



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Feb. 9, 2022

7 p.m.

**Select Board members Present:** Wes Daniel, Tom Johnston and Mitch Garnett

**Others Present:** Town Clerk/Treasurer Mary Anderson

Wes Daniel called the Select Board/Assessor's meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Approve Summary of Feb. 2, 2022:** Motion to approve summary by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Feb. 10, 2022:**

P/R Warrant #12: \$9,042.38

A/P Vendor Warrant #13: \$20,260.14

Motion to approve by Tom Johnston, Mitch Garnett seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Road Foreman Report:** Written by Frank Jones Jr. and read by Wes Daniel

1/30: Plowing: Steven, David, Jason and Troy; Steven and Frank plowed snow drifts; P200 broke a bed chain and no heat.

1/31: Shoveled out sand and put in new bed chain; Frank had to go get part for P100.

2/1: Worked on P200 heater and P100 fan belt; replaced serpentine pulley; sanded for ice.

2/2: Worked on P200 brakes and had to go for parts.

2/3: Called out to sand dirt roads; called Troy in to plow at 11pm.

2/4: Steven, David, Troy and Ricky came in at 10am to help.

2/5: Steven, David and Ricky came back in to plow and salt.

**CEO Report:** None

**Health Officer Report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Mary Anderson said Joan Tognacci has resigned as Registrar of Voters and she will take over the position, while Deputy Clerk Stephanie Grinnell will remain a Deputy Registrar for now. When a third person is hired, the roles will be re-evaluated. Assessor's agent Becky Adams spent the day in the office and will return next month; she completed the town's LD1 paperwork today. Mary continues to send write-ups for the town report.

**Other Agenda Items:** None.

**Other business:** Wes reminded Select Board members the meeting with Liberty Ambulance was rescheduled to Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 10 a.m. The previous meeting on Feb. 8 was cancelled.

Wes asked if Select Board members wish to meet at 6 p.m. next week for additional budget discussions; it was agreed they would.

Tom asked if any Budget Committee members planned to attend the meeting with Liberty Ambulance; it is unclear who might be there but several were ruled out. Mary asked if all Select Board members had received the invitation from Union Town Manager Jay Feyler to attend a Zoom meeting the evening of Feb. 15 that is expected to address the ambulance service budget; she will email the link to all.

Tom said he has done some numbers work regarding the ambulance service and he does not agree with what Union has presented. Mitch said there was another email with the numbers expected to be presented to the Union Select Board on Feb. 15. Tom asked if the Feb. 15 Zoom meeting is in lieu of a requested meeting with Jay outlined in a letter sent last week. Wes said he believes there will not be a meeting with Jay. Mary pointed out Jay's email stated the new numbers need to be approved by Union's Select Board and the numbers sent match those outlined at the Jan. 31 Budget Committee meeting.

Tom said the amount doesn't figure with the planned raises. He said it reflected all paramedics, all the time. According to numbers Tom received from Union Ambulance Director Jesse Thompson, 80 percent of the 229 calls to Washington last year were not staffed by paramedics. He said using that ratio of paramedics, the budget should be closer to \$98,000 per year for Washington. With decreased payroll costs, the rest of the costs go down as well, Tom said. Wes said it is impossible to predict payroll. Tom said it is possible more paramedics will be attracted by the higher pay in Union, which could increase the payroll. He said the number of runs can't be predicted but staffing hours per year can be.

**Motion to Adjourn** by Mitch Garnett, Tom Johnston seconded; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell