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## Town Council Meeting Minutes 4/8/2014

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MINUTES  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
STANDISH, MAINE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014  
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER  
7:00 PM**

### **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, Spencer and Stack.  
Councilor Tompson was excused.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)**

Moved by Sargent seconded and voted to accept the minutes for then March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting as presented.  
(Unanimous). Moved by Blanck seconded and voted to amend the March 11 minutes by adding the comma as noted on page 7:

The former owner will have 30-days to pay all taxes, interest, fees and unassessed taxes. If that doesn't happen, within 45-days a public sale will take place by sealed bid.

The March 11 meeting minutes were then approved unanimously noting this amendment.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

### **REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

Gordon Billington explained that in addition to his comments the Assessor and Recreation Department will provide presentations.

Mr. Billington explained that the Family Dollar project was approved by the Planning Board. In addition, the Planning Board is working on a grant application for construction assistance from the National Guard to help build the road to the future town beach on Sebago Lake. He said that we have fully engineered the project, we are looking to the Guard for construction help to keep the costs down. He said that the Planning Department is also working on architectural standards for the Standish Corner area. A consultant has been hired to draft the standards. He noted that it was discovered during the Family Dollar application process that there were not review standards in place regarding the design of the building. They will strive to make the standards what the framers of the form-based-code envisioned.

Mr. Billington noted that the Oak Hill Road relocation project has started. The project is moving forward under MDOT funds, \$500,000 was awarded to the town to do this project. He reminded them that the voters had denied the bond approval, however, MDOT awarded funding to improve the failed intersection. The voters had previously voted to purchase the properties involved to complete the project. He anticipated the construction project to take about a month.

On April 5 a joint meeting between the Council and MSAD 6 directors was held. The discussion included how to open lines of communications between the two bodies, further meetings will take place with the administration in the municipal setting. He noted that a many of us thought that the supplemental appropriation that MSAD 6 received last year should be remitted back to the voters, because we felt at the time that the money was for teacher's retirements and we felt that we had already paid for that funding and should receive it back. At that time,

the school said that they would put the money into a special reserve account and dedicate it to the reduction of the assessments to the communities. They have proposed to bring those funds forward to reduce this year's budget, this will help to reduce the mil rate. He explained that they shared with the School Board why the Council was investigating the withdrawal from the District. He said that the Board members were cordial towards the Council, and they had a frank conversation.

Gordon Billington asked that Linda Brooks come forward to make her presentation and that Chair Blanck meet her at the podium.

Recreation Director, Linda Brooks explained that on March 25 at the Annual Spring Conference of the Maine Park Association, the Recreation Department was awarded a Facility Merit award for the improvements done at Johnson Field. This award is presented on an annual basis to a significant recreation project that demonstrates an increase in recreational use, shows innovation and creativity and a local commitment to the project. She said that a number of years ago she had considered submitting Johnson Field as an applicant for this award, but had waited since many other improvements were unfolding. She highlighted the many varied activities that the field offers. In addition, they received grant funding to create a logo promote Johnson Field as a true center of activity and that logo now is displayed on the sign there. She noted that the facility was improved through the years with wide variety of funding sources including funding from private individuals. She publicly thanked the following volunteers: Lou Hinds-Aldrich, Harvey Dostie, Arthur Riley, Kathy Post, Janet Biczak, Gail Plourde, Bob Webber, Bobby Harmon, Bucky Brandow, Donna and Bob Smith, Ellen and Bill Boyer, Michele and Tim Rowe, Rick Brooks, Walter McCallister, Garrett Van Atta, Lisa Stiffer, Adam and Heidi Hawkes, Jeanine and Chris Dalton, Rebecca Buchannan, Tammy Pike, Barbara Gagnon, Wendy Coons, and Julie Senter. She said another name that surfaces for all our projects is our Public Works Director, Roger Mosley. He has been there throughout the years many times and so were members of his crew. Linda Brooks called Michele Rowe and Jeanine Dalton to the podium to assist in presenting the award to the Town.

Chair Blanck accepted the plaque on behalf of the Town and thanked Linda Brooks, the Recreation Committee and Roger Mosley, and all those who helped with fundraising and building of the various parts of Johnson Field.

Linda Brook announced that a grand opening of the playground will be held on Saturday, May 3 at 4 p.m.

Gordon Billington noted that the Bonny Eagle Robotics Team will be traveling to Boston on April 10 to the New England Championships where they're ranked 13<sup>th</sup> out of the 163 teams.

Peter Arnemann, the town Assessor provided the departmental monthly report in which he explained that in the ten-years that he's been employed by the town he has seen that the town's monies are spent very carefully due to good management. He noted that has resulted in us having the lowest mil rate in Cumberland County. He said his department which is typical of many town departments is lean, it includes himself and half of a part-time person. He explained that surrounding towns have a full-time assessor and between 2 to 4 assistants. He said that the biggest things in assessing are based on what the market is doing. He said we're still seeing adjustments in the market. He noted that there is an enhancement to the website which includes a new map function. He encouraged property owners to look at the town's information regarding their property and notify him of any issues.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **11-14 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use; Multiple Sections Regarding Manufacturing [Stack]**

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

Councilor Stack explained amendment provides for light manufacturing, it includes assembly, fabrication and packaging of materials, within a fully enclosed building. These facilities would be limited to 2,000 square feet in area and could be part of a home occupation level 1, 2 or 3 in a conforming lot. This use is not allow in cluster or conservation subdivisions; or in shoreland zones.

After a Public Hearing without additional public or Council comments the Council voted on the amendments and the hearing closed.

A copy of the amendment is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

## **VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**12-14 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use; § 181-17 Signs, and§ 181-10 Industrial Districts [Stack]**

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

This provides for signage in an industrial zones. In addition, the uses have been expanded to include medical clinic, restaurant without drive-throughs and colleges.

After a Public Hearing without additional public or Council comments the Council voted on the amendments and the hearing closed.

A copy of the amendment is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**14-14 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use; Article III, District Regulations; § 181-7.1 Standish Corner District [Stack]**

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

Councilor Stack explained that this came forward because our ordinance was too restrictive and would cause hardship to developers of commercial lots. He said what this does is in regard to a pioneer lot in a commercial subdivision, it would allow the developer to build half the road until the second lot is developed.

After a Public Hearing without additional public or Council comments the Council voted on the amendments and the hearing closed.

A copy of the amendment is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Jane Cirone, Budget Committee Chair thanked the Council and the Finance Committee for giving them the opportunity to attend the meetings and ask questions. She said that they recognize that there are still hardships in the economy and they respectfully reject the FY 2015 proposed budget. She explained that the Budget Committee had a number of meetings to review the budget which she noted their recommendations as follows:

Revenues and Assessing – no changes.

Code Enforcement –to remove \$50 from Dues & Subscriptions; to remove \$200 from Fuel & Lubricants.

General Admin- to remove \$500 from Dues & Subscriptions; to remove \$1,500 from Advertising; to remove \$3,300 from Other Commodities.

Cable Television - to remove \$500 from Other Commodities.

Town Council – no changes.

Town Clerk - to remove \$300 from Advertising; to add \$300 to Other Commodities.

Finance – no changes.

Planning – no changes.

Appeals Board- to remove \$111 from Travel Expenditures; to remove \$250 from Training.

Building Maintenance - to remove \$100 from Other Commodities.

Public Safety – no changes.

Law Enforcement – no changes.

General Assistance – no changes.

Public Works - to remove \$1,300 from Other Commodities – unanimous.

Solid Waste – no changes.

Recreation - to remove \$270 from Postage.

Donation - to add \$250 to Provider Agencies for Lake Region Senior Transportation Program.

Capital - to remove \$104,000 from Public Works.

Employee Benefits - to remove \$1,800 from Uniforms, allowing a \$200 allowance per employee.

Insurance – no changes.

Debt Service – no changes.

Other Recommendations - The Budget Committee recommends the Town implement a process to add a notice to the tax bill mailing to help steer sticker purchases to the Town Hall rather than the transfer station. This should help alleviate congestion during the period when stickers are renewed. Eventually the taxpayer would elect to prepay their sticker to be mailed in the next year's tax bill. The Budget Committee recommends all bonded items be listed individually on the referendum for voters to decide individually. The Budget Committee recommends an analysis be performed on Training, Seminars and Meetings to determine the amount budgeted and used by department and by training to determine usage over the last 3 fiscal years. All trainings considered should be reevaluated on an annual basis. When applicable the attendee should summarize the materials covered and the benefit received by attending by reporting the information to the Town Manager and/or Council. We'd also like for the Town to look into webinar training if available. The Budget Committee recommends the Town look into tablets, iPads or laptops for the Council to save on printing costs.

Chair Blanck said that this will be discussed under new business.

Council Stack asked if they have justifications for the recommendations.

Jane Cirone said that they looked at what was spent so far this year and for the past two years.

**Public Safety Committee** - Councilor Pomerleau explained that the committee met and discussed the closing of the Steep Falls Bridge during the construction project. The bridge will be closed May through November and will have an impact on the Steep Falls Village. The committee has also provided American flags for the town and the flags in Steep Falls are scheduled for replacement, funds may be raised for this project. He mentioned that the Oak Hill by-pass road is a mostly state funded project.

**Appointments Committee** – Councilor Sargent noted that there are some appointment items on the agenda.

**GPCOG Municipal Oversight Committee** – Councilor Olson announced that she attended several of the committee meetings. She said the committee evaluated CDBG grants and noted that Standish was awarded a grant to assist with sidewalks in Steep Falls.

**Standish Economic Development Advisory Group** - Councilor Olson stated that the group will meet tomorrow at 8 a.m.

**Route 113 Corridor Committee** – Councilor Stack said that the committee will meet on April 16 at the Baldwin Public Library. There will be planning an event that will be held here at the Standish Municipal Center in May for the promotion of the Mountain Division Rail. He announced that on the on May 10 a group will be meeting for the annual clean-up of Route 113.

Councilor Stack said that the American Legion Post 128 will hold a charity toll on the Moody Road on April 26 and 27.

**Finance Committee** – Councilor Sargent said that the committee met yesterday to review the town's finances. Costs to heat the town hall this year were higher than expected. He noted that revenues are coming in as expected and as long as there are no storms in April the Public Works Department will be in good shape. All things considered we're going into this budget process in pretty good shape.

Councilor Sargent announced that on May 10 the Portland Water District will hold an open trail day. Interested parties can pre-register for the events of the day on the PWD web site.

Councilor Pomerleau echoed Councilor Stack's comments regarding the clean-up day on Route 113. He expanded that each town along the scenic by-way participates in the project, from Standish to Fryeburg. He encouraged any interested persons to join them on May 10.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Clerk explained that the consent calendar items are read by title only and then voted on collectively.

**33-14 Appointment of Ballot/Election Clerks and Election Warden for the June 10, 2014 Elections [Sargent]**

**33-14 A Appointment of Ballot/Election Clerks [Sargent]**

**34-14 Establish Hours for Voter Registration Prior to the June 10, 2014 Elections [Blanck]**

**35-14 Waive No Parking Restriction on Saco Road for Bonny Eagle Car Show [Blanck]**

Councilor Stack asked if people could register on Election Day.

The Clerk explained that people could register on Election Day.

**VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS: 6 Yeas**

**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 item remains on the table until the May Council Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Blanck explained that order 39-14 will be taken out of order at this time. (Unanimous)

**39-14 Resolution Establishing June 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> as the Standish Summer Spectacular Weekend [Town Council]**

Chair Blanck said that Diana Mains-Allen and the committee have done an excellent job in the previous years, putting this event on the map.

