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**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2014
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Blanck, Nesbitt, Newbegin, Olson, Pomerleau, and Sargent.
Councilor Spencer was excused.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Moved by Olson seconded and voted to amend page 5 of the August 12 minutes as follows:

Councilor Blanck asked that they stay on the subject of order 84-14.

Moved seconded and voted to approve the minutes as corrected. (Unanimous)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Gordon Billington spoke on the following items:

From the Transfer Station – the recycling compactor which has been out of commission for some time has been repaired and is now operational.

Mr. Billington noted that the departments that are affected by the upcoming referendum are here to summarize the information regarding their department.

Recreation Director, Linda Brooks explained that the Recreation Departments is asking the voters to approve the capital improvements budget which includes improvements at each of our facilities and the Department is looking to purchase adjacent land to Standish Memorial Park. This improvement will better soccer, softball and baseball organizations in our community. Standish Memorial Park is located on Route 25 and offers a number of playing fields. There is a front parking lot that accommodates approximately 32 vehicles. A leased lot behind the field offers parking for an additional 30 vehicles. Mrs. Brooks said if the land get sold the back parking lot is a leased agreement and we would be at risk of losing the parking lot. Also, they need to find a way to alleviate the unsafe parking along Route 25. They do try to educate people that there is a back lot with additional parking, although sometimes the narrow road that leads to the lot is blocked by vehicles. She said that that the baseball program would like to have more fields since they only use the school fields, Kiwanis and have limited access to the Steep Falls and Johnson Field fields. She said what they envision in the future is two or three dedicated softball fields, two or three dedicated baseball fields, enhanced soccer fields, a centrally located concession stand, playground apparatus and dog friendly area.

Mary Chapman

Public Safety Director, Brent Libby explained that Question 2 will include extrication equipment, our air lifting bags that are used in a number of ways; such as stabilizing a structure or helping to remove someone hand that's stuck. Our air bags are in service but are reaching the manufactures shelf life. The next item is to replace our

cardiac monitors, one was purchase in 2000, the other in 2005. These units are used frequently, depending what is found in the cardiogram, it allows them to activate different levels of service at the hospital to send the patient to the Cath Lab bypassing the emergency room which saves time. He noted that some of the new monitors have CPR monitoring which will alert provider of the effectiveness of their compressions. They also come with Wi-Fi technology which allows the data to be transferred to the hospital. He said that the funding would also include improvements to the radio system. Currently, there is a repeater system that works off the cell tower at the town offices. The repeater will remain in place and be utilized by the Public Works Department. The new system will be located on Oak Hill Road cell tower which is the highest spot in town and centrally located. The fourth item is dry hydrants which provides the ability to draft water out of a static water source. By installing the hardware it allows the insurance services to rate the area of town differently providing lower insurance rates to the local residents.

Public Works Director, Roger Mosley explained that the Public Works Department is asking for funding for road rehabilitation and maintenance. Three miles of the ninety mile road inventory is included in this year's referendum.

He named the roads including the last year that they were paved. He said that the average service life of those roads is seventeen years. He said with the scenario of doing just three miles of road a year it would take thirty-years to do the roads in town which would extend the average time of road maintenance. He said that we should be doing at least five miles of road a year. He said that the next item is the acquisition a ten-wheel truck with plow and sanding gear. This will replace a 2001 International wheeler with 92,000 miles and 7,010 hours. The 92,000 miles doesn't sound like much but these trucks are in the salt and calcium and they are hard miles. This truck's route is Route 35 from Sebago Lake Village to the Windham line, Standish Neck Road and the roads off White's Bridge Road. Presently it's sitting, works need to be done to it before winter. The next acquisition is a gravel plate compactor to replace a 20-year old light duty compactor. The new compactor will be a walk behind reversible plate compactor which will be used mainly in the installation of culverts. The last item is improvements to the Town Hall 15-year old Parking Lot. The Public Safety side and Town Offices side will be improved, the upper lot will not be included in the project.

Gordon Billington said that videos will be shown at the end of the meeting highlighting the referendum questions, these videos are currently playing on the public address channel or on the Saco River Cable TV web site.

