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Town Council Meeting Minutes 10/8/2013

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**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2013
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Blanck called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Blanck, Olson, Pomerleau, Sargent, Spencer, Stack and Tompson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

The minutes of the September 10 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications presented at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Gordon Billington spoke on the following items:

Recently he attended the open house for the new AVESTA housing units on the Oak Hill Road. The units house residents that are 62-years old or older or are disabled. The facility is very welcoming, the homes have porches, and there is a new community center. He reminded them that the housing units are a reality due to the hard work that was done on the ordinance a number of years ago by former Town Councilor Cynthia Hopkins and a group of concerned citizens. Currently, there is a waiting list of about 100 persons to obtain an apartment there.

The Public Safety Department received a grant to purchase five thermal imaging cameras.

The Public Works Facility expansion is underway. The radiant heat and the slab are in, the framing has started; a completion date in late November is anticipated. He noted that paving on the Saco Road and some sub-division roads is underway. Later on the agenda there is an order to discontinue a portion of Emery Road.

From the Recreation Department – a playground build day will be held Saturday, October 19 at Johnson Field. In addition, the Recreation Department will hold their annual Spooktacular at the George E. Jack School on Saturday, October 26 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mr. Billington introduced Senator Gary Plummer to the audience.

Senator Plummer said that it was pleasure to speak to them this evening. He said that he represents Standish and five other towns in his district. He is available to help them if they need anything or have any questions.

Mr. Billington noted that the Planning Department has received an application from Dollar General to build on the Higgins property at Standish Corner. A sketch plan has been received for a Family Dollar store to be located across from Pit Stop Fuels. The Wildlands Sub-division located in Steep Falls was initially laid out for 120 lots although it has been stagnant since Peter Busque's death. Coastline Homes is taking an option on developing 22 of the lots. They will build the infrastructure including the roadway in this sub-division.

Mr. Billington noted that the Sensata Building's sign is down, Walter Butler is moving New England Castings into that building.

The Town Clerk presented the departmental report, explained how that Assessable Voting System and the new ballot machine work. She noted that municipal write-in candidates will now have to declare their candidacy 45-days before the election and that in November Hannaford will be offering a flu clinic during the time the polls are open.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

99-13 Order of the Discontinue of a Road – A Portion of Emery Road [Blanck]

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

Chair Blanck noted that the rest of the wording was the legal description of the area.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that this is the shortcut area that runs from Blake Road to Route 25.

Chair Blanck read aloud that the section of the order describing the portion of road that will be immediately discontinued without damages to abutters and no public easement reserved.

After a Public Hearing without public or further Council discussion, the Council voted on the order and the hearing was closed.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

100-13 Application Submitted by Jack Lee dba Carry Out, Inc. for Renewal of a Malt and Vinous Restaurant License [Blanck]

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

VOTE: 7 Yeas

101-13 Application Submitted by Murray Aaron Plourde dba Mediocre Deli for Renewal of a Malt and Vinous Restaurant License [Blanck]

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

VOTE: 7 Yeas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Public Safety Fair will be held this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The VIP's program, Animal Control, Public Works Department, American Legion, Cumberland County Explorer Program, Recreation Department, PTO, Boy Scouts and others will all have informational displays. Opening ceremonies are at 10 a.m., there will be a pumpkin patch, coloring contest, a D.J., door prizes, 10 bikes will be given away and much more.

Councilor Sargent announced that the Appointments Committee met this evening to interview an applicant for the Recreation Committee, an order is on the agenda tonight regarding this.

Councilor Olson said that the Economic Development Business Advisory Group will meet this Thursday to prepare materials for participating in the Lakes Region Economic Summit that will be held next Tuesday, October 15 at St. Joseph's College. Because they are attending the Summit they will cancel the regular Economic Development Meeting this month.

Councilor Stack said that the Route 113 Corridor Committee meets next Wednesday in Hiram to approve the proposed Corridor Plan that will then be forward to the State.

Councilor Stack said that the Ordinance Committee is finishing up on the Sebago Lake Master Plan.

Councilor Tompson said that the Beach Committee did not meet this past Thursday because town staff is still working on the easements. The next Beach Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7.

Councilor Sargent said that Finance Committee did not meet this month because the Finance Director was on vacation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items were read by title only and voted on collectively.

