

**MINUTES
SPECIAL STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 18, 2022
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
STANDISH, MAINE
BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WHICH BEGINS AT 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Town Clerk called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk explained that usually at the Town Council meeting that follows the election the newly elected Town Councilors are sworn into office, however, Mr. Watson was sworn in earlier in the week because he is out of town today. In addition, due to the recount the Town Council At-Large candidate will be sworn in at the end of the recount.

The Clerk called the roll call.

Councilors present: Butler, Gaba, LeClerc, Libby, Macri and Paul.
Councilor Watson was excused.

The Clerk announced that the next item of business is the election of the Town Council Chair and Vice-chair.

Councilor Macri questioned if Sarah Gaba could serve in either of those capacities due to the pending recount?

The Clerk explained that she could serve in either position, if the recount changes the result of the Election Day vote the matter will be addressed at that time.

The Town Clerk called for nominations for Town Council Chair.

Moved by Macri seconded by LeClerc to nominate Sarah Gaba for Town Council Chair.

The Clerk called for additional nominations. Moved by Paul to nominate Brian Libby for Town Council Chair. There was no second for the motion.

The Clerk called for a show of hands for the Sarah Gaba for Town Council Chair. (Unanimous)

Chair Gaba called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Moved by Butler seconded by Macri to nominate Gregory LeClerc as Vice-chair.

Chair Gaba called for a show of hands for Gregory LeClerc as Vice-Chair. (Unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

53-22 Adopt Standish Town Council Rules of Procedure [LeClerc]

Chair Gaba called for Council discussion.

Councilor LeClerc said that this is a housekeeping order that's done annually.

Chair Gaba called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for the roll call vote.

ORDERED, that the Council adopts the *Standish Town Council Rules of Procedure* dated August 2001, as amended as the procedural document for the Town Council.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

54-22 Authorize Town Council to Accept Federal, State or Private Funds Received in the Form of Grants or Gifts [LeClerc]

Councilor LeClerc noted that this allows the Council to accept funds from various entities.

Chair Gaba called for additional Council discussion, hearing none, she called for public discussion, hearing none she called for the roll call vote.

ORDERED, that pursuant to the vote of the Town Meeting the Town Council on behalf of the residents of Standish accept and expend on behalf of the town, federal, state or private funds received in the form of grants or gifts, through June 30, 2023.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

55-22 Amendment to Town of Standish Fee Schedule – Medical Marijuana Municipal License Fee [Libby]

Councilor Libby explained that this relates to the recently adopted ordinance.

Chair Gaba explained that several other towns were surveyed regarding this type of fee. The Town Manager read the fee information gathered from the other towns. It was noted that the proposed fee schedule is in-line or lower than the surveyed towns.

Chair Gaba called for additional Council discussion, hearing none, she called for public discussion, hearing none she called for the roll call vote.

ORDERED, that the Town of Standish Fee Schedule is amended as follows, effective immediately:

	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
<u>Medical Marijuana Caregiver Retail Store</u>	No Fee	<u>\$1,000</u>
<u>Medical Caregiver Cultivation</u>	No Fee	<u>\$500</u>

VOTE: 6 Yeas

56-22 Approval of an Additional Allocation of American Rescue Plan Act Funds [LeClerc]

Councilor LeClerc explained that towns can't directly use ARPA funds to reduce the tax rate, this use is allowed and helps reduce the tax rate.

Chair Gaba called for additional Council discussion, hearing none, she called for public discussion, hearing none she called for the roll call vote.

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) authorizes federal funding for the Town of Standish in the amount of approximately \$1,066,549.73; and

WHEREAS, there are several authorized spending categories of ARPA funds by municipalities, including, without limitation, providing government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager offered a proposed spending plan to the Town Council for an initial portion of the Town's ARPA funds in the amount of \$195,000, which the Town Council adopted by Order #102-21 on December 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council Economic Development Committee offered a proposed spending plan for consideration by the full Council for an additional portion of the Town's ARPA funds in the amount of \$78,633, which the Town Council adopted by Order #7-22 on February 8, 2022 and reaffirmed on March 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager offered a supplemental proposed spending plan to the Town Council for an additional portion of the Town's ARPA funds in the amount of \$421,458.37 as part of the Fiscal Year 2022/23 budget; and

WHEREAS, an opportunity for public input on this proposed spending plan for an additional portion of the Town's ARPA funds has been provided;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED, that the Town Manager's supplemental proposed spending plan for \$421,458.37 in ARPA funds be approved to fund Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department personnel wages and salaries as part of the Public Safety Department budget for Fiscal Year 2022/23.

VOTE: 6 YEAS

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were no public items at this meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (S)

An Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Libby Seconded by Butler and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: Mary Chepe
Clerk/Secretary