

Select Board Sidelines

October 13, 2021

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The following topics were discussed at the Select Board meeting on October 5:

Green Space Committee: The Select Board is soliciting “Statements of Interest” for taxpayers willing to serve on this new committee. The first task of this committee will be to recommend deed restrictions for the town owned Coggins Hill property. There is hope that this committee will evolve into making recommendations regarding other town owned properties. An example would be possible uses for the Happy Hollow property.

To apply. On the Town website, under the Government header, scroll to Boards & Committees, the last item is Statement of Interest Form. Please complete and send to townmanager@union.maine.gov. Or here is the link: [Statement of Interest Form - Union, ME \(maine.gov\)](#) or simply deliver the form to the town office or call at 207-785-3652.

We hope to form this committee at the next Select Board meeting on October 19.

Coggins Hill: A two-year contract for Wyman’s to harvest blueberries on the Coggins Hill property was agreed upon.

Committee for the Future of the Thompson Community Center (CFTCC): An initial meeting was held between Town representatives and the Board of Directors of the Thompson Community Center (TCCA).

It was proposed that an interim committee composed of members of the TCCA and the CFTCC be formed, in order to operate the building until the select board decides upon a long-term solution for the building. The TCCA was amenable to this and asked that the CFTCC prepare some concrete thoughts regarding a joint committee and further cooperation so that they can discuss with counsel.

Speeding: The discussion regarding the addition of speed limit signage on North Union Rd and other locations was continued until our next meeting.

Aging in Place Committee: Senior “to go” luncheon is scheduled for October 21. RSVP to the Town Office by October 14. For vehicle safety and ease of food distribution we ask that a single line of cars be formed.

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