committee will be formed perhaps with a lot of the same people.

### 13. Committee Reports:

#### a. Broadband

John Gibbons said the committee's number one priority is getting ready for the next grant opportunity at the end of the year. There is a lot of money coming out Washington. LCI is considering a larger number of applications this go-round. They're sure Union will make the cut.

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The committee is planning for an expanded role after a grant is awarded, working with LCI as an ombudsman committee.

Adam said what LCI is now designing for is gigabyte to the home – the idea is every business, every homeowner would have that option.

### b. Aging in Place in Union

Jay said they met briefly regarding the June 23 luncheon -- pick-up, as they found many people are still uncomfortable gathering in person. Recruitment efforts will be underway at Town Meeting.

### c. Future of the Thompson Community Center

Martha said the public hearing went very well. Gail did an outstanding job putting all the information in one spot and giving a thorough vision of the options. The PowerPoint presentation is on the town website under elections, and there are printed copies available in the town office as well. Gail said a narrated version has been uploaded to youtube, TCC, etc.; “show more” on the bottom has links to all referenced documents.

### d. Green Space

Josh said there’s a meeting on June 8. They have been putting together all the information they’ve been getting on conservancies, deed restrictions, etc. to put together something like Gail had. They are waiting to find out about the survey.

### e. TMA Report

Erik reported no changes. The thrift store is booming. The art festival was a success. Martha said there is \$4,600 in the account now. They got a bill from the electrician for \$4,000. They also got approval for a grant from Camden’s West Bay Rotary for \$1,500. Upcoming is another \$1,000 due in insurance for July, but the thrift shop can cover that as they are now making over \$400 per week. Carey is still there paying rent. Jim suggested asking for a couple more volunteers in order to be open more.

Jay mentioned (from an emergency management meeting last week) that anyone with a large fuel tank should put locks on, as fuel is being stolen.

## 14. Select Board Reports:

Josh’s tenure on the board was celebrated. “A fun run,” he said. He will be missed.

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Martha brought up Founders Weekend July 15, 16, 17 and asked what was needed to use the Common. Jay said the board will need to vote to shut the road down. He needs to know as soon as possible about a parade which must go through state police and DOT.

Adam thought the dedication earlier today was nice and Carol appreciated it.

Jay thanked Josh for serving on the board.

### **15. Future Agenda Requests:**

Martha brought up a select board liaison to replace Josh on Green Space. This will be decided later.

### **16. Adjourn:**

Motion by: Josh White

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

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Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo  
Secretary