

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2016

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, James Justice, John Shepard and Sarah Drickey.

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Elmer Savage, Holly Savage and Jesse Thompson.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** by Chair at 6:30PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
3. **Public Comment:** there was none.
4. **Approve minutes of June 21 and July 5, 2016:** Motion John Shepard to accept June 21 and July 5, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded Sarah Drickey. Unanimous.
5. **Approve Liquor license applications, Union Fair, Antique Festival and Private Wedding:** The Antique Festival and Private Wedding applications are from Elmer Savage and the other one is for the Union Fair Society. Elmer noted on the Antique Festival Application the location is listed as the Wine Pavilion; there is a chance it will be in a tent instead of the Wine Pavilion. Motion James Justice to approve the Liquor license Applications: Union Fair, Antique Festival and Private Wedding. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
6. **Volunteer Toll Booth request, Jesse Thompson:** Jesse said last year the Fire Department had a Volunteer toll booth by B.M. Clark property on Rt. 17. It raised some controversy and there were things we didn't quite understand we were supposed to do first. In talking with the Manager we knew this year we would have to bring it up before the Board of Selectmen for approval. We plan to do this fundraiser on the first Saturday in August. It's the Excelsior Engine Co. part of the Union Fire Department a nonprofit 501C3 group. We use the monies to buy Dress Uniforms and Tee Shirts, the monies raised this year would be used to put street numbers on reflective signs. Jay noted these green signs Jesse mentioned would be put up in the Towns right of way at the end of Resident's driveway so they could be put up without the individual's permission. Jay asked Jesse if he had approval from the State to do this Toll Booth on Rt. 17, did you for last year. Jesse said he did not. Jay does not

think the State will approve Rt. 17 and suggested they find an alternate location. Greg noted every time he drives through one of those he does feel obligated and added he is not comfortable with it. John asked Jesse what was the driver's reaction? Most of them donated but some you could tell felt obligated. We did it for two hours and it ended up being a traffic Issue. John echoed what Jay said 17 doesn't seem like the best place to do something like that. Jim noted in the past it has been held in front of the Fire House with a car wash at the same time. Lyle is fully supportive of the Fire Department and suggested Jesse talk with the membership about the possibility of standing outside some of the businesses in Town with a boot then you would get mostly Union people. We have discussed sending a letter out to Union residents asking for a donation telling them what it will be used for. Motion Sarah Drickey to have the event but not cause traffic problems or find some other way to do it. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

7. Annual Appointments by Board of Selectmen:

Parks and Recreation: Katherine Lunt, Laurie McDaniels.

Planning Board: Gerald Brooks, John Mountainland.

Appeals Board: Sarah Gilbert, Charlotte Doughty, Bill Pagnano.

Alternate TCSW Rep. Lyle Cramer.

Motion James Justice to approve the above mentioned Appointments. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

- 8. Update from Tri County Solid Waste, John Shepard:** John provided the Board with an update after the Special Meeting on June 24th. Palermo has decided not to re-sign and we will be reorganizing the budget structure to accommodate that and added but it's unchartered territory. That could help reduce hauling fees in less trash. Palermo is being very gracious in extending their commitment through the end of the calendar year even though they are not signing back up as of now. We don't have to worry about rebates or refunds. They are being courteous and professional. There was talk about trying to solicit a town or two to join Tri County, we are open to the possibility. The plan is to go with ECO Maine rather than Fiberite or stay with PERC. John thinks it's the right choice ECO Maine is a good organization it's up and running and working. The tipping fee is the same, the hauling cost might be a little more because it's 15 miles further but not an extraordinary expense. What John likes about ECO Maine is they encourage recycling to reduce waste neither Fiberite or PERC wanted to do. The next meeting is in Union on Thurs. July 28th at 7:00PM. Greg asked who is going to stop people when they drive into the Transfer Station, there's no sticker required there's no nothing. They don't know whether they are Union residents or whose coming into that place. John said that's a good point and we have discussed that and wondered about getting windshield tags. The temptation is more than just the green bags, it's the construction debris and tires. So to that end windshield stickers would be a good idea.

9. Report from Eleanor Snyder: Eleanor updated the Board on recent Training and a current Project she is working on. She attended Concealed Hand Gun Permit training. The State not the Town Office issues Permits for Union residents. The point of the session was to tell Law Enforcement, EMS, Selectmen, Boards, Town Officials and Legislators what the exceptions are to the new rule. You need a concealed carry permit if you carry a concealed weapon to work, Acadia National Park, State Parks or while you are Archery hunting specifically for deer. There was much detail discussed overall firearms laws. An EMS person who was there mentioned when you are a Municipal EMS provider you can't turn people away for service but if they have a gun how do you handle that situation. Jim noted there is a Code with the EMS if a life is in danger you do not have to go into a building or treat Anybody who has a gun. An EMS person said if a person is dying in front of you it's a tricky call that would be a legal situation. It was interesting to see people talking about this. The other Training was the GIS training its history and how it might be applied to local and town Government. GIS stands for Geographic Information System composed of hardware and software, computer and map measuring tools and software maps: Google Earth, Google Maps etc. Jay suggested we start thinking about talking with the woman who was doing the Training about getting a layer that does the Cemeteries in Town so we would know what Graves are occupied and which ones are not. To have all of this documented would be helpful. Eleanor has been updating the Road Network Inventory System. Jay noted we have the RSMS 2011 now we are updating to the 2016 version. What it does is tell you when the roads in town will need maintenance and allows the Town to better budget for future projects. It also allows us to see what has been spent on previous repairs, Jay has Information on the shape and condition of roads probably in his head but it is not very helpful if he leaves, so now new people coming in can get access to it. The old system didn't have any visual maps now we can see the maps of the roads and signs. They are color coordinated so roads that need repair are red, medium repair are yellow and roads in good shape green. Jim asked the cost. Jay said about \$100.00 for the upgrade. It is mostly paid by Federal and State Fuel Funds.

10. Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee: John said even though we are technically off for the summer Eric Gallant continues to update us.

11. Sign Treasurers Warrant dated July 19, 2016: Motion James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant with the addition of Chris Packard's bill for \$25,000 (Rabbit Farm Rd.) to the Warrant. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

12. Other Business: Board needs to sign Quit Claim Deed for Shepard Hill property. Lyle asks for clarification on what the Board voted regarding TCC last meeting. Greg read through the Minutes, it stated we would form a blue ribbon committee to look over and make recommendations to the Lease. Lyle motioned that we form a committee by August 1st. to review the current Lease and explore where we go with the TCC. The plan would then go to The Board for a vote and Special Town Meeting. Greg will Chair that Committee. Greg was hoping some people from the TCC would be here tonight but no one showed up. Greg read

through his point by point TCC history beginning in 2014 and asked that it be part of the record. He's tired of the lip service we've been getting, the run around not getting answers with people sitting in front of us giving us excuses. What they are going to do nothing in writing just excuses. Greg starts with a letter Nov. 13, 2014 they have been trying to get something done with the Fire Alarm System for the past three years. Greg knows it went on before that. Feb.28, 2014 letter the Board of Selectmen voted at the last meeting to require The Fire Alarm System to be fixed within six months. Greg says it is time that we put our foot down to get something done. Candy who was part of the last regime wrote a letter to the Board explaining they are working on the system have \$28,000 set aside for it. Where is the \$28,000 that is why Greg was hoping someone would be here tonight. We've lost over \$3 Million in coverage. Greg wants them to bring the Board facts as to amount of money the amount of Insurance they say they can get and the amount it will cost. They were informed about the stress test for the gym floor. This too has been going on forever. Results nothing but Excuses. Every meeting there is a letter from someone saying that it is ok. Now we get one of the most sophisticated Engineering Reports that Greg has ever seen. No name, no date, no Stamp the only thing it says on it as he passes it around interior masonry wall support, steel Beams support, exterior masonry wall support, typical bent support, the only thing that is Bent on this page are the arrows it's ridiculous. A professional Engineering firm a couple three months ago said they would go in there for \$3,000 to do a stress test and give us a report. For some reason and again we've seen no name of an Engineering firm we have a Letter from somebody that says yes it's safe to go in. This is a firm supposedly and again just excuses every time I call he's not in and we can't get any information. Just lip service. We need answers. A vote was taken the other night at the last meeting of TCC's Board, the results of the vote were to start the Sprinkler System or the first stage as they put it. Pullen Fund thinks they plan to use the \$10,000 that was approved by the Board as part of the payment on this first phase. The minutes from that Board meeting, TCC request \$10,000 for a portion of the Sprinkler/Fire Alarm System, request approved contingent on TCC receiving The Loan to complete the project. Lori who is the Director is supposed to be on top of everything that is going on and keeping the Board out of trouble should be well aware of what the Lease says, any alteration declaration etc. etc. the Lessee shall not materially alter the premise or make structural improvements or additions to the premises without the prior approval of the Lessor (The Board of Selectmen). They have yet to come before us with any request for Approval to do this. Greg understands in the Loan they are trying to get they need to have Collateral. They can't use the building it's a Town owned building. So, they were thinking of using their assets: partitions, equipment, machines. They cannot use that equipment as collateral the Lessor owns it. Something's got to happen here we are responsible to the people of this Town. Greg would entertain a motion basically to tell the Board what he would like to see and require the TCC to present to the Board:

