

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard and Sarah Drickey

Others present: Jay Feyler, P.J. Jacobs, George Ebbinghousen, Wayne Kirkpatrick and John Gibbons

1. **Call Selectmen's meeting to order:** 5:30 p.m.
2. **Executive session: Town Manager Review – 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A) 5:30-6:30:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to enter executive session

2nd by: John Shepard

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Motion by: John Shepard to exit executive session

2nd by: Jim Justice

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Executive session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
4. **Open Public Hearing on Local Liquor Ordinances:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to open the public hearing

2nd by: John Shepard

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Discussion: A town resident asked for clarification pertaining to the liquor law. Jay stated that currently, the town cannot sell hard liquor; Union is considered a dry town. Jim Justice asked about restaurant sales. Jay explained that falls under a different classification. John Shepard asked about state licensing and laws, and what that process might be. Jay and Wayne Kirkpatrick stated that there are strict laws to follow; how the product is displayed, inventory must be kept under lock and key, not sold on Sundays, etc.

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5. Close Public Hearing on Local Liquor Ordinances:

Motion by: John Shepard to close the public hearing

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

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6. Open Public Hearing on New General Assistance Appendices:

Motion by: Jim Justice to open the public hearing

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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7. Close Public Hearing on GA appendices and vote to approve:

Motion by: Jim Justice to approve the GA appendices and close the public hearing

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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8. Public comment:

9. Approve minutes of Tuesday, September 18, 2018:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

4-0-1 abstained

10. Approve Public Meeting Conduct Policy:

Lyle stated that he has made a few revisions to the policy after discussing the content with the Board.

Motion by: John Shepard to approve the draft put before the Board.

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

Discussion: Jim is still opposed to the number of minutes in which someone can speak at a public meeting. Greg stated that the reasoning is viable, as it adds structure. Sarah believes it sets a standard and is flexible enough for its purpose. John shares Jim's concern, nonetheless, he feels comfortable with the policy as written. Lyle agrees with the majority.

4-1-0 opposed

11. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, October 2, 2018:

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Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: John Shepard
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12. Town Manager's Report:

Ditching is currently taking place on Shepard Hill Road; should be done by October 15th.

In the November issue of Maine Townsman, there will be an article published about interns in municipalities. There has been rave reviews this year about intern's participation in municipalities. This article will also be available online.

The state is currently working on a culvert bill in the hopes that the Maine Public Works Association will support it. The current law states that municipalities *shall* replace culverts. The new bill has changed the wording to *may* replace culverts. Often, damage is done to town culverts due to homeowners' negligence. There are many culverts in Union which costs the town a substantial amount of money each year.

The voluntary safety inspection report came back last Friday. There were some discrepancies pertaining to fire and ambulance. The inspector over-looked a few details and will need to come back to update the report. Jay stated only a few minor issues need to be taken care of.

Jay returned from the ICMA conference in Baltimore, stating it was very productive. He will share the information once it is released.

13. Other Business:

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to sign the municipal warrants for November 6th, 2018.
2nd by: Sarah Drickey
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14. Selectmen's Report:

John announced that Tri-County has lost their primary trash hauling company. Dave Stanley, the current manager, is researching other firms. They are hopeful for a smooth transition.

Greg inquired about the status of the mass gatherings. Jay stated that the Planning Board will take the letter into consideration, and possibly explore incorporating guidelines.

Greg stated the Board received a letter from Matt and Julie referring to the light installed near the fire station; they are pleased with the new lighting.

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Greg reported Laurie from the TCC has contacted someone to take care of the mold problem. She will get back to Jay once a decision is made. The Department of Health and Human Services is investigating.

15. Future Agenda Items:

To schedule another executive session before the next meeting.

16. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

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Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary