

Union Board of Selectmen Meeting

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

**Selectmen present:** Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard, & Sarah Drickey

**Others present:** Jay Feyler, Christine Norris, Deputy – Matt Elwell

**Selectman's Meeting called to order:** 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Public Comment:**

**Approve minutes on April 18, 2017:**

Motion by: Jim Justice

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

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**Discussion and vote on TCC request to remove bleachers:**

Matt Elwell stated that the bleachers are a safety hazard and would like to see them removed.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to have TCC remove bleachers

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

Discussion: John asked what is involved in removal of bleachers. Matt stated that there is someone who will do free removal; they will take the metal. Sarah asked if the material could be salvaged, possibly for re-use. Matt stated that the seat backs are wood, and can possibly be refurbished to make tables, etc.

Jim would rather see the bleachers repaired. Long term, it may cost more money to buy new bleachers, and feels that there are events that still take place, where bleachers could serve their purpose. Matt feels it would not be practical use of funds to repair.

Greg stated that he is against taking the bleachers out. He feels as Jim does, that this would cause lots of lost seating for events. Bleachers are extremely expensive. He would rather see a good deal of maintenance put forth, such as cleaning & lubrication.

Motion by: Jim Justice to maintain the bleachers.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

Discussion: Lyle would like to see the bleachers checked out first to see if they are a safety hazard. He is concerned that if the bleachers remain, and someone gets hurt, it will reflect on the Boards decision to keep them. John is agreeable with Lyle; asking if there it is a reasonable request to have the bleachers evaluated and repaired. Matt stated he may be able to reach out to local contractors and ask their opinion.

All in favor of leaving bleachers as is: 3 (Greg, Jim & John)

Opposed: 2 (Sarah & Lyle)

Greg suggested that Matt find someone who can look at the bleachers and potentially repair them. This issue can be revisited later.

**Appointment of Scholarship Committee members:**

Request for the Board to choose the number of scholarship members. Jim would like to have a few more people. He feels it would be beneficial to the students.

Motion by: Jim Justice to increase scholarship committee to 5 and accept all 3

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

Discussion: John asked for clarification about membership status. Jay stated that one member had passed away, and the committee would like to welcome new members.

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Greg Grotton abstained due to a conflict of interest.

**Discussion and vote to sell Chevy 4500:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to sell the Chevy

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Lyle Cramer

Discussion: Jay stated that there was an offer to sell the truck for 10,000. He would like the Board's approval to sell without the dump body; just the chassis and the plow.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to sell for 10,000

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

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**Accept 2017-18 Salt Bids:**

Jay stated that he received a bid from Morton salt for \$58.39 a ton, which is \$2.00 less per ton than last year.

Motion by: John Shepard to accept bid from Morton salt.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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**Discussion on Boston Post Cane Recipient:**

Jay stated that Mr. Dougherty is Union's oldest citizen. This is indicated by the list of registered voters, which is the only way to decipher ages for the Boston Post Cane Recipient. Mr. Dougherty is also our oldest veteran.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to nominate Mr. Dougherty for the Boston Post Cane Award.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jim Justice

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**Sign 2017 Town Warrant and 2017 School Warrant:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to sign the 2017 Town and School Warrants to be approved.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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**Town Report Photograph:**

Reminder to take photos of Board members for town report.

**Town Report Dedication?**

The Board needs to come up a list of names and keep them discreet.

**Sign Treasurers Warrant dated May 3, 2017:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to sign Treasurers Warrant

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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**Town Managers Report:**

Jay just got back from a Maine Welfare Directors' meeting in Freeport. He has been serving as VP of Professional Development, but recently stepped into the Presidents' position on behalf of the previous President who has been battling health issues. One topic of discussion at the meeting pertained to serious issues with drug abuse.

Update on Rabbit Farm Road; negotiations are slow with paving contractor. Two offers are on the table; 1) remove all the pavement and provide a reimbursement. 2) leave pavement and pay an additional 25%. Jay is negotiating a counter-offer to leave the pavement and accept the money that was given and release any future liability. At that point, an ejection process will take place.

**Other business:**

Jay mentioned the school budget hearing; which is in two weeks. The board needs to decide between attending the meeting and changing the next Board meeting.

Motion by: Jim Justice for the Board to hold their next Selectman's meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Sarah Drickey

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**Selectmen's Report:**

John mentioned that the Tri-County Solid Waste Management Organization meeting was uneventful last week. The budget is on track and there was nothing controversial to speak of. They still need to fill the attendants position.

**Future Agenda Items:**

**Adjourn:**

Motion by: Jim Justice to adjourn

2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Shepard

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Adjourn at 7:23 p.m.