1. Plan of action to have the floor tested with results from a certified Engineering firm with their Seal no later than the Board of Selectmen's August 2nd meeting. If this can't be done by then due to time constraints than a brief letter from the firm indicating when it can be done.
2. Copy of Insurance policy making up the difference to the Towns policy change naming the Town of Union as primary beneficiary this to be presented at the Aug. 2nd Board of Selectmen Meeting.

3. Action plan for the Fire Alarm system/Sprinkler bringing it up to code no later than August 16th Board of Selectmen meeting.
4. Action plan to fix elevator to bring the Center back into compliance with ADA no later than Aug. 16th Board of Selectmen meeting. These requirements are to be provided in writing no more lip service. If the requirements of the floor testing are not complied with The Board of Selectmen will hire an Engineering Firm of their choice at the expense of the TCC to complete the necessary test. Greg assumes we would go back to the firm who said they would do it in the first place. Bottom Line no matter what insurance policies are in effect should someone get hurt do to a known deficiency The Town will become responsible and in today's world have a heavy suit filed against them. Should that happen we the Board of Selectmen didn't do our job. Motion John Shepard to approve Greg's suggested motion. Seconded Sarah Drickey. Four for. One opposed. (Justice). Greg asks Jay to forward this information to Laurie. Greg noted we have the situation of the first Phase of the Sprinkler System. Greg asks the Board to do whatever they think necessary by allowing them to continue with the first phase of the Sprinkler System and or the painting. Lyle said he does not want them to start anything because the Lease says they must come to the Board for permission, the other issue is he doesn't want to see them spend money then get the Engineering report back that says the gym floor could go at anytime, the money is gone and they don't have any money to do anything. Greg is not in favor of spending money either until the floor is done because if the floor does not pass then there will be signs put on the door. The money maker at the TCC right now is the Thrift Store. They have tenants in the yellow part and they make money off that. The floor Issue does not involve the Thrift Store or the individual rooms where they make money from. They could continue to move forward with those items. To condemn the whole place Greg does not think that would be fair. Jay noted we have to make sure we separate ourselves The Town of Union from the Thompson Community Center and to require them to follow The Lease. Greg asks for a motion for the TCC to move forward with the 1st phase of the Sprinkler System. Motion Greg Grotton to allow TCC to move forward with 1st. phase of The Sprinkler System. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous. Greg added if something should happen and they have to close down everything comes back to the Town in their Incorporation papers it states any monies would go to a charity.
13. **Town Manager's Report:** Chris Packard expects to have Rabbit Farm Rd. work completed by next week. Paving Bids are out for Rabbit Farm Rd. they are due in a couple of weeks. The culvert work was started Friday on North Union Rd. Bump Hill Rd. work will be in the fall. The Board will have their regular two meetings in August.
14. **Selectmen's Report:** Greg is pleased to see the start of striping on Clarry Hill Rd.
15. **Future Agenda Items:** Thompson Community Center.
16. **Adjourn:** Motion James Justice to adjourn at 8:15PM. Seconded Sarah Drickey. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on August 2, 2016 with the following amendments.