102-13 Appointment of Ballot/Election Clerks [Sargent]

103-13 Waive No-Parking Restriction on Saco Road for Annual Craft Fair Held by the Trustees of the Old Red Church [Blanck]

VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS: 7 Yeas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

95-13 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 237, Shoreland Zoning (First Reading) [Stack]

Councilor Stack said that the legislature changed the Shoreland Zoning laws and these amendments are to comply with their changes. In particular it changed the criteria used to determine the amount of expansion that can be made to a building in the Shoreland Zone.

Previously there was two criteria which had to do with the existing square footage and existing volume. The new law eliminates the volume criteria. An emergency ordinance is in place while the normal legislation takes place.

Moved second and voted to this item to Public Hearing at the November meeting of the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

104-13 Award Bid for Steep Falls Village Master Plan Design [Blanck]

Chair Blanck explained that we received three bids in the amounts of \$21,500, \$25,500 and \$30,000. The Committee reviewed bids and would like to award the middle bid of \$25,000 to Wright Pierce. He noted that the low bidder did not adhere to the bid specs so they were disqualified.

Moved by Blanck seconded by Olson and voted to amend the order to add the name Wright Pierce at a cost not to exceed \$25,500. (Unanimous)

Councilor Stack asked if we have \$25,500 in the budget for this.

Mr. Billington said that we have \$30,000 in the budget for this item.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

105-13 Town Chair Appointments to Steep Falls Village Design Master Plan Committee [Blanck]

The secretary read the names of the appointees and noted that there were four vacant seats.

Moved by Blanck seconded by Pomerleau and voted to amend the order by adding the following names: Paula Paul, Bill Tracy and Terry Christy. (Unanimous)

He noted that he was waiting to hear from one business owner in Steep Falls Village, so an additional appointment will be made at a later date. Also, more than likely the Portland Water District staff person will be Paul Hunt, he's waiting to hear from PWD on the matter.

Councilor Stack commended Chair Blanck for assembling the group on this committee.

Chair Blanck said that many of the appointees serve dual roles such as the teacher from the school is also a resident of Steep Falls; Paula Paul is the librarian and a resident too.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

106-13 Execute Standish Cable TV Franchise Agreement with Time Warner Northeast LLC [Blanck]

Chair Blanck said that this is the standard agreement that we have with Time Warner.

Pam Slattery-Thomas questioned the access to the public address channels.

Chair Blanck said that subscribers that have the basic package need this equipment to view the public address channels.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that she's heard that you have to purchase a special box to receive those channels now. She questioned if something could be done to provide the boxes for free.

Lester Ordway of Richville Road questioned if the town has any recourse to the quality of the signal. He said that recently he's encountered pixilation and freezing of the screen.

Tony Vigue, Chairman of the Saco River Cable Committee said that the digital terminal adapters that Pam Slattery-Thomas spoke about are currently available for free through January 2015 after which time a monthly fee of \$.99 may be charged. There is nothing in the agreement to prevent them from charging a fee, this adapter is needed to view the public address channels if the subscriber has basic cable. He said that people that have basic service should contact Time Warner to obtain a digital terminal adapter. Regarding pixilation question, that is a common complaint in this area because a lot of the drops in the area are copper not fiber optics. He noted that if a signal problem can't be corrected when you go through the proper process of calling for a serviceman to come to the house. He can assist subscribers to get the issue taken care of after they have tried to get the problem remedied through the proper channels.

Councilor Stack asked that he clarify the increase in the fees in 2015.

Tony Vigue explained that in 2015 there may be a \$.99 charge for the digital adapter. A newer TV that is auto-programmed will pick-up the channels.

Chair Blanck asked that the Clerk put a notice about this on the web site.

Councilor Spencer said that she had heard that if you go the next step up you won't have the interruption in service.

Tony Vigue said that the pixilation is the result of the connection between the pole and your house or a connection in your house.

Councilor Spencer asked if there were areas in Standish that still have the copper wire.

Tony Vigue said that there are several areas that still have the copper wire. He noted that by law and this agreement the signal quality on our channel must be at the same level as the commercial channels. He went on to explain if a customer is having trouble they need to go through the proper channels to remedy the matter. If there is still a problem contact him through the town so there is a record of the call.

Leo Robichaud of Brown Court questioned if the copper wire would affect Road Runner.

Tony Vigue said that if you're having problems with one you'll have problems with the other. He went on to thank representatives from the towns that worked on the cable committee: Doug Hubbard from Limington; Dean LePage and Bob DeVilleneuve from Limerick; Don Marean and Lynn Van Gaasbeek from Hollis; Dick Bateman and David Lowe from Waterboro; Peter Burns from Buxton; and Gordy Billington from Standish.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

107-13 Town Council Appointment to Recreation Committee [Sargent]

Councilor Sargent explained that the Appointments Committee met earlier this evening to interview a candidate.

Moved by Sargent seconded by Olson and voted to add the name of Corey Smith to the order. (Unanimous)

VOTE ON AMENDED ORDER: 7 yeas

108-13 Accept State Funding and Approve Agreement for Oak Hill Road Realignment Project [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau explained regarding the by-pass, in 2011 by referendum vote the town purchased two properties. A year later the construction referendum went to the voters and it was turned down. The matter was brought back last year but just before the referendum the question was removed from the ballot. He said that this matter has been discussed for a number of years, and now with the AVESTA housing units and the potential development Wildlands sub-division, an additional 200 cars a day could be using this intersection. He said that they had heard that state monies may be available for road work with towns supplying matching funds.

Gordy Billington thanked Roger Mosley for his efforts in applying for the funding for this initiative. This is a new program under MaineDOT that sets aside monies each year for this type of project. Our application described the project that will improve the intersection and include sidewalks. The total project costs are a little over \$500,000, to date we've expended \$230,000 for the Oak Hill Road property, \$199,750 for Craig Lewis' property, \$15,900 to BH2M for engineering of the road and \$7,587 to Gorrill-Palmer for the feasibility study. He said that leaves us about \$24,000 short of the project, however that can be made up in in-kind work from the Public Works Department. For example the cost of removing the properties, time spent in preparing the application, and supervision time throughout the project. The balance of the funding at a cost of approximately \$2,000 will be absorbed from the Highway Fund. Kudos to Roger for obtaining the funding for this project thus saving the town approximately a half million dollars.

Councilor Pomerleau said that the state will be using our plan, not a plan that they've come up with.

Dan Kasprzyk of Steep Falls thanked Mr. Mosley for his efforts. He said that he had concerns with the attorneys letter which talks to the voter approval of costs over \$75,000. He said that the attorneys opinion was that this didn't needed to go to referendum since is state money in the form of a grant. He said that he was concerned that we were spending this money and how much of the public knows what's going on. He said he hoped that we'd be telling the public what we're up to. He said that he was concerned that a past referendum on this failed and it was removed from the vote last year. He said that he was concerned too with the costs that have not been presented here. He questioned if the sidewalks in the plan were part of the failed referendums.

Chair Blanck said that he failed sidewalk referendum was a different project. He said that the money that we're spending will be well under the \$75,000, voters voted to purchase the properties and were well aware of why we were purchasing the properties. He said that they are uncertain as to why the referendum failed to start the construction of the project. He said at this point it is perfectly legal for us to spend this state money. He said that there was a town meeting vote to accept and expend state monies in the form of grants or gifts.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that it sounds like a good plan, but it was her opinion that the states money was our money. She said that it seems like you've gotten the by-pass by by-passing the vote. She said that financial reasons were not the only reasons that the vote didn't pass. She said that she thought that this could be a problem.

Councilor Olson said that the fact is this is to repair the failed intersection. This was never part of the sidewalks. This will make the intersection safe and they'll do the sidewalks during the construction project. She said that you're talking about us by-passing the process, however we've voted on the land, taking the houses down and those all went through Council meetings.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that it seems all above board and fair, but you're not taking into account that finances might not be the only reason that it was voted down. She also questioned some of the amounts of the bids that were received.

Chair Blanck said that if the Higgins property is developed something will have to be done with the intersection.

Terry Christy of Mountain View Lane said for 10-years he's seen the traffic increase in this area. He said that he encouraged them to vote for this order.

Councilor Stack said that he had a problem with the numbers, from his calculations it comes up to \$452,000 so we're short approximately \$50,000 on our matching funds and he wondered how that will be filled.

Gordon Billington said that it was their intent to use in-kind work to make-up the funding. He then asked Roger to explain what they have spent for a FEMA storm event.

Roger Mosley explained that services provided after the house was burnt, cleanup afterwards, taking down the trees and in-kind services.

Gordon Billington asked Roger Mosley if he was confident that he can come up with the in-kind match to bring it up to the \$500,000.

Roger Mosley said yes and that state had said that they would work with us. The state is interested in seeing this project completed.

Councilor Stack asked what could they do that the contractor wasn't already doing. He said that he didn't have a problem with the connector, he said that where we're running short is the money for the sidewalk. He said that we don't have \$40,000 in capital improvements to pay for that.

Councilor Olson said that it is clear that the in-kind list that's been presented and with the support from MaineDOT, she feels confident that it will come together as presented by the Town Manager.

Councilor Pomerleau said that we have a chance to get this project done, even if we have to come up with \$40,000 we're still \$460,000 to the good. He said this project needs to move ahead. He said that if we wait it could be a million dollar project. He said that they had heard that this money would be available that's why they pulled the referendum at the last minute.

Councilor Stack again questioned where would we get the \$40,000 to pay of this.

Councilor Olson said that it would come from in-kind work.

Council Stack asked why would we need in-kind work if we have a contract.

Councilor Olson said that you're worried about something that's been thought through.

Councilor Stack said anything up until this point he can see them using as an in-kind match. The construction going forward is being provided by the contractor.

Councilor Thompson said instead of assuming where the in-kind matches are coming from, if the people knew for sure where the in-kind matching funds were from, they would feel better. She asked if this could be postponed until there was a definite answer.

Councilor Olson said at this point in time and this amount of money, if we don't get this moving forward, what happens if the funds are de-appropriated and the project stalls. At this time the Town Manager and Public Works Director are confident that the in-kind match will be done through Public Works. The vendor has held the contract and price.

Councilor Thompson said that she's not arguing that, but other people may have a problem with the assumption.

Councilor Sargent said on any construction project you do your best estimate and due diligence. He said that he's worked the numbers and he believed that we're look at a \$24,000 shortage. MaineDOT saying they'll work with us, he said we need to move forward on this and get it done. He said that in the Manager's report he noted that new businesses and residents will put additional pressure on the intersection.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he's all in on the project including the sidewalk.

VOTE: 5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Stack and Thompson

109-13 Award Bid and Authorize Contract for Oak Hill Road Realignment Project [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau said that they went out to bid on this a couple of years ago, at the time the referendum failed, but Shaw Brothers is willing to hold the price from the previous bid.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Olson and voted to amend the order to add the name of Shaw Brothers of

Gorham at a cost no to exceed \$502,552.69. (6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Thompson)

Paul Thompson of Cram Road asked if there would be any deviation from the working drawings.

Chair Blanck said he didn't think so.

Paul Thompson said regarding the bid and the sidewalk it was his opinion it had never really been discussed, property owners have not been given an opportunity to have public input.

Gordon Billington said that we presented the BH2M plan to the public and received public input at that time.

Paul Thompson said that property has changed hands up there and he didn't feel that information received two years ago is still current.

Gordon Billington said that the sidewalks are all being built in the state right-of-way and no land owner property will be taken.

Paul Thompson said that perhaps the abutters might want some sort of a different design for the sidewalk and you're not giving them an opportunity to speak.

Councilor Spencer said that it was bid from the print, since we didn't reopen the bid we can't change it.

Paul Thompson said that there is a new property owner, Nicholas Thompson, and he wasn't involved in the earlier discussion. He said that he and Gordy discussed the sidewalks back at the time, but the new owner was not involved in the discussion.

Councilor Spencer said that we can't change the specs after we've gone out to bid.

Councilor Sargent said that Paul said that we don't work with the people, however, he recalled a few months ago when they worked with him with a right-of-way issue.

Paul Thomson said that this is going to be a horror show. He said that bid went out two years ago and property has changed hands, he said he'd like to look at the prints.

Chair Blanck said if property changes hands after a project has moved forward it can't be changed. He suggested that he talks with Roger, and if it's a minor change perhaps it can be accommodated. He said that the project will move forward based on the original documents and plan. Roger would have to discuss the matter with them and Shaw Brothers.

Pam Slattery-Thomas questioned the variance in the bids that were submitted.

Councilor Olson said that the handicap ramps deal with the curbing and there will be an island so pedestrians crossing have a halfway stopping point while crossing the street.

Gordon Billington said that we can't talk to why a bidder bid a certain way. All we can do is choose what we thinks in the best interest of the town.

Dan Kasprzyk said that he was pleased that there were funds available to help do this. He said that he is still concerned at the people don't know about the project. He said that he hopes that the Council takes the time to let people know what's going on with this project.

Chair Blanck said that they can display the plans at the Town Office.

