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Town Council Meeting Minutes 1/10/2012

MINUTES

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilor Olson.

ROLL CALL: Seven present

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council voted to enter into an Executive Session with the Town Manager and Finance Director for the purpose of deliberating a poverty abatement case pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 841 et seq. Councilor Olson explained that the Council would return for the remaining agenda items.

The Council arose from Executive Session.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S): Amendments were made to the December 13, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes on page nine to change the word deplore to implore in the next to the last paragraph and to add the term Council to the first paragraph that describes a vote. All approved the minutes as amended.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER: The Town Manager reported that the assessor predicts very little valuation increase this year if any. He may need to devalue the interior properties 2% or thereabouts dependent upon the findings from the state auditors. Shorefront values remain strong. There are three new hires in Public Works and they are fitting in very nicely. The Public Works building expansion design is progressing nicely and there may be a design available for the next Capital Improvements Committee meeting. Similarly the Oak Hill Road intersection redesign is progressing and there may be a design for a public comment period available for the Workshop at the end of the month. Rate of new home building permits remain slow. Conversely, there have been four demolition requests to destroy existing buildings this year. This is a new requirement for a demolition permit from the state which we issue at no charge. As evidenced by the many vehicles in the parking lot Fire/EMS is conducting their annual mandatory trainings this evening. They have a very effective training program.

A Departmental Report was given by the Finance Director Scott Gesualdi. Scott indicated that his Department doesn't perform services like Public Works or Public Safety but that the efforts of his Department touch each and every Department in the Town.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

125-11 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 187, Licenses and Permits, § 187-24.B, Mass Gatherings, Definitions [Blanck]

The Item was introduced by Councilor Blanck who explained that this allows more flexibility for educational sports events.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

1-12 Application Submitted by Gerard P. Giguere, Jr. and Patricia M. Giguere dba Giguere's Wildwood Function Center Located at 945 Pequawket Trail for Renewal of a State Bottle Club Registration [Olson]

The Town Manager explained that this approves the establishment's application for a state permit. Local permits would be approved at a later date.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilor Olson reported on the kick-off meeting for the Sebago Lake Village Master Plan Planning process and pointed out the next meeting will be on Feb 8 at 7:00 PM. Councilor Sargent reported on the need for citizen volunteers for our various boards and committees. Councilor Pomerleau agreed that we need help on our committees. He also reported on the Capital Improvements Committee's work on the ten year capital plan which will be driven in large part by road projects. Councilor Spencer reported that the Finance Committee reviewed the financials. Revenues remain soft. She also promoted the need for assistance to the bottles for fuels fund. Councilor Stack announced that the 113 Corridor Committee meets in Brownfield on the 18th. Councilor Blanck reported that the Ordinance Committee met again to continue review of the proposed Conservation Subdivision Ordinance. He said the committee received a presentation from Don Drew of the Watchic Lake Association

on their \$95,000 watershed mitigation project. Councilor Blanck suggested that if we had a strong conservation subdivision ordinance on the books it might have prevented that large an expenditure by the Association. Councilor Thompson announced that the Ad Hoc Beach Committee will meet next week and hopes to have a draft MOU with the Water District for Council Workshop at the end of the month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

135-11 Action Concerning Poverty Tax Abatement Application (Tabled at the December 13 Council Meeting) [Spencer]

The Order was removed from the table.

Seven nos. The item was disapproved.

138-11 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Article IX, Board of Appeals, Section 181-64, Powers and Duties (First Reading) [Blanck]

Councilor Blanck explained that this change is required by state law.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

140-11 Order on Paul and Jacqueline Casto Request for Land Use Action (Tabled at the December 13 Council Meeting) [Olson]

Councilor Olson explained that the Castos have not yet met with the Appeals Board. The item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

2-12 Authorize Contract for Lease Agreement related to Transmission Tower on Town Property [Olson]

Councilor Olson explained that this transfers the lease from SW Management to Grain Communication. Councilor Pomerleau asked if the lease terms agreed with the recommendation of the Town's Attorney. The Town Manager said it does and has been approved by the Town's Attorney. Councilor Pomerleau indicated it might be in the Town's interest for five renewals rather than the three remaining under the original lease.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

03-12 Authorize the Rotary Club of Sebago Lake to Utilize Sebago Lake Station Landing Parking Area for their Annual Ice Fishing Derby [Olson]

Councilor Olson indicated this was an annual event. Donel Drew spoke in support representing the Rotary. Councilor Stack asked if they needed the Johnson Field Parking Lot as well. Mr. Drew indicated that they are not asking for it but understood some anglers might use it. The Council appeared to agree it was a non-issue.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

04-12 Award Contract for Design and Engineering Services for Standish Corner Village Sidewalk Design Project [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau introduced the item and spoke to the bidding process. Paul Thompson asked what the width of the sidewalk would be and when the plan would be available for public comment. The Town Manager indicated the sidewalk would be 8 foot wide fly-ash concrete with adjoining 8 foot wide esplanade for trees. All to be within the State's Right of Way. He felt it would be a month and a half or so before it would be ready for public input, but there would be two public comment periods.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

05-12 Authorize Town Council to Accept Donations [Spencer]

Councilor Spencer indicated that the Annual Town Meeting gives approved for the acceptance of grants and gifts and that this gives specific approval by the Council for expenditure.

Seven yeas. Item approved.

06-12 Authorize Utility Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company – Saco Road [Olson]

The Town Manager explained that this is for a support pole on Saco Road and the location has been reviewed and approved by the Public Works Director.

Seven yeas. Item passed.

PUBLIC ITEMS: Councilor Stack gave public recognition for an action by Councilor Pomerleau who stopped suspicious activity at a town owned property on Oak Hill Road, called in law enforcement and had items impounded that had been removed from the building by the individuals. Councilor Stack felt Councilor Pomerleau showed great courage in his actions.

Paul Thompson wanted to know if the VIPs had purchased a vehicle, how much was spent and who did they buy from. Councilor Pomerleau indicated they purchased a vehicle for \$10,000 from a southern Maine dealer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The schedule of upcoming meetings was read by the Town Manager.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was voted to go into Executive Session with the Town Manager for the purpose of discussion of a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A). Councilor Olson explained there would be no action other than a motion to adjourn following the session and indicated the taping would stop at this point.

The Council arose from Executive Session.

ADJOURN: The Council voted to adjourn at 9:52 PM.