Kelly Champagne a 20-year resident of Standish and a longtime coach asked if walking trails are included in the project.

Linda Brooks said once we see what we have to work with after the parking situation it addressed we'll have an open slate.

Kelly Champagne said that if we don't invest in our youth we'll start losing our residents. She asked them to look at what we're trying to do.

Dan Kasprzyk said that he wanted to let her know that the Kiwanis Club is trying to build walking trails at their facility.

Jeanine Dalton a member of the Recreation Department wanted people to think about the safety aspect of the parking issue when they're voting.

Brent Levin, the current president of Standish Softball explained that their league serves over 300 kids between baseball and softball. He noted that programs are growing and we need to be proactive in our growth.

Claudia Morton along time resident said that she'd speak to all the questions. First, we need to keep the kids active. As far as the truck, a 2001, give it a funeral. We don't need to be 20-years behind. She said the emergency equipment needs to be kept up to date. She urged all to come out and vote.

James Thorne a long time resident and Public Works employee said that we need to upgrade equipment, if we get behind its only going to be worse.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that she understands the hard decisions that they have to make. She said that she'd like to address Question 1, she said that she was familiar with Memorial Field, she wondered if the speed limit could be reduced in the area or provide parking monitors as a costs savings measure. She urged them to think outside the diamond. She said that nebulous remarks about quality of life and our children's future used in the same breath as athletics don't go far in her opinion. Those words could go into any category where the town needs to expand its contributions. She said that it was her opinion that sports and athletics do harm to a child's confidence. She said she would urge people to vote no on this question. She said that this can be brought up at another time because she had heard from Dan Kasprzyk that the owners of the property are not in a rush to sell. She said that she would

like these funds to be offered to lesser known and respected groups like the Historical Society.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he's heard twice in the last month that the Blake's are not in a rush to sell. He said that he personally spoke with Mr. Blake and they want to sell it soon.

Councilor Newbegin asked if the old emergency equipment is destroyed.

Chief Libby said that it is traded into to the company.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

75-14 Amendment to the Standish Town Code, Chapter 151, General Assistance Ordinance, Adopt Updated Tables for the Maximum Levels of Assistance as Provided by the Maine Municipal Association [Sargent]

Councilor Olson noted that an emergency order was put place while the regular legislative process took place.

After a Public Hearing without additional Council or public discussion the Council voted on the ordinance amendment and the hearing was closed.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Capital Improvements Committee reviewed winter sand bids and discussed roads.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Public Safety Committee met, they are currently working on the safety fair.

Councilor Blanck said that the Ordinance Committee met to review the Sebago Lake Village Regulating Plan and the form based code regulations.

Councilor Olson noted on Mrs. Spencer's behalf that the Finance Committee met.

Councilor Olson said that the Economic Development Committee will meet on September 10 with the Standish Economic Advisory Group.

Councilor Sargent said that the Appointment's Committee did not meet.

Councilor Newbegin said that the Standish Beach Committee met and they're very close to getting an agreement for the Sandbar Beach.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

91-14 Appointment of Ballot/Election Clerks and Election Warden for the November 4, 2014 Elections [Sargent]

92-14 Establish Hours for Voter Registration Prior to the November 4, 2014 Elections [Sargent]

93-14 Confirmation of the Town Clerk's Nomination for Membership on the Registration Appeals Board [Sargent]

VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS: 6 Yeas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

77-14 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by Shadow Woods LLC for Woodrow Drive (Postponed at the July 8, 2014 Meeting) [Sargent]

This order remained on the table.

78-14 Road Acceptance Request Submitted by St. Josephs College for Shannon's Way and Nicholas Drive (Postponed at the July 8, 2014 Meeting) [Sargent]

This item remained on the table.

NEW BUSINESS

94-14 Resolution to Establish October 11, 2014 as Standish Health and Safety Day [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau noted that this is a great day full of events for the whole family. This is done in coordination with fire safety week. He said that it's an amazing event.

Dan Kasprzyk asked if there was a written information that he could help circulate.

