

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2016

Board Present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Elmer Savage, James Justice and John Shepard.

Also Present: Jay Feyler, Jesse Thompson, Beth Birmingham and Joseph Patricia.

1. **Call Selectmen's 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 January 5, 2016:** Motion James Justice to approve January 5, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded John Shepard. One abstention (Cramer).
5. **Review and approval of Ambulance Budget for 16-17:** Jay noted there are several options to look at. Last year Jesse talked about putting a driver on to have two people here during the day so we prepared the budget for that which is option B. Option A leaves everything the same minus Hope and puts additional funds into reserve for future offsets of increases or new equipment. The interesting note is we have a fairly large carryover this year. If we were to leave everything the way it was and Hope was still part of the program, and we made no changes and use the carryover to off set the budget their Budget would have gone down, they paid \$6,086 last year it would have gone down to \$2,584. With a reduction of \$3,000 with the loss of Hope allows an increase to put the second person in the station. Lyle asked about response time if we have a second person in here. Jesse said hopefully it would drastically reduce response time currently it's right around an average of 5 mins. the last four years. From the time Dispatch drops the tone to the time Ambulance goes enroute is 4 minutes. Jesse would like to see it go down to 3 mins. Lyle's other concern is where we have nobody in house at all it takes up to 20mins or more to get somebody to the scene for the call. Jesse added we always have someone in house from 5AM to 5PM and we're volunteer at night and added he has Paramedics who would love to be on call at night. That's a whole other issue. You've got to have a place for them it's nighttime and they need a place to sleep. Jay asked were there times last years when we couldn't get a driver or a person at night? Jesse said most of the time when we're giving a call to someone else it's because we're already busy on a call. There is no added revenue having a second person it's strictly cost. Jay recommends we try a second person for six months and see what we get for response times. This would take effect July 1, 2016. Let's

just see if the additional costs turns into patient care. We could leave the budget without putting anything into Reserves but Jay would like to keep a little bit more in the Reserves. Greg noted one way or the other we could say we're going to look at it in six months but the bottom line is when we approve the budget we'll have to approve it for the full amount of \$219,700. Motion Lyle Cramer to add full-time person at whatever the cost is and try that for six months after six months we will review Plan B at that time. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

6. **Update on Flashing Beacon:** Jay noted one of the Planners for Department of Transportation stopped here and talked about all different scenarios including flashing stop signs. Jay thought those were radar activated he told Jay they are not, they are intermediate flashing. Based on what the speed limit should be that's so no cop should go by there without them flashing. There a lot less money to begin with but they get destroyed more easily so the annual cost could be a lot more. He's going to go back and talk with whoever did the original thing and see all the different things they looked at including the guardrail that Jay told him was a problem. No one has gotten back to Jay on any of those. Maybe by the next meeting we will have more detail. Lyle suggested present a plan to the Committee at MMA and submit a bill to the Legislature to pass a law saying this State should pay for lights on State roads and let the Towns pay for lights on Town roads. Jay said we could try it for next year. It's worth submitting a bill just so people become aware of whose paying for what.
7. **Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee:** Chairman Elmer Savage said the committee met last night and worked on the Housing Chapter. Union is fairly stable, there is not a huge population increase coming. There are fewer people living in homes is the main reason there will be more housing units required in the next ten years. Elmer is very interested in people's opinions on affordable housing. The final draft of the survey will be mailed to residents and will also be available to complete on the town's website. We would like to have the completed surveys back to calculate the results by the end of February. Surveys are to be returned to the Town Office. Jay hopes for a good turnout at the Informational Meeting set for April 11th to discuss future plans for the Town.

Board moved to item #10:

10. **Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated 01/19/2016:** Motion James Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant dated 01/19/2016. Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
11. **Other Business:** there was none.
12. **Town Manager's Report:** We are putting in the new Server upstairs we should be all set in a week to ten days. It will save us next year on the virus protection program because now we have this one commercial thing that handles everything is just on the Server. We should be fairly close to Budget.
13. **Selectmen's Report:** Jim reminded Board members we need names for Town Report Dedication.

14. **Future Agenda Items:** there was none.

Motion James Justice to adjourn regular meeting go into Executive Session legal matter MRSA 405 (6) E and F: Seconded Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

8. **Executive Session legal matter 1 MRSA 405(6) E and F:** Motion Elmer Savage to adjourn Executive Session at 8:30PM. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
9. **Exit Executive session and vote if any:** Motion Elmer Savage to appoint the Town Manager to send to Collections; Failure to repay Ambulance Training Agreement. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous. Motion Lyle Cramer to give homeowner until April 1st to finalize payments before further actions are taken. Seconded James Justice. Unanimous.
15. **Adjourn:** Motion Lyle Cramer to adjourn at 8:30PM. Seconded John Shepard. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on _____with the following amendments.