

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING
Tuesday, September 17, 2019
William L. Pullen Municipal Building Meeting Room
6:00 p.m.

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Adam Fuller, and Josh White

Others present: Jay Feyler, Lorain Francis, Jim Justice, Gerald Brooks, Jr., Rob Milliken, Erik Amundsen, Debra Lowtwait, Bill Lombardi, Holly Lombardi, Anita Brown, Maria Pease, Roger Therriault, Mike Drickey, and Grant Watmough

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order: 6:30 p.m.

2. Executive Session Town Manager Evaluation 1 MRSA 405 (6) (A):

Motion by: John Shepard to open executive session: 6:00 p.m.

2nd by: Josh White

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3. Vote to come out of Executive Session:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to close executive session: 6:15 p.m.

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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4. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Open Joint Public Hearing on Land Use and Subdivision Ordinances with Planning Board

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to open joint public hearing: 6:30 p.m.

2nd by: Josh White

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Maria Pease stated that the Planning Board had an inquiry from a party that was interested in cluster housing development. That individual was represented by Gartley & Dorsky Engineering and Surveying. The Planning Board came up with revisions per request of the Gartley & Dorsky firm. At Town Meeting, the document was deemed incomplete because of an administrative issue. There was later a public hearing

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pertaining to the documents. Sarah and Mike Drickey produced a document looking at the original document and the changes proposed. These changes were addressed by counsel and the Code Enforcement Officer. Maria stated that the document has since been revised but may still need changes in the future as development is inevitable. The Planning Board feels that they have moved forward with a more solidified plan for cluster development and they would like to see it stay on the ballot.

Discussion: Sarah Drickey read a letter from a resident who is concerned about how future developments will impact our rural community. Sarah shares the sentiments of the letter and is concerned about Union's infrastructure and natural resources. Erik Amundsen also agrees and feels there should be a moratorium on commercial development until infrastructure studies are done. Adam understands the importance of growing a tax base; he believes cluster development should not be looked at in a negative manner as long as it is kept within reason via standards and guidelines. John asked Roger if these types of studies are of the norm. Roger stated not usually in a small town such as Union. He added that there are usually provisions in place for information to be reviewed and revised if necessary. The key is to create a balance that works for the town and the residents that live in the town.

6. Close public hearing (Planning Board will Close, and BOS will Close)

Motion by: Adam Fuller to close joint public meeting: 7:17 p.m.

2nd by: John Shepard

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7. Public Comment (regular BOS meeting):

8. Approve minutes of Tuesday, September 3, 2019:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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9. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, September 17, 2019:

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: John Shepard

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10. Action from Executive Session, if any:

11. Authorize the Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of 250K:

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Motion by: John Shepard
2nd by: Adam Fuller
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12. Discussion on Come Spring Funding request:

Lorain Francis was present from the Come Spring Food Pantry Board. She is currently heading up the transition team. Lorain addressed the question pertaining to Union residents vs. non-Union residents. The pantry serves approximately 100 individuals a month. She confirmed that 18 families are from Union, 5- Appleton, 2- Warren, 1- Searsmont, 3- Hope, 1- Waldoboro and 3-Washington. She stated that this information must be documented and sent to the government for approval. Come Spring Food Pantry is solely volunteer; no paid staff. Their food budget is about \$12,000 per year. There are collection barrels throughout the local communities. Funding requested from the Thurston Fund would go towards food costs, paying for office supplies/P.O. Box/postage, appliances; refrigerator/freezer, plywood to build shelves for food storage, transportation, etc.

Motion by: Adam Fuller to approve the Come Spring Food Pantry \$5000.00 from the I.C. Thurston Fund.
2nd by: John Shepard
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13. Appoint MMA voting delegates to convention:

Motion by: Adam Fuller to appoint Jay as a delegate, Greg as an alternate and authorize Greg to sign for the Board.
2nd by: John Shepard
4 and 1 abstention

14. Discussion and vote on Browns Lane Property:

Jay stated that they are still dealing with the deed from the property. Two signatures will be needed for a clear title. It may be a couple more weeks.

Motion by: Adam to table until the next meeting
2nd by: John Shepard
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15. Town Manager's Report: None

16. Other Business

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Greg stated that the town received a check from MMA for \$1,500.00 for sponsoring an intern.

Greg stated that some of the structures in Ayer Park are in very poor shape and he would like to donate his time and pay for the lumber to repair them.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to allow Board members and volunteers to improve the structures in Ayer Park.

2nd by: John Shepard

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17. Selectmen's Report

18. Future Agenda Items

19. Adjourn

Motion by: Sarah Drickey

2nd by: Adam Fuller

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Meeting adjourned: 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary