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Town Council Meeting Minutes 12/10/2013

MINUTES

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2013
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

Councilors excused: Spencer and Thompson.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

The November 12th meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk read a letter from Roxann Twombly regarding her tax bill. A copy of the letter is filed with these minutes.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Gordon Billington spoke on the following items:

- The Code Enforcement Department reports that permits for new houses are increasing.
- The Planning Department has many applications before them including an application for a Family Dollar Store.
- A workshop will be held at the Steep Falls Fire Station from 5 pm to 7 pm on Thursday regarding the Steep Falls Village Plan.
- Later on the agenda there will be a grant application for a sidewalk in Steep Falls from Route 113 to the new bridge being built by the state.
- Westbrook Housing is investigating various options regarding building senior housing units on land that they own in the Standish Corner area.
- The Planning Board is involved with the development of a new light manufacturing ordinance, the ordinance is now undergoing legal review.

The Sebago Lake Village ordinance amendments are almost complete, they include form based code standards.

The Assessor notes that many residents appreciated the letter he sent out in the tax bills that explained that 72% of the taxes collected go to the school.

Fire/EMS have new protocols regarding medical pumps to dispense medications that are used in the rescue units. New equipment will be purchased to accommodate the change.

- New dispatch console units have been installed due to a loss that was covered by insurance. The new consoles allow for voice over internet protocol transmissions.
- Public Works has done a walkthrough of the new building and have a punch-list of minor items that need attention.

Don Talbot from Berry Talbot Royer was introduced to provide the annual audit report.

Margarita Krylovic an employee of Berry Talbot Royer explained the statutory requirement of the having the audit done as well as overview the steps and details of the audit.

Don Talbot provided PowerPoint presentation comparing the past two fiscal years. It was a comprehensive presentation indicating that the town is fiscally sound. The complete auditors report is available in the Finance Department.

Councilor Stack commended Don Talbot on the audit being done in a timely manner.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Moved by Blanck seconded by Sargent and voted to take the following items collectively. (Unanimous)

The Clerk read the title of the orders.

124-13 Application Submitted by Dawn Andersen for Renewal of a Combined Massage Establishment /Therapist License at the Center for Soul Enrichment Located at 80 Phinney Road [Spencer]

125-13 Application Submitted by Stephanie Biggs for Renewal of a Combined Massage Establishment /Therapist License at the Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center Located at 1 Northeast Road [Spencer]

126-13 Application Submitted by Valerie Veinotte for Renewal of a Massage Therapist License at Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center located at 1 Northeast Road [Spencer]

127-13 Application Submitted by Deborah Boxer for Renewal of a Massage Therapist License at Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center located at 1 Northeast Road [Spencer]

128-13 Application Submitted by Xiong Tran for a new of a Massage Therapist License at Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center located at 1 Northeast Road [Spencer]

VOTE ON ORDERS 124-13 through 128-13: 5 Yeas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Olson noted that she will attend the Standish Business meeting tomorrow morning.

Councilor Stack announced that the Route 113 Corridor Committee held a meeting that was attended by the nine of communities along the Mountain Division Trail. A potential build-out of 750 some odd acres of land was discussed, each town will be able to submit input and obtain possible funding.

Councilor Stack explained that the Beach Committee held a site walk on November 16 to evaluate the potential location of the proposed access road into the site. The parking, boat ramp and beach locations were reviewed at that time. The Committee is investigating cost savings that might be realized if the existing tote road is used as the access road. Owners of the property, Ditzler and Rich will be contacted to see if the town can obtain land from them, using the tote road as the access road would be a significant savings to the town.

Frank Holcomb was scheduled to provide an update on Public Safety Fair, however he was unable to attend the meeting so the Town Clerk read his report, which is on file with these minutes.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent calendar items at this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

99-13 Order of the Discontinuance of a Road – A Portion of Emery Road (Postponed at the 11/12/13 meeting for six months) [Blanck]

This order remained postponed.

117-13 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 263, Vehicles and Traffic, add Section 263-7, Temporary Closures (First Reading) [Pomerleau]

Moved seconded and voted to move this order to public hearing at the January Meeting of the Council. (Unanimous)

119-13 Award Bid for and Contract for Consultation Services Regarding Withdrawal from MSAD #6 (Postponed at the 11/12/13 meeting to allow the manager to obtain additional information) [Blanck]

Chair Blanck updated the audience that the Council had held a meeting regarding this matter earlier tonight. The two consultants will come back with a proposal to be discussed at the January Council meeting. This item remained tabled.

Councilor Stack noted if the matter moves forward funding for the proposal will be voted on at a Special Town Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

129-13 Authorize Submission of CDBG Grant Application for Sidewalk Project in Steep Falls Village Relating to the Bridge Rebuild [Blanck]

Chair Blanck said that this is to get grant funding to help fund construction of a sidewalk on Route 11 from Route 113 to the new bridge once it's built.

Councilor Stack said that if the sidewalk doesn't get built the town would then assume the cost of approximately \$60,000 for the cost of the sidewalk built across the bridge.

Chair Blanck said that we have to build the sidewalk within three years.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

130-13 Authorize Submission of CDBG Grant Application for a Social Services Relating to Southern Maine Agency on Aging Outreach Program [Blanck]

Chair Blanck said that we're looking for funding to support this program.

Councilor Stack asked if it required matching funds.

Gordon Billington said that it did not.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

131-13 Utility Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company and FairPoint New England – Cole Hill Road [Blanck]

Chair Blanck read a memo from Public Works Director, Roger Mosley stating that he had inspected the location and it is consistent with other utility poles on Cole Hill Road.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

132-13 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Properties [Spencer]

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

Councilor Sargent explained that the taxes on this property are up to date and a sale is pending.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Daniel Kasprzyk a school board member noted that the Budget Advisory Committee is still meeting and he encouraged interested individuals to attend those meetings. He said that they would like to have Council representation on that committee. He then show them a friendship bracelet that school gives to students that is inscribed as follows: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. He then noted several upcoming school holiday concerts.

Councilor Pomerleau congratulated both the girls cross country team and football team for their state championships. He also stated that many of the sports teams use the Sebago Lake Room for their banquets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meeting were announced. Councilor Olson noted that due to lack of agenda items the Economic Development Committee meeting in December has been cancelled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Sargent seconded by Pomerleau and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: s/Mary Chapman
Clerk/secretary

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