

**MINUTES  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
STANDISH, MAINE  
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017  
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pomerleau and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Sirpis.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)**

The minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting Minutes were accepted by unanimous consent.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

There was no report.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no public hearings this at this meeting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Sirpis reminded them that Economic Development Committee now meets at 8:30 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month. He noted that the active group has established mission and vision statements, as well as working on grant opportunities. The Committee is working towards initiating a business exchange to include existing and new businesses.

Councilor Higgins announced that the Ordinance Committee will meet next week.

Councilor Higgins explained that the Recycling Committee met in June. The Committee continues working on ways to increase the recycling efforts and is looking into composting programs. Councilor Higgins mentioned that the town's web site has been updated to include some composting basics. She announced that the Committee meets again this Thursday.

Chair Pomerleau stated that there is no report from the Public Safety Committee this month.

Chair Pomerleau explained that the Appointments Committee met this evening and will be bringing forward an appointments order later on the agenda.

Councilor Starostecki said at this time there is not an update from the PWD Steering Committee.

Councilor Libby noted that Capital Improvements has not met this month.

Councilor Nesbitt mentioned that the Finance Committee will meet next Monday to review the last month of the fiscal year 2017's revenues and expenditures. He announced that the FY 18 budget was approved at the Annual Town Meeting.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no Consent Calendar items on this agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There were no items of unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **71-17 Award bid and Authorize Contact for Town Manager Search [Pomerleau]**

Chair Pomerleau noted that two proposals had been received. One was from Eaton Peabody at a cost of \$8,000, the other was from Springsted Waters of Minnesota at a cost of \$24,000.

Chair Pomerleau called for discussion.

Councilor Sirpis explained that he contacted local communities that recently used the services of Eaton Peabody for managerial searches. He noted that those he spoke with were pleased with their services. He continued to explain that one of the Eaton Peabody representatives is a former town manager from a neighboring town who's well versed in town government.

Councilor Higgins said that after reviewing the proposals she noted that Eaton Peabody has such a good local reputation it's the plan she would choose. She indicated that there may be additional costs incurred.

Councilor Libby agreed that they Eaton Peabody had a good reputation and that we should stay with a local company. He too thought that there may be additional costs involved in the search.

Councilor Nesbitt echoed the previous comments regarding the firm's reputation expanding on the discussion regarding additional expenses indicating what those might be.

Councilor Starostecki stated that he preferred the local company which was the more economical proposal. He explained that he contacted a local community that had used the services of Springsted Waters. That community was pleased with their services, however he could not justify the additional costs. He said that he too liked the idea of utilizing a local firm.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to add the firm of Eaton Peabody to the order at a cost not to exceed \$8,000 plus a 15% contingency. (Unanimous)

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion on the amendment. Hearing none she call roll.

### **VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas**

Mr. Billington suggested that the Council considers meeting with this firm soon to discuss the timeline, advertising and other details of the search process.

After a discussion, it was concluded that the Council would meet with Eaton Peabody prior to the July workshop, if the firm was available that evening.

### **72-17 Town Council Appointments to Various Boards and Committees; Town Council Chair Appointments to Standing Committees [Pomerleau]**

Councilor Nesbitt explained that the Appointments Committee met this evening to review applications and conduct interviews for the Planning Board Area 3 vacant seat. He noted that three qualified applicants were interviewed for the Planning Board opening; after a lengthy discussion a candidate was selected.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Libby and voted to add the following names to the order:

Appeals Board ..... Michael Blanck ..... June 30, 2020

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Planning Board Area 3 ..... Jolene Whittemore ..... Through June 2018 Municipal Election (Unanimous)

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion. There was none.

Councilor Nesbitt noted that they had just received a resignation from the Planning Board Area 4 representative. He explained that after 30-days of announcing the area seat, the Council has the authority to appoint from outside the area, if no qualified area candidates come forward.

**VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas**

**73-17 Utility Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company – Oak Hill Road [Pomerleau]**

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion. There was none.

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Councilor Nesbitt asked if the Public Works Director had inspected the location?

The Clerk noted that an inspection had taken place and the Public Works Director reported that the application and site were in order.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional Council discussion. Hearing none she called the roll:

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**74-17 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by Shadow Woods, LLC for a Portion of Woodrow Drive [Pomerleau]**

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

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion. There was none.

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Councilor Nesbit asked if the Public Works Director had inspected this request?

Mr. Billington explained that all of these requests need to be postponed until such time the deeds are received from the developers and the third party reviews of the locations are completed.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Sirpis and voted to postpone orders 74-17, 75-17, 76-17 and 77-17 until the necessary documents and other details of the road acceptance requests are received. (Unanimous)

**75-17 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by Tompson Development, Inc. for a Portion of Lindsey Drive [Pomerleau]**

**76-17 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by JoJo's LLC for a Portion of Nature's Way [Pomerleau]**

**77-17 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by Cummings Acquisitions for a Portion of Rose Lane [Pomerleau]**

**VOTE ON POSTPONING ORDERS: 6 Yeas**

**78-17 Acceptance of Street Name – Patriot Place [Pomerleau]**

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Pomerleau called for Council discussion. Hearing none she called the roll:

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**PUBLIC ITEMS**

Roger Wheeler brought to the Council's attention some details of the Saccharappa Agreement which was recently changed, which in his opinion will impact fisheries in the area. He provided a historical review of fisheries and their economic impact; and rulings to get fish passage back through the dams. He stated in 2016 unbeknownst to many, an agreement was made between parties that takes away fish passage at Gambo and Dundee Dams. He said that public input needs to take place regarding this matter and he wanted to make them aware of this change.

Councilor Sirpis thanked him for bringing this information to them. He then asked for clarification, is there was a sea run to Gambo Dam at this time?

Mr. Wheeler said that there was not, the first fish ladder is at Cumberland Mills, then it goes to Saccharappa Dam.

Councilor Sirpis asked what other groups are rallying for this cause?

Mr. Wheeler mentioned that the Friends of Merrymeeting Bay are backing this cause.

Councilor Sirpis again thanked him for bringing forward this information.

Councilor Higgins questioned if this had anything to do with the development in that area?

Mr. Wheeler said that he was unable to determine that, due his phone calls to various entities not being returned.

Councilor Starostecki questioned if the dams produce electricity; and what does a fish passage look like?

Mr. Wheeler said that the dams do produce electricity. Fish passages look like a ladder, and it turns like a staircase. He explained that through their efforts at the Eel Weir Dam an elaborate eel passage had been constructed.

Councilor Starostecki questioned if the dams were opened how quickly would there be fish passage to the lake?

Mr. Wheeler said that they would be to the lake in a day if there is passage for them.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

Mr. Billington announced that next Tuesday he will meet with the MDOT to discuss the scenic vista that is proposed to be built on Route 35 as a viewing location for the lake. After reviewing the MDOT's preliminary plan of the vista, both he and the Public Works Director had concerns regarding the proposal. An inspection of the site was conducted by town staff concluding that amendment to the construction plan should be considered. Councilors who are available to attend the meeting are welcomed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

Moved Nesbitt by seconded by Sirpis and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_s/Mary E. Chapman\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk/Secretary