

Board of Selectmen's/Assessors Meeting

October 3, 2017

6:00pm

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Present: Greg Grotton, Sarah Drickey, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, John Shepard and Jay Feyler.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to go into Executive Session

Seconded by: Jim Justice

Vote: Unanimous

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to go out of Executive Session at 6:32pm

Seconded by: John Shepard

Vote: Unanimous

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag

Public Comment: Robert Carpenter of 416 South Union Road regarding the House that burned down with the fatality. The Fire Department put up a big pile of rubble and it is an eyesore. This needs to be dealt with. Jay stated the insurance company and the sister of the deceased are working on this now. Nothing can be done until the Insurance Company is done with it. Greg said we will contact sister and see where it is going.

Vicki Harriman received a letter from the DOT and they would install large stop signs and stop ahead signs. The Town Manager or Selectmen need to send a letter to DOT regarding a speed reduction in the area. At this time the speed drops from 45 to 40 in front of the car place. Andy O'Brien from the Free Press has been following this year on the increase in accidents.

Vicki also stated that the family will be taking the cross down. The family did not put it up but they would like to take it down.

Meeting is closed at 6:45 to open Public Hearing on the General Assistance 2017-2018 Ordinance.

Every year MMA and DHHS re-writes all maximums etc. on the Ordinance – there are changes this year. We really do not have much choice in this. They are based on Federal Guidelines. Housing is state and federal. The Food Max comes from the USDA.

Public Hearing closed at 7:50 pm.

Approve minutes of September 19, 2017:

Motion by: Jim Justice to approve minutes of 9/19/17

Seconded by: Sarah Drickey

Vote: Unanimous

Approve the General Assistance Ordinances Appendices

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to approve GA Ordinances Appendices

Seconded by: John Shepard

Vote: Unanimous

Discussion on Cole Road:

The consensus was to change it to Thru Way after chip seal is put down. The Attorney stated we should wait until next year to make it thru traffic.

Davis Road is no thru traffic.

Discussion on Ayer Park Issues:

Jay Feyler has included in the packet suggestions. Jim Justice recommends stickers.

Lynn Hannan lives across from park. She states that she is always picking up trash, the place is a mess – get rid of grills, people put dirty diapers in there. There is a lot of riff raff late at night, they have called the police. Dogs loose – dog poop everywhere. People are diving and fishing off docks. People come all day drinking and smoking with dogs running loose. The park needs to close at dark. Greg said there is no one to shut the gates. We closed the park once before, and then people were cleaning it up.

Greg stated that summer is over now. Next year we could start off stating that we are going to close if they don't adhere to rules. Sarah stated to run an article in Free Press at the beginning of the summer with rules.

Jay said less than 10% are Union Residents. Greg stated we should put up a sign for closed for the winter. We can state no parking on 235 by sending a letter to the state.

Motion by: John Shepard to close Ayer Park on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Seconded by: Sarah Drickey

Vote: 3 in favor and 2 opposed

Treasurer's Warrant:

Motion by: Jim Justice to accept warrant.

Seconded by: Lyle Cramer

Discussion: Sarah asked about swim lessons which are part of the parks and rec budget. John Shepard wanted to know what roads Lucas Striping did. They were North Union, Sennebec and Middle Roads.

Vote: Unanimous

Welcome to TCC Members:

Matt Elwell spoke about how we can work with the Town of Union – The TCC is a great benefit for this town and the surrounding towns. We have a unique service to service towns.

Food Pantry

Thrift Store – in the month of August 98 people were served – the food pantry might not want to move.

Flea Market – 95 tables

Senior Fitness – 15 people per week

Zumba 50-60 people

Day Care 4 employees and 22 kids

Line Dancing, bridge, red cross, sports tryouts and Shriners.

Hairdresser with 200 clients

We would like to improve relations between TCC Board and Selectmen.

Jim Justice stated that for the past 10 years they were supposed to be getting P&L's which never happened. There are repairs that need to be done – Fire system has to be put in, Boiler is ancient, stress test on floor barely passed.

Matt stated that they are spending several thousand dollars repairing sills and exterior of the building. A new sign has been ordered. We can provide reports to you. We have spent money on the thrift store and fixing parking lots.

Greg stated that the committee was spending lots of money; where was it coming from?

Penquis has approached the Town of Union to turn the Yellow building into senior housing. They want to put 28 units in the building. The state wants to help re-do sidewalks – handicapped at 4 feet wide.

When Penquis renovates they are going to renovate it back on the outside to what it looked like as a school.

Matt Elwell states that the TCC has been trying over the past year to get things going and he feels bad about the past problems. Lyle stated to have Penquis come down and meet with both boards.

Matt would like to know what the timeline is so he can give notice to tenants.

We still need to vote on cutting down trees.

Motion by: Jim Justice to allow dead trees and bushes to be cut.

Seconded by: Lyle Cramer

Vote: Unanimous

Elmer L Savage needs a license for an event at the TCC for the Chamber on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30.

Motion by: Lyle Cramer to approve

Seconded by: Sarah Drickey

Vote: Unanimous

Town Manager's report :

The RSU40 meeting didn't come out the way we wanted.

There was a discussion about having regular meetings with schools and towns.

MMA won't give an opinion on something like LD#1.

The Attorney is going to look into a Route 17 sign.

I have given you Audit files, the septic system was pumped. The insulation at public works is done.

MMA inspected and found a few things, and the installers came back and fixed it.

The MMA convention is Wednesday and the office is closed.

Jay had a meeting with Rockland Town Manager, and he is willing to work with us again for cost savings.

Other business: none

Selectmen's Report – John stated that Tri County does not have a good website. Can we put more info on our website about Tri-County. Jay will check into it and have Sherry and Michelle look at it.

Jim Justice asked if lawyer has done anything about TCC lease.

Future: Elmer L. Savage brought up about having the Town Manager doing Savage Oakes event licenses because he has to have licenses for each events. This would save a lot of time and it would not have to go before the Board everytime.

Motion by: Jim Justice to adjourn

Seconded by: Lyle Cramer

Vote: Unanimous

Adjourned: 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Laura J Curtis

