

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair LeClerc and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

As provided by adopted policy, certain Town Councilors attended the meeting remotely via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

Remote attendance: Gaba, Leclerc, Libby, Macri, and Paul.

In building attendance: Councilor Delcourt

Excused: Councilor Butler

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Moved by Libby seconded and Paul and voted to approve the December 14 minutes.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Petitions or Communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Mr. Giroux explained that this is only the second time that the Council has used Zoom, the process will improve as we move forward.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings at this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Leclerc – Ordinance Committee – No report.

Councilor Leclerc – Transportation Policy Committee – No report.

Councilor LeClerc – Economic Development Committee – Councilor Butler was not available, so the committee did not meet.

Councilor Paul – Capital Improvements Committee – Did not meet, however there is an agenda item this evening.

Councilor Macri – PWD Steering Committee – He explained that he has contacted staff at PWD to initiate the process to schedule a committee meeting since it has been some time since the group has met. He said that he would like to review various topics including the Mountain Division Trail.

Councilor Libby – Finance Committee – met yesterday, finances are going very well. He noted that incoming receipts are above projections.

Councilor Gaba – Appointments Committee – The committee did not meet.

Councilor Delcourt – Noted that grammar schools in other towns in MSAD #6 all have the flashing school zone lights/signage. He explained that he is researching who installed this equipment the costs involved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

54-21 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by JKH, Inc. for a Portion of Quail Ridge in the Hartwell Subdivision (Postponed to the January meeting on 12/14/2021) [LeClerc]

Town Manager, Bill Giroux explained that progress has been made on this order by our legal counsel since recently receiving the deeds, it is anticipated that the order will be ready for Council action at the February 2022 meeting.

Moved by LeClerc seconded by Libby and voted to postpone this order until the February 2022 Council meeting.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

100-21 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding Orchard Road Solar Contract Zone (First Reading Scheduled for March 8, 2022) [LeClerc]

This order remained on the table; the First Reading is scheduled for March 8, 2022.

Council Delcourt mentioned that he has not gotten the answers to questions he raised at the December meeting regarding recycling of the solar components and the public use of the property for recreational use.

111-21 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 123, Dogs and Other Animals, Animal Noise (First Reading) [LeClerc]

Chair LeClerc said regarding this proposed order, it's in large part a noise ordinance. He said that there have been roosters that have been an annoyance to neighbors, since it's not unthinkable that residents may have roosters, this is an ordinance to control animal noise. He also mentioned this could potentially bump up against the constitutional new right to food legislation. He said that this is way to address the issue roosters bothering neighbors. He

explained that in addition enforcement is shifted from Cumberland County Sheriff's Department to the Animal Control Officer.

Chair LeClerc called for Council comments, hearing none, he called for public comments, hearing none, he called for the roll call vote to move this to Public Hearing at the February meeting.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

112-21 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, FBCVD SCD TC Allowed Uses – Auto Repair/Sales (First Reading) [LeClerc]

Chair LeClerc said regarding this proposed order, this will allow Mr. Webster to set up shop at the corner of Routes 25 and 35, in the location of the old Mobil Station. It would allow car repair and sales, subject to site plan review by the Planning Board. He noted that the Planning Board review will take into consideration safety and traffic considerations. He said this is a good and welcome addition to the community. This amendment will allow use of a property that's been largely vacant for a long time.

Chair LeClerc called for Council comments.

Councilor Delcourt asked when can they open?

Chair LeClerc said hopefully in the spring, after the Planning Board process.

Councilor Paul clarified that this change is not being done for one person, it is for any property in the Form Based Code Village District.

Chair LeClerc called for additional Council comments, hearing none, he called for public comments, hearing none, he called for the roll call vote to move this to Public Hearing at the February meeting.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

NEW BUSINESS

1-22 Call for Public Hearing for the FY 2023 Capital Improvements Plan [Paul]

ORDERED that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the Standish Municipal Center during the regularly scheduled meeting of the Standish Town Council which starts at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of soliciting discussion of the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan.

Councilor Paul said that this is an annual order that is part of the budget process.

Chair LeClerc called for additional Council comments, hearing none, he called for public comments, hearing none, he called for the roll call vote.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

2-22 Resolution Adopting Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan [LeClerc]

Bill Giroux explained that every five years, the counties around the country must adopt a hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible for federal funds when there is a disaster. Standish is in really good shape since all the hazards have been fixed over the years. He explained that we participated in the creation of the plan, which involves all the towns and cities in the county, and it needs to be adopted no later than February by each of those towns in order for us to stay in good standing and be eligible for grants and emergency funds and other things.

Whereas, the cities and towns of Cumberland County, in the State of Maine, recognize that natural hazards create a risk of harm to persons and damage to property; and

Whereas, the cities and towns of Cumberland County recognize that implementing certain measures may reduce the risk of harm to persons and damage to property resulting from these natural hazards;

Therefore, the City Councils and Select Boards hereby adopt the 2022 Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

AUTHORIZING SIGNATURES for the Town of Standish:

Print name	Signature	Title	Date
Gregory LeClerc		Council Chair	
Sarah Gaba		Council Vice-Chair	
Walter Butler		Councilor	
Michael Delcourt		Councilor	
Brian Libby		Councilor	
Benjamin Macri		Councilor	
Joseph Paul		Councilor	

The Clerk announced that this order needs to be signed by the Town Councilors and asked that they come into the office to sign the document by next week.

Chair LeClerc called for Council comments, hearing none, he called for public comments, hearing none, he called for the roll call vote.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were no public items presented at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Libby seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:33 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary

Mary Chapin