VOTE: 5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Stack, Thompson

110-13 Waive Bid Process, Authorize Town Manager to Dispose of Real Property at 270 Northeast Road [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau said that the Curtis property was purchased a number of years ago, in the hopes to build a community center, but that plan failed. The property was put up for sale a couple of years ago and there were no bidders. The building is in bad shape, recently Cumberland County Sherriff's Department received a complaint that someone was living there. At this point the building has no historic value that he's aware of and should be removed.

Councilor Stack said that he had a problem with destroying the building. He said that this should be moved to the Capital Improvements Committee to see what we want to do with the building. He thought that someone from the new business at the Sensata building might want to purchase it.

Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent and voted to refer this item to the Capital Improvements Committee. (4 Yeas – 3 Nays, Blanck, Olson, Spencer)

111-13 Authorize RFP to Investigate the Financial and Educational Impact of Withdrawal from MSAD # 6 and to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Frye Island for this Effort [Blanck]

Chair Blanck explained that the agreement has already been signed by the manager of Frye Island. He said that this is just a study to see what the benefits might be. He said that it may come out that the costs may increase if we leave the district.

Lester Ordway asked what was the cost of the study.

Gordon Billington said that Freeport did a similar study and they paid \$9,500. He said that he would expect something in a similar range.

Councilor Pomerleau said that Frye Island will pay a portion of the costs.

Lester Ordway said that Frye Island has nothing to lose, they've been trying to get out of the district for a long time. He said that he thought that this was driven by the funds that should have been returned to the town. He said that he didn't want to see us spend a lot of money to make a point that we could make next year at the polls.

Vickie Higgins of Blake Road said that the comparison to other towns is not an apples to apples comparison. In Cape Elizabeth taxes are higher, the median income is higher than the Standish area, so she didn't think that was a solid validation. What she was more interested in is how this has come up again.

Chair Blanck said that it was initially driven by the funds, but there are other factors involved.

Carolyn Biegel of Ossipee Trail East said that she remembered that the question has been raised as to how large does Standish get before we start thinking that there should be a separate school. She said as a school board member they are looking at construction project at the high school because it is smaller than what it should be for the enrollment. She said that she heard the comment that when they took the school out of the community they took the heart out of the community. She said that she's thought about that a lot since she found out that this was on the agenda. It was her opinion that it would be prudent to do the study, because what you'll find is you have a great deal going with the school district as far as the bang for your buck. She said that we have to start thinking that Bonny Eagle is the heart of our community. Instead of we/them, we need to think as it as us.

William Hill of Wildridge Road said that the towns you mentioned are of a far different economic status than Standish. He said he didn't know why they would spend \$10,000 to reaffirm that those other towns can afford their own schools.

Terry Christy of Mountain View Lane said as a retired educator thinks that this is a prudent idea that's been talked about for years. This could be a good opportunity if the price is right.

Vickie Higgins said that it had been said that this wasn't about money, but that's not the undercurrent that she's getting. She said that she hoped that the rational for the basis of this is more authentic than that. She said that it is an issue about money no matter which way you cut it. She was concerned about lots of money being spent on items that have failed. This may become one more thing where money is spent that could have been spent in a better manner. She said that she still was waiting for an explanation on this.

Chair Blanck said that this was initially driven by the school not retuning the \$200,000 to the town. He said that they also decided that this is the right time to look at the costs and education process.

Lester Ordway said he hated to spend the money on this to make a point that we can make in June.

Chair Blanck said that there are three districts Maine that are investigating this process.

Councilor Sargent said that initially it was about money. He recalled a school board meeting at which Councilor Stack was treated shabbily. After that meeting he decided that the size of the school has a direct proportion on the quality of education.

Lester Ordway said that he's been an educator for 17-years he's not opposed to the study, he said that this is being driven by not giving back the money and the shabby treatment that they received, not because of the education.

Councilor Pomerleau said that we need to take a look at this especially since Frye Island is coupling with us.

Gordon Billington explained that we received a letter from Frye Island asking us to consider this matter with them.

Councilor Pomerleau said that in the 13-years he's been on the Council they have not discussed this matter. We've gone from a town of 2,200 when we joined the District to a population of 9,500. He said that he recently went to an event at a Sanford school and he said that there is a different feeling when the name is on the door. He said that it was his opinion that people should be able to choose where they send their children to school such as a charter school.

Pam Slattery-Thomas asked if exploring this matter could be done by a committee.

Chair Blanck said that we need a professional to do the investigation on this, at this point we're only asking for proposals. We may decide when we get the proposals it's too expensive and we're not going to proceed.

