

MINUTES

**SELECT BOARD/ASSESSORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
ONLINE NON-INTERACTIVE ON TOWN HALL STREAMS
6:30 p.m.**

Select Board present: Jim Justice, Adam Fuller, Martha Johnston-Nash, Wayne Kirkpatrick, and Linda Mountainland

Others present: Jay Feyler (Town Manager), Steve Nolan, Matt Speno, Karen Pike, Scott White, Annie Jackson, Emily Trask-Eaton, Erik Amundsen, Bob, Brian Race, Julia Levensaler, Sandy O'Farrell, Randy Kassa, Nichole Taylor, Myrna Soule, Argy Nestor, Tracy Weed, John Gibbons, John Mountainland, Catherine Meyer, Ellen Harrison, and others

1. Call Select Board Meeting to Order: at 6:30 p.m. by Adam Fuller.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 2023:

Motion by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

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Approve Minutes of Thursday, September 7, 2023:

Motion by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

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4. Approve Treasurer's Warrants dated Tuesday, September 19, 2023:

Motion by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash

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5. RSU #40 \$81 Million Bond Proposal:

RSU #40 Superintendent of Schools Steve Nolan introduced Matt Speno, board member from Union; Karen Pike, business manager; Scott White, principal at Union Elementary; Annie Jackson, board chair and board member from Waldoboro; Emily Trask-Eaton, board member from Waldoboro; Erik Amundsen, board member from Union; Bob, retired board member; Brian Race, facilities director; Julia Levensaler, principal at Miller

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School; Sandy O'Farrell, board member from Waldoboro; Randy Kassa, board member from Warren; Nichole Taylor, board member from Union; and Myrna Soule, bus driver.

Facilities Director Brian Race shared an overview of their proposal, paper copies of which were provided.

He said using a facility review from Siemens as a baseline, they worked toward the goal of a standardized maintenance replacement plan for the grounds, buildings, and all infrastructure and equipment. He said the impact for Union based on current taxes, interest rates, home valuation, and enrollment for Union would realize as \$339 per \$100,000 of home and profit valuation.

He added this was the last of the presentations to each of the five towns. They are in the process of doing school walk-throughs. There will be a public hearing on October 26 leading up to the referendum vote on November 7.

If people have questions, they can contact him, Karen Pike, or Steve Nolan. The presentation is on the RSU #40 website. Adam thanked Brian and the school board members who attended.

Extensive discussion followed.

6. Agree to the proposal for Fire Station lot engineering:

Adam clarified this is re: an engineering study for the parking lot in front of the fire station, total \$9,700.

Motion by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

2nd by: Jim Justice

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7. Discussion on the Bandstand, aka Gazebo:

Argy Nestor and Tracy Weed spoke about upgrading the bandstand and map on the Common for the upcoming Sestercentennial (250th birthday) of Union, noting that we have the oldest Common in the state which is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Adam said the Sestercentennial Committee would need a motion from the select board to accept materials, time, or grants. If volunteers are involved, check with Jay to make sure they meet insurance requirements. Consensus was the board would be happy to accept.

Adam suggested contacting Greg Grotton who tended to the map a few years back. Argy floated the idea of a pontoon party on Seven Tree Pond instead of a raft race.

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8. Appointment of MMA voting delegate:

Martha Johnston-Nash was nominated.

Motion to appoint Martha Johnston-Nash as above by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
4-0-1 abstention (Johnston-Nash)

Motion to authorize the town manager to sign it by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
4-0-1 abstention (Johnston-Nash)

9. Appointments for the Parks and Recreation Committee:

Statement of interest forms for Parks and Rec were received from Ellen Harrison, Catherine Meyer, and Ruth Wiemer.

Motion to accept the above by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Martha Johnston-Nash
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10. Set Dates for Public Hearings:

Re: the TCC referendum, Jay proposed dates of October 10 for the informational meeting and October 18 for the official public hearing.

Motion to accept the dates as read by: Wayne Kirkpatrick
2nd by: Jim Justice
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11. Request to paint lines on tennis courts:

Adam read aloud a letter from Parks and Rec, in support of the pickleball group painting pickleball court lines on one tennis court that will not interfere with tennis court lines, a common practice, for up to \$300 for supplies. The letter noted the group has already asked for and received up to \$300 for minor court improvements to make play safer.

Motion to approve the request by: Linda Mountainland
2nd by: Jim Justice
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12. Town Manager's Report:

Jay said due to election day being November 7, the next select board meeting will be on November 8.

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Motion to move the November 7 select board meeting to November 8 by: Martha Johnston-Nash

2nd by: Linda Mountainland

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Re: the next scheduled meeting on October 3, Jay recommended waiting until the October 17 meeting as he will be at the ICMA conference in Texas on the 3rd. Adam noted the 10th is booked.

Motion to cancel the October 3 select board meeting by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

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13. Other Business: None.

14. Public Comment: None.

15. Committee Reports:

a. Broadband

John Gibbons said things are moving. Fiber on the poles is expected starting in January with initial connections starting in June. In answer to Adam, John said Tidewater will call him this week re: what they want from this committee.

b. Green Space – None.

c. Sestercentennial – Above, item #7.

d. Ambulance Advisory – None.

16. Select Board Reports:

Wayne said he was contacted about the town office being open late only two nights a month (first and third Tuesdays) and closed Fridays, which can be difficult for people working. Jay said a lot is available online, such as vehicle renewal.

Adam said he hopes for more discourse re: RSU #40. Wayne said he feared it would get rubber stamped.

Jim said the sign has been ordered. Bill Packard is taking care of the wire. He thanked Bill and Linda. He added they are still accepting volunteer money.

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17. Adjourn:

Motion by: Adam Fuller
2nd by: Wayne Kirkpatrick

Catherine Meyer asked if the town had any other way of letting taxpayers know the impact of the RSU #40 proposal beyond their website, PenBay Pilot, etc. Linda said she is going door to door on her own.

Motion passed,
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Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Abaldo
Secretary