

AGENDA

**SELECT BOARD/ASSESSORS' MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021
WILLIAM L. PULLEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING MEETING ROOM
6:30 p.m.**

Meetings are now held in person and streamed on Town Hall Streams (not interactive). Mask requirements will depend on CDC guidelines at the time of the meeting.

1. Call Selectmen's Meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment
4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, August 17, 2021
5. Approve Treasurer's Warrants dated September 7, 2021
6. Set tax rate and sign declaration with Assessors Agent
7. Appoint Voting Delegates to the MMA Convention
8. Accept Donations for Coggins Hill Mowing
9. Discussion on TCC lease
10. Food Ordinance request from Bill
11. Town Manager's Report
12. Other Business
13. Committee Reports
 - a. Broadband
 - b. Aging in Place in Union
 - c. Future of the Thompson Community Center
14. Selectmen's Report
15. Future Agenda Items
16. Adjourn

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION
Voting Delegate Credentials

_____ is hereby designated as the official Voting Delegate and
(name)

_____ as the alternate voting delegate for _____
(name) (municipality)

at the Maine Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting which is scheduled to be held, **Thursday, September 30, 2021, 1:45 p.m., at the Augusta Civic Center, 2nd Floor, North Wing, Augusta, Maine.**
The Annual Business meeting will also be available via live stream on the MMA website.

The Voting Delegate Credentials may be cast by a majority of the municipal officers, or by a municipal official designated by a majority of the municipal officers of each Municipal member.

Date: _____ Municipality: _____

Signature of a Municipal Official designated by a majority of Municipal Officers:

Name: _____ Position: _____

OR

Signature of a Majority of Municipal Officers:

Please return this form no later than **Wednesday, September 29, 2021.**

To return the form, please send by email to rlambert@memun.org. If sending by mail or fax, please send to:

MMA Annual Business Meeting
Maine Municipal Association
60 Community Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330
FAX: 207-626-3358

Heather Jackson
1165 North Union Road
Union, ME 04862
207-785-2287

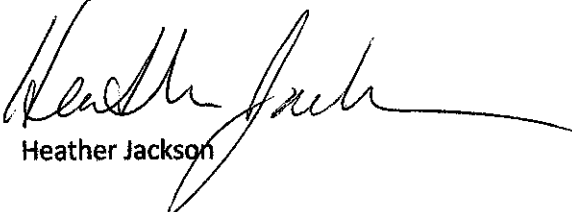
August 31, 2021

Jay Feyler, Town Manager & Select Board Members
c/o Town of Union
567 Common Road
Union, ME 04862

Dear Mr. Feyler and Select Board Members,

Thank you in advance for exploring whether or not the contracted harvester for the now-town-owned property on Coggins Hill will perform needed maintenance on the part of the property that has not been maintained for several years. If you discover that the contracted harvester does not plan to do any maintenance to that part of the property this year, I pledge to pay up to \$560 toward the town hiring someone to bushhog that part of the property this fall.

Sincerely,



Heather Jackson

**OFFICIAL RETURN OF THE VOTES ON THE
SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM
MARCH 29, 1988**

Given in at the SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION - MARCH 29, 1988.

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the TOWN OF UNION, in the County of KNOX, qualified to vote, held on TUESDAY, and 29th day of MARCH, 1988, A.D., the said inhabitants gave in their votes for the following: (Below)

The same were received, sorted, counted and declared in open meeting by the Moderator, who presided, and in the presence of the Town Clerk, who formed a list and made a record thereof, to wit:

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 1

"Shall the Town of Union authorize the Community Center Committee to form an non-profit corporation, for civic, recreational and educational purposes, to be known as the Thompson Community Center Association, the members of that committee acting as incorporators to establish the corporation and elect a Board of Directors who shall be empowered to govern the corporation and establish for its perpetuation?"

YES 253 NO 53

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 2

"Shall the Town of Union lease the property known as the Union School Building and the Thompson Memorial Building, with adjoining parking lot and lawns, to the Thompson Community Center Association for a period of ninety-nine (99) years for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per year?"

YES 232 NO 74

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 3

"Shall the Town of Union raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000. to help the Thompson Community Center project?"

YES 148 NO 58

REFERENDUM QUESTION NO. 4

"Shall the Town of Union abolish the positions now known as Thompson Memorial Building Trustees?"

YES 212 NO 89

TOTAL NUMBER OF BALLOTS CAST: 311

UNION BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ELMER N. SAVAGE, Chairman
DAVID SIMMONS, Selectman
ANTHONY C. TAYLOR, Selectman

ELMER N. SAVAGE, Moderator

A TRUE COPY.

ATTEST: MARCIA SOULE, Town Clerk

Town of Union Maine

Union Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance

Section 1. Name: This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the “Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance.”

Section 2. Definitions: As used in this ordinance.

- (a) “Patron” means an individual who is the last person to purchase any product or preparation directly from a processor and who does not resell the product or preparation.
- (b) “Home consumption” means consumed within a private home.
- (c) “Local Foods” means any food or food product that is grown, produced or processed in Maine by individuals who sell directly to their patrons through farm or home based sales, fundraisers or at community social events.
- (d) “Processor” means any individual who processes or prepares plant or animal products for food or drink.
- (e) “Producer” means any farmer or gardener who grows any plant or animal for food or drink.
- (f) “Community Social Event” means an event where people gather as part of a community for the benefit of those gathering, or for the community, including but not limited to a church or religious social, school event, potluck, neighborhood gathering, library meeting, fundraiser, craft fair, or other public events.

Section 3. Preamble and Purpose: We, the people of the Town of Union, Knox County, Maine have the right to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume local foods thus promoting self-reliance, the preservation of family farms, and local food traditions. We recognize that family farms, sustainable agricultural practices, and food processing by individuals, families and non-corporate entities offer stability to our rural way of life by enhancing the economic, environmental, and social wealth of our community. As such, our right to a local food system requires us to assert our inherent right to self-government. We recognize that right as belonging to the Town of Union.

We have faith in our citizens' ability to educate themselves and make informed decisions. We hold that federal and state regulations can impede local food production and restrict our citizens' right to food of their choice. We support a local food system that fundamentally respects human dignity and health, nourishes individuals and the community, and sustains producers, processors, and the environment.

The purpose of the Local Food and Community Self Governance ordinance is to:

- 1.) Provide citizens with greater access to local food;
- 2.) Enhance the local economy by promoting the production and purchase of local agricultural products;
- 3.) Protect access to farm based sales, roadside stands and direct producer to patron sales;
- 4.) Support the economic viability of local food producers and processors;
- 5.) Preserve community social events where local foods are served or sold;
- 6.) Preserve local knowledge and traditional food ways.

Section 4. Authority: This ordinance is adopted and enacted pursuant to the inherent, unalienable, and fundamental right of the citizens of Union to self-government, and under the authority recognized as belonging to the people of the Town by all relevant state and federal laws.

Section 5. Statements of Law:

Section 5.1. Licensure/Inspection Exemption. Producers or processors of local foods intended for direct producer to consumer transactions in the Town of Union shall be exempt from licensure and inspection, provided that their products are prepared for, consumed or sold in accordance with definitions in Section 2. In accordance with Section 284 of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act, the State of Maine shall not enforce those state food laws, rules, or regulations with respect to transactions defined in Section 2. The transactions enumerated in Section 2 are governed by this ordinance and provide the context otherwise indicated as stated in Section 282 of the Maine Food Sovereignty Act. Patrons, producers and processors are encouraged to educate themselves on proper food handling, storage, and food preparation as per state guidelines.

Section 5.2. Labeling: All products governed by this ordinance shall be labeled as follows: "Made and sold in accordance with the Union Local Food and Community Self-Governance Ordinance, not in a certified facility."

Section 5.3. Meat & Poultry: This ordinance is not applicable to any meat or poultry products that are required to be produced or processed in compliance with the Maine meat and Poultry Inspection program.

This ordinance is applicable to shared animal ownership agreements in compliance with federal acts as defined in Title 22, Chapter 562-A, #2511 of the Maine Revised Statutes and similar private contractual agreements and herdshare agreements.

Section 6. Liability:

Section 6.1. Municipal Liability: The Town of Union assumes no liability for any products utilized under this ordinance. Nothing in this ordinance excuses or shields the producer or processor from liability for their products

Section 6.2. Patron-Producer Liability: Producers and processors of local food may enter into private agreements with patrons to waive any liability for the consumption of local foods.

Section 7. Civil Remedy: Any individual citizen of the Town shall have standing to secure any rights given by this ordinance which have been violated or which are threatened with violation, and may seek relief both in the form of injunctive and compensatory relief from a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 8. Effect. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon enactment.

Section 9. Severability. To the extent any provision of this ordinance is deemed invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such provision will be removed and the balance of the ordinance shall remain valid.