

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 18, 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, Greg Grotton, Jim Justice, Gail Hawes, Erik Amundsen, Christine Simmonds, and Catherine Meyer

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order: at 6:30 p.m. by John Shepard.

2. Public Comment:

Catherine Meyer thanked Jay for his help with close captioning.

3. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, May 4, 2021:

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

4. Approve Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, May 18, 2021:

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

5. Approve using \$1,400 from the recreation reserve account to replace aluminum ramp:

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

6. Approve and sign RSU #40 Budget Referendum:

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

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7. Discussion on spending legal fees on the TCC:

Discussion included: a letter from a board member with specific TCC questions; lack of response from TCC; original TCC lease; out of range of normal town attorney activities. Many concerns were raised from a community center perhaps hostile to the community to repairs, insurance, and liability issues.

Motion by Selectman White to hire town attorney to send a letter to TCC seconded by Selectman Fuller. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Lombardi, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. Unanimous.

8. TCC driveway entrance paving - Johnston-Nash:

It was agreed to reach out to TCC and ask them to contact the town about obtaining a little cold patch material that they can apply.

9. Vote to close office June 8, elections/staff shortage:

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

10. Speeding on roads - request from Lombardi:

Ongoing question about how to mitigate this. Town's portable speed sign was mentioned – works typically five to seven days then gets moved. Need permission in most cases to post unique signs. Speed bumps, etc. have liability all their own. Contact Sheriff's department, non-emergency number (594-0429 via Christine Simmonds): time of day, vehicle description, be specific.

11. Accept Coggins Hill Road Bid:

Motion by Selectman White to select Chris Packard's Excavation bid seconded by Selectman Fuller. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, White, Shepard. Unanimous.

12. Accept Townsend Road Bid:

Motion by Selectman Fuller to select Chris Packard's Excavation bid seconded by Selectman White. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Lombardi, White, Johnston-Nash, and Shepard. Unanimous.

13. Accept Sidelinger Road Bid:

Motion by Selectman Fuller to select Chris Packard's Excavation bid seconded by Selectman White. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, White, and Shepard. Unanimous.

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14. Other Business:

Bill asked about absentee ballots for June election. Jay said they just came in; check website.

15. Town Manager's Report:

Jay said approved for boat ramp grant. Estimate \$150,000. It's a 75/25; when figures are complete, he will meet with the Pullen Committee about the 25%.

He is tweaking the budget then will try to get on youtube.

We had a contract with Allstate for paving North Union and Sennebec Roads, and today negotiated to \$8/ton less than last year. Right now, it's one of the lowest prices in the state.

New treasurer started Monday. She should be up and running in three to four weeks. Discussed goals and fluidity.

16. Committee Reports:

a. Broadband

Adam said they would like \$5,000 for LCI and mentioned potential request for midcoast coalition if we can convince them that we should be in phase one. He and John Gibbons gave updates.

Jay mentioned federal money supposed to be coming in by end of month; this would be a perfect use & fit all guidelines.

Motion by Selectman Lombardi to approve \$5,000 from grant money to LCI seconded by Selectman Johnston-Nash. Vote by roll call. Selectmen in favor: Fuller, White, Johnston-Nash, Lombardi, and Shepard. Unanimous.

b. Food Ordinance

c. Aging in Place in Union

Bill said luncheon for 55+ on June 24, rsvp by June 10, in press.

d. Future of the Thompson Community Center

Martha gave a Committee report; developer Michael Mullins is interested. Meeting in two weeks on zoom at 6:30 p.m.

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Erik has an appointment to tour the building with Lori with two Siemens representatives.

Greg said Penquis is still interested.

17. Selectmen's Report:

Bill is happy to see the business Sterlington Inn is doing, and glad the Farmers Market moved off the Common.

18. Future Agenda Items:

Adam will email details on LCI meeting and keep the board updated.

Martha will wait until after elections to talk about town anniversary.

19. Adjourn:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary