

Town of Union
Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2017

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

Also Present: Jay Feyler and one guest.

Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: by Chair at 6:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance: given by all who wished.

Public Comment: there was none.

Approve minutes of December 20, 2016:

Motion: by John Shepard to accept minutes

2nd by: Jim Justice

Vote: 2 abstentions and 3 yes

Open Mowing bids:

Greg questioned why Steven's did not have to attend meeting. Jay stated that they had already attended one and had all of the specifics.

Town Cemetary:

Steven's \$67,000 for 3 years

Travis Wilson \$63,000 for 3 years

Farley \$94,900 for 3 years

Town Maintenance:

Steven's \$25,300

Wilson \$21,000

Farley \$34,900

Adam Simmons \$25,500

Jay will check on the company's and their equipment and report at the next meeting. This contract was extended through December to cover for leaf cleanup.

Discussion on exchanging Patriots Day for the Day after Christmas 2017. Jay stated that the staff would like to make this change for 2017. There was a brief discussion.

Motion: by Sarah Drickey to approve this request to exchange Patriot's Day to day after Christmas
Seconded by: John Shepard
Vote: Unanimous

Discussion of personnel policy revisions: The Attorney that is working on it was not in today so we need another draft. Jay stated we will have the draft for the next meeting. There are several law changes. This attorney is doing this for a flat rate because she helps other municipalities. John stated that he was impressed with the document.

Update on Comprehensive Plan Committee: John Shepard stated that there is a meeting on the 16th and they should have a good idea how its coming together.

Accept resignation of Deputy Clerk Helen Zahn:

Motion by: Jim Justice to accept Helen Zahn's resignation
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
Vote: Unanimous

Sign Treasurer's warrant dated January 3, 2017:

Motion by: Jim Justice to accept the warrant
Seconded by: Sarah Drickey
Discussion: John Shepard questioned another large payment to Morton Salt. Jay stated that this is a number that is high in the winter a large amount of salt is used for the roads. Glidden repairs was also discussed and Jay stated that it was for bent hinges.
Vote: Unanimous

Town Manager's Report: There is a Budget Committee Meeting on January 11th at 7pm. There is also a Public Hearing regarding The Dollar General Planning Board Application on January 12th at 6:30pm. Vicky Harriman would like to fill the vacancy on the School Board thru June.

Motion by: Jim Justice to appoint Vicky Harriman to the School Board
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
Vote: Unanimous

Other Business: John stated that he will miss 2 meetings in March because he is going on vacation. He stated he would get the Tri County Budget information to the Board.

Jim Justice stated that due to the Federal Law regarding marijuana that many Towns were doing moratoriums. Jay stated that MMA is doing a lot of work on this so we will have some really good material soon.

Rabbit Farm – Haven't heard anything yet, Jay explained costs etc. and made some suggestions to the owner.

Lyle Cramer stated that Parsonfilelds accepted a bid without checking on the equipment and when there was problems with the plow the owner just walked away.

Selectmen's Report: none

Future Agenda Items: Review the information for a meeting two weeks from now.

Motion to: adjourn by Jim Justice

2nd by: Sarah Drickey

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned: at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura J Curtis

These minutes were approved on ____January 17th 2017_ with the following amendments. - none