Diana Mains-Allen informed them that this was the fifth year that event has been done in the current format. This year there is a new logo, new web site, and this year's theme is Celebrating Freedom. In keeping with the theme, American Legion Post 128 is spotlighted organization. She noted that they have had a representative at all the meetings working hand-in-hand with them. Proceeds from the Taste of Maine Event will go to Post 128.

Volunteers from Post 128 will help with events throughout the Spectacular. She noted that they continue to look for sponsors for the Spectacular interested parties can check the website or call the Recreation Department. She acknowledged the committee members: Dee Thibault, Bill Tracy, Glenna Jamison, Jeanine Dalton, Linda Brooks and herself.

Councilor Stack said that the Post Commander Hal Ware has enjoyed working with them.

Diana Mains-Allen said that she enjoyed Hall too.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**36-14 Receive Budget Committee's Recommendations for the 2015 Municipal Budget [Blanck]**

Town Manager, Gordon Billington noted that he's bringing forward the following changes to the budget which have been coordinated with the Budget Committee. He explained that we sat down with our health insurance provider and are being forced to change the health care plan for the employees from a direct reimbursement plan to a plan that requires high deductible under the Affordable Care Act. He said the result of high deductible plan it is a cheaper overall plan cost to the Town of Standish. He said that we will use the same amount of funds and move to a health reimbursement plan for all employees. Employees will be required to pay the bill, however, we will have a carrier that will receive notice of the bill at the same time, and a check will be cut to the employee for the deductible. Any funds left over at the end of the year will be the property of the Town. He then present an amendment for this matter, and in speaking with the Finance Committee, since EMS revenues are higher than expected we can easily increase our projection for revenues for this program.

Moved Stack seconded by Olson and voted to amend the budget as follows:

**Amend Revenue to increase the EMS Revenues by \$10,000 from \$357,000 to \$367,000; and to amend the Employee Benefits Line 51150 Group Insurance to reduce by \$40,000 from \$342,577 to \$302,577. (Unanimous)**

Councilor Stack noted with this change will bring the mil rate to \$12.08 which is what is was last year.

Mr. Billington said that we are revenue neutral this year with the mil rate, however, that does not include the MSAD 6 budget.

Councilor Spencer suggested reducing the Appeals Board line for \$250 for the manual up-dates.

Mr. Billington said that he had spoken with the Code Enforcement Officer and the manuals didn't need to be purchased this year.

**Moved by Spencer seconded by Sargent and voted to amend the Appeals Board training account by \$250. (Unanimous)**

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Stack and voted to decrease \$50 in the Code Enforcement Department, Dues and Subscription line.

Councilor Olson noted that the Departments presented their budgets, and she was not in favor of changing this budget.

**Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Stack and voted to decrease \$50 in the Code Enforcement Department, Dues and Subscription line. (3 Yeas – 3 Nays, Blanck, Olson and Spencer) Motion Failed.**

Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent to decrease \$200 in the Code Enforcement Department, Fuels and Lubricants line. He said that this year only \$499 has been spent.

Councilor Sargent said that \$499 has been spent so far this year and if you look at his work load changing, he would not be comfortable removing \$200 right now, but he would consider reducing it by \$100.

Councilor Pomerleau agreed with Councilor Sargent.

Councilor Stack agreed to amend the amount to \$100.

Councilor Olson was concerned that with the increased work load these funds would be needed.

**Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent to decrease \$100 in the Code Enforcement Department, Fuels and Lubricants line. (3 Yeas – 3 Nays, Blanck, Olson and Spencer) Motion Failed.**

Councilor Olson questioned the Budget Committees reduction in the Capital Line, wondering what the \$104,000 tied back to.

Jane Cirone said that was the grant matching amount for the sidewalks.

Councilor Pomerleau asked what their reasoning was behind that decision.

Jane Cirone said it was because the voters had voted it down.

Councilor Pomerleau said that if we don't proceed with the sidewalks we will be responsible for an amount of approximately \$50,000.

Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent to remove \$750 from General Admin, Advertising line.

Councilor Pomerleau agreed that the amount could be reduced.

Councilor Olson said that it's good management to be aware of the costs and although a department head may not want to leave, there may be an event such as an accident that causes a vacant position.

**Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent to remove \$750 from General Admin, Advertising line. (4 Yeas – 2 Nays Olson and Spencer)**

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Sargent to add \$250 to Provider Agencies for Lake Region Transportation Program.

Jane Cirone of the Budget Committee cited his presentation and the need for the program. Councilor Olson said that he was asked if \$500 would be appropriate, and he said that it was.

Councilor Spencer said that she'd like to see the \$250 added.

**Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Sargent to add \$250 to Provider Agencies for Lake Region Transportation Program. (4 Yeas – 2 Nay, Olson and Stack)**

Councilor Stack asked for rational for the items under the Town Clerk.

Jane Cirone said that the addition was to have a recognition for the employees and the deletion was because

Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent and voted to remove \$300 from the Town Clerk, Advertising line.

The Clerk explained that line was for advertising dog licenses, nomination papers, and the town meeting. She said that she was agreeable to the reduction but also wanted to respectfully decline the suggested addition of \$300 for an appreciation luncheon.

Councilor Olson said that it was her opinion that expenditures in this line are low and it's probably timing.

**Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent and voted to remove \$300 from the Town Clerk, Advertising line. (5 Yeas – 1 Nay, Olson)**

Councilor Sargent said that under Building Maintenance they're suggesting to remove \$100. He said that due to the recent water damage that occurred at the town offices on two occasions and that one of the events may not be covered under our insurance he didn't think that this amount should be removed.

Councilor Pomerleau asked for the Budget Committee to explain their rational in removing \$1,300 from the Public Works Other Commodities line.

Jane Cirone said that it is to reduce the reimbursement for work shoes. In the budget there is \$120 for 11 sets, they'd like to see 11 sets at \$60 and remove the meals allowance.

Councilor Pomerleau said to meet the requirements of steel-toed shoes the employees would find that difficult at \$60.

Chair Blanck said that this matter was addressed last year and \$120 is the true cost for the shoes.

Councilor Sargent said that line is over in the current budget, he said that he would not support removing money from this account.

Chair Blanck thanked Jane and the committee for their work on the budget.

Jane Cirone asked that next year they notify the Budget Committee of the meeting schedule earlier so they can have time to plan.

Mr. Billington said that we can plan that now is will be the Saturday after the March Council meeting.

The Clerk recapped the amendments to the budget.

Jane Cirone asked that the Capital items be itemized on the ballot.

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

**37-14 Call for Annual Municipal Election, Place Referendum Question on the Ballot, Authorize Warrant and Call for Public Hearing for the June 10, 2014 Municipal Election [Blanck]**

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

Jane Cirone mentioned that one of the Budget Committee's recommendations was to see the referendum items voted on separately to pass on their own merit.

Wayne Newbegin of Harmon Beach Road questioned if the new truck wheeler, Steep Falls Sidewalks and compactor could be voted on separately. He then questioned what the matching amount was.

Mr. Billington said that the Steep Falls engineering was \$45,000 and the matching funds are \$31,800, the compactor is \$7,500.

Chair Blanck explained if we don't put a sidewalk in we owe DOT \$60,000 because they agreed to put a sidewalk in across the bridge.

Wayne Newbegin said that he was in favor of the sidewalk, but wanted to give the voters a chance to vote on the items separately.

Councilor Stack said that he was going to make a recommendation to separate off some of the items. He went on to say that the sidewalk doesn't need to be approved by referendum, the reason that it's on the ballot is due to the bonding.

Daniel Kasprzyk of Steep Falls said that he was in support of the Budget Committee's recommendation to vote on the item separately. He cited the Charter's provision that items over \$75,000 needed to be voted on by referendum. He said that when you bundle them the voters only have one choice.

Mr. Billington said that the Charter does not require that individual items are put out to referendum. The Charter requires expenditures over \$75,000 to go to referendum, we've received legal opinions that we have to vote on the gross amount not the individual items.

Daniel Kasprzyk was pleased that we had a legal opinion, but the perception of a whole lot of bundled items and from the comments that he's heard are not positive.

Councilor Sargent said that from experience he's seen the times that we've broken it out, pitting one section of town against another. He said that there's something in here for everybody and we have a flat funded budget. He went on to say that this is the last year to take advantage of the state funding for the sidewalks. He said that he would rather leave it as it is.

Moved by Stack that referendum number one be broken into four questions; one for the Memorial Field purchase of \$80,500; the new Public Works truck for \$200,000; Standish Corner sidewalks for \$104,000 and the fourth for all

other items.

Chair Blanck called for the second, there was none. The motion dies.

Councilor Stack thanked the rest of his cohorts on the Council for not letting him speak to this item.

Councilor Sargent said that he would second the motion.

Councilor Stack said that recently we've had a number of discussions regarding the community trusting and respecting this Council. He said that this bundling is a prime example of what could very well exasperate the voters of this town in regards to trust and respect of this Council. He said if we want to be respected and trusted we must trust the public with our work. He said that we've worked hard to bring these capital improvements forward and we should respect the results of the voters. He said that this is absolutely mind boggling that you would think that just because there are four districts, three districts are going to pile up on one district because there's capital improvement proposed in one district. He hoped that the Council recognize that it's important that the voters have a chance to vote on these items individually.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that there is a lot of negativity, but its created by the Council in his opinion. He said recently there has been a group that's put out a lot of negative ads that the Council is disconnected. He's said that he's had enough of it.

Councilors Stack announced that he has no connection with any group. He said that in the past five years he asked that the items be broken out. He said that the people that he hearing from are not this group. He's heard from a number of people who appreciate the opportunity to vote on the items over \$75,000.

Councilor Olson to build on Councilor Pomerleau's comments the majority of the Watchdog Group lost the election. She said that she in support of voting on the items together.

**Moved by Stack seconded by Sargent and voted that referendum number one be broken into four questions; one for the Memorial Field purchase of \$80,500; the new Public Works truck for \$200,000; Standish Corner sidewalks for \$104,000 and the fourth for all other items. (2 Yeas – 3 Nays, Blanck, Olson and Sargent)**

**VOTE: 5 Yeas – 1 Nay, Stack**

#### **38-14 Resolution Proclaiming May 17, 2014 as Blue Star Salute Day [Town Council]**

Councilor Stack said that he was pleased to have this order come forward. He explained that the Blue Star Banner is presented to the families that have active duty military members. He said that it is a program that is very dear to their Post and they want to make sure that each family that is entitled to have a banner, receives one. All are invited to attend the event.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

#### **PUBLIC ITEMS**

Lester Ordway thanked the Council for having the meeting with the School Board. He said that the Budget Advisory committee has moved their recommendation to the Board with includes a 1% increase for Standish. He said the \$600,000 going back into the budget made a big difference.

Councilor Stack said that the \$600,000 became \$500,000, he asked where the \$97,000 went. He asked Mr. Ordway to look into that.

Lester Ordway said that they haven't received it yet.

Councilor Sargent said that the school budget is on a different time schedule than us.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that that meeting was one of the most productive meetings he's been to in the fourteen years he's been on the Council. He said that for three hours there was trust across the aisle and then there was an incident; and he left with not as good of a feeling that he should have. He said that at the end of the meeting a School Board member made it difficult.

Lester Ordway said he hoped that they don't let one spoil the process. He thanked them for the attempt.

Councilor Sargent said don't let the actions of one board member or Councilor cloud your judgment on the total. After this meeting he has a better understanding and respect for the School Board.

Dan Kasprzyk thanked them as a member of MSAD Board Member for going to the meeting and then announced the next Advisory Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

The Clerk announced that nomination papers are available with a filing deadline of April 28. In addition the town follows Maine election law relating to write-in candidates having to declare their candidacy.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Spencer seconded by Sargent and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk/Secretary