

# Standish Town Hall

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## Town Council Meeting Minutes 10/30/2012

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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
STANDISH, MAINE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2012  
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER** at 7:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Stack

**ROLL CALL** Six present, Councilor Thompson absent

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS** Councilor Stack referenced a letter received by all Councilors commenting on the nuisance of excessive fireworks use in the Whites Bridge Area.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

109-12 Waive Bid Process Bid for Purchase of a Bus for the Recreation Department and Award Contract (Postponed at the October Meeting) [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau opened the item with background information. Last year we appropriated \$20,000 for a mini bus for Recreation to replace the former school bus which is uncomfortable for seniors on long drives and which requires a driver with a special license to operate. A mini bus does not require a special license if transporting 14 or fewer passengers. Both he and Linda Brooks have investigated buses and they have found two buses from O'Connor Motors that can be purchased for the \$20,000 that will give great flexibility to the Recreation Department. The busses each is in good condition and are low mileage.

Councilors Sargent and Olson concurred that the two buses were a good solution for the Recreation Department.

Moved by Pomerleau, second by Olson, to amend to change the title from bus to buses and to enter the amount as \$20,000 and the seller as O'Connor Motors.

Vote on the amendment, six yes.

Vote on the Order, Six yes, The Order was approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

111-12 Reject all Bids Received for Sale of Town Owned Property Located at 36 Ossipee Trail West and Rebid Property Sale [Spencer]

Public comments were made by Pam Slattery Thomas who asked how many bids were received. Councilor Spencer commented just one from the Historical Society. Why was it going to be rejected? Councilor Spencer answered that the bid was too low. Will it be rebid using the same process? Answer yes.

Alta Harding asked if the building was "tax acquired." Councilor Spencer answered that it had been previously owned by the Town then the Ladies Circle. When the Ladies Circle no longer had use for the building it reverted back to Town ownership. Ms. Harding said the Town should sell it through a realtor to realize the best price. Councilor Spencer said we are required by the Charter to sell by sealed bid.

Councilor Pomerleau agreed that the Town should not try to sell directly and should use a realtor and this will be the subject for a future workshop. But for now we have to follow the Charter.

Councilor Stack moved to amend by deleting the second paragraph authorizing the Town Manager to sell the property and instead to pursue the National Historic Register Designation. Second by Pomerleau.

Councilor Olson said she opposed the amendment. The Town should sell.

Councilor Sargent indicated he has viewed the building. The top floor hasn't been used for over 75 years and the first floor has been reconfigured for multiple uses and has lost its historic nature. He feels it will take considerable cost to bring it back.

Councilor Stack said we need to first decide on the historical designation before selling.

Vote on the amendment, Five no, one yes (Stack). The amendment failed.

Vote on the Order. Five yes, One no (Stack).

The Council expressed an interest in having a rebid process open until the January Council Meeting. They would like a sign by the road with more information such as the closing date and to point out that it is property for sale and not just the building.

## **PUBLIC ITEMS**

Gary Plummer introduced himself as a candidate for Bill Diamond's State Senate Seat. Bill has to leave because of term limits. Gary spent a few moments talking about his seasoned background in politics and as a local elementary school teacher.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilor Pomerleau congratulated the Bonney Eagle Women's Cross Country team on their State Championship.

**Submitted by G. Billington**

## **ADJOURN**

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.