

## Select Board Sidelines, September 29, 2021

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The items discussed at the Select Board meeting on September 21 were:

**Coggins Hill Property:** The Coggins Hill Preservation Association (CHPA) has expressed an interest in working with the town regarding the maintenance of the property. Discussions regarding deed restrictions and other matters will be ongoing.

**Committee for the Future of the Thompson Community Center (CFTCC):** The committee is meeting Monday the 27 for the purpose of formulating a plan for the town to have ready if new management of the facility is needed. I'm certain many are eager to get the results of this meeting and anticipated future developments.

**Ayers Park / Seven Tree Boat Ramp:** The Pullen Committee voted to approve the funding of a little over \$41,000 to fulfill the Town's financial obligation to complete the ramp. One of the outstanding permits has been obtained. We are waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers approval before construction can begin, perhaps this fall, maybe in 2022.

**2021-2022 General Assistance Ordinance and Appendices:** This annual ritual of approving the State's submission of the Maine Municipal Associations update of the Ordinance which includes the maximum payments under General Assistance was approved.

**Sestercentennial Committee:** Did you know that Union will be celebrating its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding in 2024? We appreciate the following folks who volunteered to serve on the committee: Elmer Savage, Gail Hawes, Matthew Blazek, Argy Nestor, Morgan Winslow, and Robert Winslow. Martha Johnston-Nash will serve as the Select Board's representative. It will be interesting to see the photos and other memorabilia that were buried in the bicentennial time capsule in 1974.

**Assessors Agent:** The Board wishes to extend its congratulations and appreciation to Jim Murphy. Jim has been awarded the designation as "Assessor of the Year" by the Maine Association of Assessing Officers. Great job Jim! Thank you for your excellent service to the Town.

**Speeding:** A petition was presented requesting speed limit and corner signage for North Union Road. The speeding issue has been expressed by the citizens in multiple areas of town. The Board asked our Town Manager to investigate the cost of additional signage. This may become an expense to be reviewed in the next budget process if not before.

**Broadband Committee:** Lots of great work is being accomplished by this committee investigating the possibility of a fiber optic install by either LCI Tidewater or the multi town

Midcoast Community Internet Coalition. The committee expects to present the Select Board with a recommendation and set of facts by end October.

**Aging in Place Committee:** Our next "Take Away" luncheon will be held October 21. RSVPs are requested by October 15. Just call the Town Office at 785-3658. One of our volunteers will be directing traffic for pick up in the rear of the municipal building. We ask for safety and organizational purposes that we keep vehicles in single file.

AIP is also partnering with Vose Library with "Vose to Home" where delivery & pickup of library material is provided. Call the library at 785-4733 or email [librarian@voselibrary.org](mailto:librarian@voselibrary.org) for more info.

The Vose Library's Annual Fall Fundraiser "Soup and Suspense" will be Wednesday, October 27. Flyers for this event are available. More info also available on the library web site, [VoseLibrary.org](http://VoseLibrary.org). Pre-register at the above email.