

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Jim Justice, Sarah Drickey

Others present: Jay Feyler, William Fransson, Kaisa Fransson, Stephanie Woodman, Peter Duffey, Julie Speno, Matthew Speno

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public comment:

Matthew Duffey was present and inquired about the status of the mass gathering topic. Greg stated that the Planning Board is working on a plan.

Stefanie Woodman asked if the letters pertaining to the mass gathering topic were forwarded and read by the Selectmen. Greg stated that they were received and read by the Board.

Matthew and Julie Speno were present to check on the progress on the light installation. Greg and Jay reassured them that the light installation is currently on the electricians' schedule.

4. Approve minutes of Tuesday Aug 7, 2018:

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Lyle Cramer

3-0 (1 abstained/1 absent)

5. Award bids for roadside mowing and brush cutting:

Bids went to Dana Kennedy; Roadside Mowing & Nathan Benner; Tree and Brush Cutting.

Discussion: Jim Justice asked about safety and liability and if the town is responsible if these contractors do not meet standards. Jay stated that the contractors are responsible for meeting all State regulations.

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Motion by: Sarah Drickey
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
4-0

6. Authorize the Town Manager to pursue a claim for cemetery damage:

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
4-0

7. Authorize the sale of the 2005 -2500 truck:

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Sarah Drickey
4-0

8. Set tax rate and sign commitment:

Jay stated the mill rate has increased by \$2.00 to \$17.80. An explanation of increases can be found in a newsletter - Town of Union.

Motion by: Sarah Drickey to set mill rate to \$17.80.
2nd by: Greg Grotton
4-0

9. Approve TAN with the First (if needed):

Motion by: Jim justice to approve TAN up to \$200,000.
2nd by: Sarah Drickey
3-1
Lyle Cramer opposed

10. Approve Sale of old ambulance to another municipality:

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
4-0

11. Set Town Managers Evaluation Date:

Dates set for September 18th & October 2nd /16th.

12. Sign Treasurer's warrant dated Tuesday, September 4, 2018:

Motion by: Jim Justice

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2nd by: Sarah Drickey
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13. Town Manager's report:

Bureau of Labor was present to perform a safety works voluntary inspection. (Fire Dept., Ambulance, Admin. and Public Works) A written report with results will be sent in approximately 30 days.

New Public Work employees are undergoing back ground checks, drug tests and pre-employment physicals. They will be starting at the end of the month; after the work is complete at the Public Works garage.

All paved roads are complete, including Mill Road.

Ayer park: Jayden's last day was Sunday. He did a great job. Jay feels more hours next summer would be beneficial. A discussion for this winter.

14. Other Business:

Sarah inquired about the swings being taken out at the Community Center. Jay stated that it is on this week's schedule, as it took a while to get the back-hoe returned.

15. Selectmen's Report:

Jim asked about the new laptops. Jay stated they are back ordered.

Jim stated that the paramedic fee went up without notice. Jay stated the fee did go up and it is a lot of money. They are trying to work something out with Waldoboro to help weigh down the additional cost.

Greg received a letter from (MTCMA) Maine Town, City & County Management Association. The letter states:

Dear Mr. Grotton:

On behalf of the Maine Town, City & County Management Association, it is my pleasure to inform you that Jay Feyler has applied for, and has been accepted, as having met the professional development criteria of the MTCMA Certification program.

Jay is now one of the select few re-certified Town, City or County Managers in the State of Maine. The program represents Jay's commitment to public service and professional excellence. The Town of Union can be proud to have its Manager certified.

Sincerely,

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Perry Ellsworth (Chair)
Andrew Hart (Co-Chair)
Professional Development Committee
Maine Town, City & County Management Association

There is a request by Greg Grotton to acquire the old ambulance stretcher, which is no longer in use, and will be disposed of.

Motion by: Jim Justice to give Greg Grotton the stretcher that is being disposed of
2nd by: Sarah Drickey
3 -0 1 abstained

16. Future Agenda Items:

17. Adjourn:

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary