

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, Pomerleau and Sirpis.
Councilors Delcourt and Starostecki were excused.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Moved seconded and voted to approve minutes from the October 13th and January 10th meetings.
(Unanimous)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Kris Tucker noted the following:

- At the January Workshop the Council discussed a Firearms Discharge Ordinance, a draft ordinance was provided by legal counsel which will be review by the Ordinance Committee at their next meeting.
- He recently attended the monthly bean supper at Steep Falls Library.

Departmental Report – Robert Caron, Public Safety Director:

- The department recently took delivery of a new tank truck that has a 2,000-gallon water capacity.
- Members were sent to a CrossFit Training Academy attendees have brought back their knowledge to the department.
- 2107 was a record setting year for call volume, 2,143 calls were received. He highlighted the busiest time of day and day of week, including the number of members that responded to calls.
- The Boat Launch has a successful year with 2,263 day passes being issued.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6-18 Application Submitted by Mili, Inc. dba Standish House of Pizza located at 35 Ossipee Trail West for a Renewal of Malt and Vinous Restaurant License [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion. There was no council discussion, she called for the roll call vote.

After a public hearing without public or Council discussion, the Council voted on the application and the hearing was closed.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

7-18 Application Submitted by Michael Baptista and Elaine Burnham dba Acres of Wildlife Campground Located at 60 Acres of Wildlife Road for Renewal of a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Campground License [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion.

Councilor Sirpis asked for an update regarding the land use to the matters that are pending at this facility.

Mr. Tucker said to his knowledge they had not been corrected. He suggested that they consider taking an action next year if the applicant doesn't comply with the Town's regulations.

Councilor Sirpis said that it was his opinion that this should be postponed a month to contact the applicant to have them develop a plan of action to correct the land use violations.

Chair Pomerleau recalled that the timeline for the applicant to correct this matter had previously been extended.

Councilor Nesbitt noted that there have not been problems with the liquor license, however it has been some time that there have been code enforcement issues. He suggested that since it is the middle of the winter, postponing this will not be a hardship for the applicant.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to postpone this application until the April Town Council meeting; and that the Manager, Code Enforcement Office and Public Safety Department develop a plan of action regarding the facility to become compliant with the land use regulations. (Unanimous)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Nesbitt – Finance Committee – announced that the Town's expenditures and revenues are inline, all departments are in good shape. He did mention that they are watching the Employee Benefits line. He said that the Town Manager's budget will be published February 15 followed by the required public hearing on March 1. On March 3, the department's budget review will be held, the following week donation requests will be heard. Then the budget is sent to the Budget Committee for their review, with finalization by the April Council meeting.

Kris Tucker explained that entities that are asking for a donation request are strongly encouraged to attend the scheduled March 7 donation meeting.

Councilor Libby informed the group that the Capital Improvements Committee did not meet this month.

Councilor Higgins reminded them that the Bottles for Fuel Fund always accepts donations.

Councilor Higgins noted that the recycling numbers are down, residents need to think about recycling to save tax dollars.

Councilor Higgins said that the Ordinance Committee will meet on February 20, noting they have a full agenda.

Councilor Sirpis noted that the Economic Development Committee met last month and will meet again on February 22 at 8 a.m. The committee will discuss ways that they can improve the viability of getting new businesses to come to town. They also continue to solicit existing businesses to become involved with the committee.

Councilor Sirpis explained that the Personnel Committee has met a number of times their recommendations will be brought forward in the budget process.

Mr. Tucker encouraged those interested to attend the Economic Development Committee meetings.

Councilor Pomerleau announced that the Public Safety Committee met to review their budget for the next Safety Fair.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Appointments Committee met earlier this evening and will be bringing candidates forward for appointment to various boards.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items on this agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4-18 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Section 181-7.1, Form Based Code Village Districts (FBCVD) (First Reading) [Higgins]

Councilor Higgins explained that this amendment will allow the use of day-care center on roads with the Town Main (TM) designation. She noted that this is a minor change but will allow business opportunities.

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion.

Councilor Sirpis clarified that the amendment is not just for this business, it will provide that a day-care could be on any road with the Town Main (TM) designation.

Councilor Higgins noted that was correct, explaining that there are a variety of streetscapes with various permitted uses.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Councilor discussion, hearing none called for the vote.

VOTE TO MOVE TO PUBLIC HEARING: 5 Yeas

NEW BUSINESS

8-18 Change Date of Regular Town Council Meeting in March to March 1, 2018 [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion. Hearing no Council discussion, she called for the vote.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

9-18 Call for Public Hearing for the FY 2019 Municipal Budget [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion. Hearing no Council discussion, she called for the roll.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

10-18 Authorize Expenditure from the Parks and Recreation Department's Special Revenue Fund for Program Brochures [Nesbitt]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion.

Councilor Nesbitt explained that the Recreation Director has requested to obtain funding for this brochure to promote the programs through the department's Special Revenue Fund Account.

Recreation Director, Jen Derice explained that the department is looking for new ways to promote the programs that are offered.

Councilor Sirpis questioned if a brochure had been done in the past.

Jen DeRice explained that one had been done a number of years ago. It was her opinion that it was a good way to get the word out about the programs offered.

Councilor Sirpis noted in this day and age of social media, is the way to get the word out?

Jen Derice said that many towns are having that same discussion, she noted that a brochure can be retained by the recipient and browsed through at a later time.

Councilor Higgins said that she too likes written material to review and that not all residents have access to the internet to browse the programs that are available.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council discussion, hearing none, called for the roll.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

11-18 Authorize Recreation Committee to Install a Memorial Plaque at the Johnson Field Activity Center to Honor John T. Norton [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion.

Recreation Committee member, Rick Brooks explained that he brought this forward a few months ago to remember John Norton for his efforts to make the skatepark become a reality.

Chair Pomerleau thanked Mr. Brooks for bringing this forward.

Councilor Sirpis said that this is a great story and encouraged that that a ribbon cutting ceremony is held at one of our summer events for this.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional council discussion, hearing none, she called for the roll.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

12-18 Town Council Appointments to Various Boards or Committees [Pomerleau]

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Higgins and voted to amend the order by adding the following persons to the noted board or committee.

Tina Steichen-Smith to the Recreation Committee through June 2020

Graham Munro-Ludders to the Recreation Committee through June 2020

Deborah Boxer to the Planning Board – At Large Seat through the June 2018 Election (Unanimous)

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion.

Councilor Sirpis questioned the Alternate Code Enforcement position, he thought that had been filled.

Chair Pomerleau said that the position became vacant.

Chair Pomerleau called for the roll.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

13-18 Authorized Standish Memorial Post 128 of the American Legion to hold Charity toll on Moody Road in May [Pomerleau]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Nesbitt and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order. (Unanimous)

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion.

Councilor Nesbitt said that this is big fund-raising event for the American Legion Post.

Councilor Sirpis clarified that he waived the reading because this is an annual event.

Councilor Higgins encouraged residents to bring their cash ... any donation amount will help this group.

Chair Pomerleau called for the roll.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

The Clerk explained that that for the next item there is a substitute order that needs to be added by unanimous consent.

Moved by Higgins seconded by Sirpis and voted to use substitute order 14-18. (Unanimous)

14-18 Authorize the Deeper Well Church to Utilize Town Property at the Sebago Lake Landing Boat Launch During the Rotary Club's Ice Fishing Derby [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she called for Council discussion. Hearing no Council discussion, she called for the roll.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Rick Brooks asked for clarification regarding the Fire Chief's report regarding the number of calls.

Chief Caron explained that "calls" refers to 911 calls received which include car crashes, water rescues, fire calls, wires down, etc.

Rick Brooks then questioned regarding the recycling numbers, is the overall tonnage down?

Councilor Higgins said that the solid waste tonnage is up. She noted that residents can save tax dollars by recycling.

Councilor Sirpis thanked the Public Safety Department for the professional way they provide services to the town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Upcoming meetings
- Nomination papers availability
- Tucker Labbe's Eagle Scout Project – Flag disposal container installed at transfer station

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Higgins and voted to move into Executive Sessions for the purpose of discussions on the following matters: Personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A) and Economic Development pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (C). In addition, Chief Caron, Jen DeRice, Scott Gesualdi and Kris Tucker will attend the sessions. (Unanimous)

Chair Pomerleau noted that no action will be taken after the Executive Sessions.

Moved, seconded and voted to arise from the Executive Sessions. The Council arose from the Executive Sessions at 10:30 p.m. by unanimous consent and the meeting adjourned.

Submitted by: _____

Clerk/Secretary