Carolyn Biegel said that she would be remiss if she didn't make the following comments. She said that it was very different being on this side of podium. She said that their experience at the School Board meeting should help them in their position when people come to the podium as a reminded as what it's like. Secondly, she keeps hearing the comments that Standish didn't get their money back. She said that she had a hard time with that because the District doesn't have the money yet. She explained that they have allocated a line to track that money. She said that they all have been invited to participate in the discussion of what will happen with that money next year. She said that she hoped that somebody joins the Budget Advisory Committee. She noted that they may be facing a curtailment that will erase the gains that they might have had.

Councilor Sargent asked if public comment would be allowed.

Carolyn Biegel said that at the Budget Advisory meetings there is a lot of give and take. She said they have had representation from Buxton, Hollis, Limington; but Standish has been the missing community. She that's when we'll decide how to utilize those funds and they'd like to hear their voice.

Councilor Stack questioned her statement that they had not received the money.

Carolyn Biegel said that they have received some but not anywhere near the full amount.

Todd Delaney a Standish School Board member and Finance Committee member stated that the money is being tracked and information is available the web site. To date they have received approximately \$57,000. In regards to the curtailment that was mentioned, their portion of the curtailment is approximately \$240,000. So far, they have received one payment. He noted that the Advisory Committee has been expanded to allow more to participate. He said that he encouraged people to participate. This committee forms the budget that then is reviewed by the budget committee then by the School Board.

Councilor Olson said that our tax rate was based on paying that money. So, our taxes went up to pay that and now the moneys being sat on.

Todd Delany said that it is his opinion that the towns should make the decision regarding the money. He said as vice-chair of the School Board he serves as the chair of the Finance Committee, their Budget Committee is being formed 4-months early to deal with the upcoming budget. He noted that last year the Budget Advisory Committee slashed a million dollars off the school budget before it was presented to the Budget Committee. He strongly encouraged the Council to solicit membership from Standish for this committee. As an aside he noted that this week is Spirit Week and Bonny Eagle will be featured on WGME. He went on to thank the town clerk and town manager for bringing their concerns regarding the superintendent to his attention. Now, the superintendent has a blog on the web site that posts where he is during the day.

Councilor Stack what was the payment they received earmarked for.

Todd Delaney that's was the normal allotment.

Councilor Stack said that you're saying that the state owes the District 23-million dollars and you've gotten \$57,000.

Todd Delaney said of the \$619,000 we've gotten the \$57,000. The payments will vary, the overall amount will be

\$619,240. The Standish assessment is 39%.

Councilor Pomerleau said that very good people have been elected to serve on the School Board and as a Councilor he shouldn't micro-manage their board that's why he doesn't routinely go to their meetings to avoid that perception. He said that he believes that they are watching their money as they were elected to do. He went on to say that they brought this up a few months ago because they weren't sure that the school board had heard about it.

Todd Delaney said that he was concerned with the way that they had been treated at the recent School Board meeting.

Daniel Kasprzyk said that in the Memorandum of Understanding it is stated that Standish will pay 87% and Frye Island will pay 13%, how was that determined.

Gordon Billington said that it was based on the relative contribution to MSAD #6.

Daniel Kasprzyk said assuming the cost was approximately \$10,000 where would that money come from in the Standish budget.

Gordon Billington said most likely the undesignated fund balance, but it hasn't been identified.

Daniel Kasprzyk said as a citizen of the town, a school board member and a family of educators he wanted echo the comment that the school was the heart of the community.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Councilor Pomerleau – Blood Drive on Saturday, October 12 during the Public Safety Fair

Town Clerk – Rabies Clinic on Monday, October 28, 5 p.m. – p.m. Town Office

Town Clerk – Catherine's Cupboard is seeking sponsors for Thanksgiving Baskets - \$40 for a full dinner, partial donations accepted

Carolyn Biegel – Voiced her concern regarding the earlier public hearing on Emery Road which she was unable to attend. It was her opinion that this was a huge mistake unless you're planning to put a traffic light at the corner of Blake Road.

Councilor Stack thanked her for allowing them to speak at the recent School Board meeting.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he too was concerned with the Emery Road closure.

Terry Christy said that there were sighting issues at that intersection.

Daniel Kasprzyk announced upcoming School Board meetings. He then gave a \$40 donation for Catherine's Cupboard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved Sargent seconded by Spencer and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary

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