



## Select Board /Assessors Meeting Summary

Nov. 30, 2022

7 p.m.

**Select Board members Present:** Tom Johnston and Mitch Garnett

**Others Present:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson, Ambulance Advisory Committee member Jeff Grinnell

Tom Johnston called the Select Board meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Approve Summary of Nov. 16, 2022:** Motion to approve summary by Mitch Garnett, Tom Johnston seconded; all in favor, motion carries.

**Sign Treasurer's Warrants dated Dec. 1, 2022:**

P/R Warrants #100: \$4,646.83

A/P Warrants #101: \$9,812.65

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

**Road Foreman Report:** Written by Frank Jones Jr. and read by Tom Johnston

11/21: Steven had a doctor's appointment; Ricky and Frank unplugged culverts, made a spot for winter sand by the gate; RCM came to fix radio in P600; street sign came; downed tree on Medolark Road

11/22 and 11/23: Took Veterans Day holiday and Thanksgiving holiday

11/24: Frank was called out for a car/deer accident, Frank removed the deer

**CEO Report:** None.

**Health Officer report:** None

**Town Clerk/Treasurer's Report:** Town Clerk Mary Anderson said she will participate in a BMV audit tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. by phone. At noon tomorrow, she and Lynn will go the Public Works garage to install the new laptop.

Jake Miller at The First is working on the updated requirements for the line of credit/surety bond for CMP and CCI for the broadband project.

The checking account balance is \$1,130,867.

Tomorrow (Thursday, Dec. 1) is the last day applications for the Property Tax Stabilization program will be accepted.

Tom asked about a sheet showing insurance rates and Mary said Wes requested it.

**Other Agenda Items:** Jeff Grinnell updated Select Board members about the Ambulance Advisory Committee. He said an extension has been granted for a study of the three towns' (Appleton, Washington and Union) EMS needs. Kevin McGinnis will reach out to Select Board members about the study. The committee continues to meet every other week or so but will not move forward with concrete plans until the study is complete. Then, public meetings will be scheduled.

Jeff asked if it might be possible to move the vote on the EMS budget to June instead of during the March town meeting, as the other two towns have annual meetings in June. Tom said yes; Mary noted there is still time to set the mil rate because the town must wait for the school budget approval anyway.

As for the long-term future of the EMS service, Jeff said there needs to be more public education. For example, for many years, Union alone has footed the bill for the station as well as ambulances and most people don't take that into consideration when looking at the annual budget.

There was some discussion of the state Blue Ribbon commission, which is in the Legislative committee process now. Jeff said he thinks the recommendation will be regionalization by county – but if the service already exists in an area, it shouldn't be subject to much change.

Mitch asked about the number of calls and said Washington has been the highest of the three communities for a few months. Jeff said there was a spike in Washington calls but Union has since surpassed the town for the top spot.

Tom asked Jeff to return to the meeting in December to talk about the financial cycle.

**Other business:**

**Questions/comments:** None.

Mitch made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded; all in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Grinnell