Chief Libby said that an informational flyer is sent out through the schools, he would get a copy to him.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

95-14 Call for Public Hearing Regarding the November 4, 2014 Special Town Meeting Referendum Election – Charter Amendment - Term Limits for Town Council [Sargent]

Daniel Kasprzyk said that he was one of the petitioners' and he would like to thank Mary Chapman for her help.

Kelly Champagne questioned that aren't elections part of stopping people doing term after term.

James Thorne said that he would like to vote for who he wants to vote for, when he wants to vote for them.

Councilor Olson said the idea of an election is to decide if a person will be good for a position. She said that this is assuming that Standish voters are stupid and that they don't have the ability to analyze the candidates. She then provided a presentation regarding the tax rate showing where the town's tax dollars are allocated between the school, town and county during the past three years. She showed that the municipal portion of the tax rate is flat this year. She said that in her opinion is that the sitting Councilors have done a great job. She questioned why this was being presented to the voters – was it because we haven't done our due diligence with the tax rate. She said to force an issue and reduce the options is what this charter amendment will do. She said that she will vote tonight to bring this to the voters because everything had been done right. But she won't support it in November.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he been on the Council for 15-years and has run for office every three years. He said that there is a small group in town that has put this in place as a way to get him rather than finding a candidate to run against him. He said what he doesn't like is that they could have come to the Council to bring this matter forward. He said that he voted against the bundling. He supports term limits when the other boards fall under the same guidelines.

Councilor Newbegin said that he ran for this position under the premise of supporting term limits. He said that no one is indispensable. He supports this whole-heartedly.

Councilor Nesbitt said that he doesn't support term limits especially on the local level. He noted in the 28-years that the Town Council has been in existence there have 41 town Councilors and their average stint was 4-years. He cited that during the two years that he served as Planning Board Chairman, there was two vacancies in that board. He said that he doesn't agree with this and doesn't think that it is necessary.

Chair Sargent said that he didn't think that term limits are needed because we have elections. He went on to say that this is a democratic process that's been done by the group and we need to be respectful of differences of opinions. He said that the next order also endorses term limit but includes all elected committees that deal with finances.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

96-14 Call for Public Hearing Regarding the November 4, 2014 Special Town Meeting Referendum Election – Charter Amendment - Term Limits for Town Council, Budget Committee and MSAD 6 Directors [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau said that this is similar to the previous order except the thought is that since the school budget is such a high percentage of our budget the School Board Directors should be included term limits. He went on to say that Mr. Kasprzyk one of the petitioners who sits on the school board, they handle a large percentage of our budget and need to be accountable too. He said that Mr. Wasson, one of the petitioner's committee members sits on our Budget Committee, they oversee the town's budget, so they too should have the term limits. He said that this makes it fair for everybody.

Councilor Newbegin asked if this was the time for Council discussion.

Chair Sargent said that he was going to open it for public discussion.

Daniel Kasprzyk said that the Council Rules of Procedure say that you do Council comment before public comment.

The clerk asked which section was her referring to. The clerk went on to say that typically you listen to the public discussion first because someone might say something persuasive that would change a Councilor's opinion on the matter.

Daniel Kasprzyk said that he was disappointed that Mr. Pomerleau was taking this matter personally.

Chair Sargent said that he wanted the discourse on this discussion respectful.

Daniel Kasprzyk said that when he looked at the order he was surprised that the order only included the Council, School Board and Budget Committee. He asked why the Planning Board wasn't included since it was such a powerful committee.

Claudia Morton said that when she moved here there were three selectmen. She said that she likes this form of government and we don't want to go backwards – we want to go forward. She said that you can get petitions signed to get something on the ballot. She said that in thirty-years it been rare when every race is filled. She said that we voted for the people sitting before us to do our work. She said that we have to vote and support our Council and our type of government. She said that he doesn't care how long that they're there as long as they are doing their job.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that "The Lady doth protest too much."

Chair Sargent said about what.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said when you're that defensive, that personal and that childish. Think about why.

Councilor Olson said that she was totally offended that you would come you up can call someone childish when they express their opinion.

William Orr said that he can live with term limits. He thought that the petitioners' committee took a lot of effort to get the signatures. He thought that the Council should have to the same amount of work to get their item before the voters.

Mr. Billington said that there was a challenge earlier on following the Rules of Procedure, he then read aloud the following section:

- Agenda items

Person wishing to address the Council on an item which appears on the agenda shall wait until the item is properly introduced, read, and the Chair announces the item open for public participation at which time they may address the Council on that particular item. Once the Chair has closed public discussion on the item, the public shall be permitted to address the Council on that item only at the discretion of the Chair, or after all items on the agenda have been completed.

He said that the Council follows the established rules.

Councilor Newbegin said that he would like to amend this order to remove the town Council from this order and add the Planning Board.

Moved by Newbegin to remove the Town Council from this order and replace it with the Planning Board. There was no second – motion failed.

Councilor Nesbitt mentioned at the last election six of the seven Planning Board seats were on the ballot. He said that this board is constantly in need of members. He said that he did not believe in term limits on the local level.

Councilor Olson said that she doesn't support term limits but at the end of the school board budget process the superintendent told everyone that next year's budget will have a 6% increase. She said that the Council, School Board and Budget Committee are the committees that directly impact the budget. She does not support term limits but those who are in control of the budget should sit by the same rules. So she does support this order submitted by Mr. Pomerleau to even the playing field.

Councilor Blanck said that he agreed with Councilor Olson's statements on this order.

Councilor Pomerleau said that 74% of the Town's budget comes from the school. He said that the school bundles items as well. He noted that the School Board does not allow public participation during their meetings.

Chair Sargent said it's hard to say what's in someone else's head to know if something should be taken personally. He went on to say that someone that he has much respect for, Louis Stack, served three consecutive terms on the Town Council and prior to that served two consecutive terms on the Budget Committee. So, that's twelve years or more that he served continually and during that time he was Standish's rep to the legislature. He went on to say that if he sought re-election he would have been re-elected because he served Standish well. To say that a Councilor is termed out after two terms can't serve another would affect him directly due to his age to run again. He said as a Town Councilor he's not in it for the money, they get paid \$1,500 a year and that does not cover their costs. Although, he's not in favor of term limits he's in favor of this order to make it a level playing field. He said that you need historical perspective and that's what Mr. Stack brought with his years of service. He said that you will lose a wealth of knowledge with term limits because it takes a year or two to get the hang of things.

Councilor Newbegin questioned on November 4 will both items be in the ballot.

Chair Sargent said that they would.

VOTE: 4 Yeas – 2 Nays, Nesbitt and Newbegin

97-14 Authorize Consent Agreement – Steven Farmer and Karen S. Farmer – 34 Kerri Farms Drive [Sargent]

Chair Sargent said that during a recent survey it was discovered that property and deck are too close to the property line.

William Orr a neighbor to this property spoke in support of the agreement.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Olson and voted to amend the consent decree as follows:

2. The property owner agrees to pay the town a penalty in lieu of legal action on the amount of \$0.00.
(Unanimous)

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas

98-14 Town of Standish Town Council Orders Authorizing Tax Anticipation Borrowing [Spencer]

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

Councilor Olson noted that this is a semi-regular occurrence to help tide us over until tax payments start coming in.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

99-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deed on Previously Tax Acquired Property [Spencer]

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

Councilor Olson noted that all the back taxes have been paid on this property and it's time to remove the tax lien.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

100-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 82 Bonny Eagle Pond Road [Spencer]

Councilor Olson said that the property owner has not paid taxes in a long time, as far back as 2007. Normally, the tax payer steps in and pays the taxes due before it gets to this point. She said if the owner is not going to pay the taxes certainly we have the right to find an individual that would like to purchase the property and pay the taxes.

Stephen Cady, the owner of 82 and 83 Bonny Eagle Pond Road, said that it had been since 2009 that he has not paid his taxes. He explained that he had been out of work for three years, he landed a job about a year ago, he tried to get financing to pay the taxes, and however, without a job he was unable to get any financing. He said that he spoke with Scott Gesualdi, who helped him come up with a payment plan. He said that he is willing and able to do. In fact, he would like to accelerate the payment schedule when possible. He explained his family situation and said that he had no place else to go.

Councilor Olson said if the taxpayer is paying regularly pushing it to be sold usually gives a person some time. But, when there are no payments or payments stop, the point is taxes are payable from all tax payers.

Stephen Cady said that he just wanted their consideration.

Councilor Pomerleau questioned if he had a payment plan turned down.

Scott Gesualdi, Finance Director, explained that Mr. Cady and he discussed the back taxes. Scott said that he developed a payment plan that would bring him current. This plan was discussed at a Finance Committee meeting. At that meeting it was decided that it had gone on too long and there needed to be some action.

Councilor Pomerleau said in his sixteen years on the Council they had never put someone on the street. He said that he was willing to make a payment plan, if this was vacant land he may consider selling it however. He then asked Mr. Cady if he had ever had a payment plan with the town.

Mr. Cady said that had not had a plan in the past.

Councilor Pomerleau asked Mr. Cady if he could afford the payment plan.

Mr. Cady said that he could afford the plan presented by Scott.

Councilor Pomerleau questioned the length of the payment plan.

Scott Gesualdi said that it was approximately three year plan.

Councilor Olson asked if 82 Bonny Eagle Pond Road was the lot with the house or the vacant lot.

Scott Gesualdi said that it was the vacant lot.

Councilor Olson said that there have been numerous communications this property owner since 2006, this is not the home.

Mr. Cady said that this is an adjoining half lot right-a-way which is not buildable.

Chair Sargent said that this has gone into foreclosure before and was redeemed, so there has been a payment plan previously.

Mr. Cady said that is correct. He explained that has a job for a time and was laid off making payments difficult.

Councilor Blanck asked if we vote to sell this lot and it does sell, the funds would pay the taxes and any surplus taxes would go the general fund, not to the taxes on the other property.

Scott Gesualdi said that's correct.

Councilor Olson said that this is the second time around and does not have his home on it.

Councilor Newbegin asked if this was a buildable lot.

Councilor Nesbitt said that this lot was across the street from the water.

Councilor Olson suggested that he sell this lot to pay his taxes.

Mr. Cady said he can't sell it because its tax acquired.

Scott Gesualdi said that there is approximately \$1,500 owed on this lot is over \$10,000 owed on the house lot.

Councilor Olson said that she's struggling because everyone has to pay their taxes, this person has been given a chance previously.

Councilor Pomerleau said that sometimes a person faces a hard set of circumstances that are hard to overcome.

Councilor Newbegin asked if we could table this order and use it as a hammer.

Council Olson asked Scott when was the last payment was made.

Scott Gesualdi said in 2009.

Councilor Olson said that nothing happened for six years.

Councilor Blanck said that he sat in on the Finance Meeting during the discussion of the matter. He said that he too was reluctant to sell someone's home. He said that he didn't consider three years too long a term as long as regular payments are being made.

Scott Gesualdi per legal counsel the town does not enter into payment plan, a verbal agreement is made to the payment schedule.

Councilor Blanck said that he's torn on this matter.

Councilor Olson said that the Finance Committee wanted to sell the vacant lot to pay the taxes.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he needs to be given a chance to get back on his feet.

William Orr said that it was hard to listen to this discussion, it was his opinion that the town should be able to find a way to help this situation.

Councilor Olson said that this has been twice around the block, this property does not have the home on it, and no payments for five years, this unoccupied property should be sold.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he need to make a payment plan and stick to it.

Councilor Nesbitt said that this needs to move forward.

Councilor Newbegin said that he didn't want to remove someone from their home and this is not a sellable lot. He then asked if the town sells this lot do the funds pay the taxes or does it go to the general fund.

Councilor Blanck said after the taxes are paid any excess goes to the general fund.

Councilor Pomerleau said that always had bothered him.

Councilor Sargent said that this is the second time around on this and not a dollar has been received on this. He said that he can see going with a payment plan.

VOTE: 3 Yeas – 3 Nays, Blanck, Newbegin and Pomerleau
Per Town Council Rules of Procedure a tie vote lies on the table until the next regular meeting

Mr. Billington explained that this will come back next month when there is a full council.

101-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 83 Bonny Eagle Pond Road [Spencer]

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

Councilor Olson said that hopefully the point has been made on this matter.

Mr. Cady said that he was waiting for tonight to make a payment.

Councilor Olson said that the town is not in the practice of sell homes when people are living in them.

Scott Gesualdi said that that's true but if people believe that the Council won't move forward they won't pay.

Councilor Nesbitt questioned if they should be table this order like the other order.

Councilor Olson said that we should vote on this order.

VOTE: 1 Yea – 5 Nays, Blanck, Newbegin, Olson, Pomerleau and Sargent.

102-14 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, §181-7.1 Form Based Code Village Districts and §181-73 Standards for Conditions for Approval (Introduction) [Blanck]

Councilor Blanck explained this amendment clarifies the form based code ordinance for Sebago Lake Village.

Councilor Nesbitt said that this brings architectural standards to the ordinance.

Moved seconded and voted to move this item to First Reading at the October meeting of the Town Council.

103-14 Award Bid and Authorize Contract for Winter Sand [Pomerleau]

Moved by Olson seconded by Nesbitt and voted to dispose with the Clerk's reading of the order.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that we received five bids, we took the low bidder.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded and voted to amend the order by adding the name of Shaw Brothers of Gorham, Maine at cost not to exceed \$7.24 per cubic yards. (Unanimous)

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas
104-14 Set Mil Rate, Due Dates and Interest Rate of the Fiscal Year 2014 Taxes [Spencer]

Moved by Olson Seconded by Pomerleau and voted to dispense with the full reading of the order. (Unanimous)

Councilor Olson said that this sets the tax rate at \$12.15.

William Orr said that he took exception to Councilor Olson's tax calculations. He said that he can make that mil rate anything that he wants as long as money is borrowed and paid in the future.

Council Olson said that this has nothing to do with capital expenditures.

Mr. Billington explained that each year the state audits our books to check on the personage of valuation. Again, this year we were in the 100% range.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

105-14 Carry Forward Certain Accounts [Spencer]

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

Scott Gesualdi explained that these are items are unfinished projects from the last fiscal year.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

106-04 Receive Steep Falls Master Plan Final Report [Olson]

Councilor Olson said that within the Comprehensive Plan it called for us to do master plans for the three village centers. She explained that she was a participant of the first committee, chair for the Sebago Lake and Steep Falls 398616182plans398616182Mary Chapman. She said that the resident of the Steep Falls were fully engaged in the plan and even held a potluck dinner during one of the meetings. She complemented all members of the Advisory Group for their efforts.

Gordon Billington explained that he had written the order indicating that the report had been finalized in June, it actually was finalized in July.

Moved by Olson seconded by Pomerleau and voted to change the date of the final report from June 2014 to July 2014. (Unanimous)

Councilor Nesbitt asked what was the next step.

Councilor Olson said that the representatives from Wright-Pierce will works with the Planner to develop the ordinance changes. This should take place within the next few months.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Lester Ordway of the Richville Road said that the school budget took a couple of collateral hits tonight. He said that he would not defend the budget but he would defend the process. The budget first is reviewed by a Budget Advisory Committee. That committee is now looking for membership.

Councilor Olson said that she fully intends to attend the budget meetings. She asked that the dates of the meetings get forwarded to the Town Manager for distribution.

Mr. Ordway said that the composition of the Budget Advisory Committee is municipal officers, budget committee members, people the work for the school and others.

Council Olson said put her name down as a member.

Council Pomerleau asked if all the Council wanted to be on the Budget Advisory Committee could they.

Mr. Ordway said that they could be.

Chair Sargent noted that he served on the Budget Advisory Committee last year and explained that he attended about 38 hours of Budget Advisory meetings. He said it was very worthwhile and the school administration did listen. He encouraged the voters to vote in September and November.

Daniel Kasprzyk said if you go to the schools website where it notes that public participation at their meetings is governed by policy BEDH. He went on to say that people are given the opportunity to speak at School Board

meetings. He said that the comment about bundling keeps coming up in regards to the school budget vote. He noted that the school vote is governed by state law, which he distributed copies of. He said that he too was a member of the Budget Advisory Committee.

Councilor Pomerleau said at the School Board meeting that he attended first he was told that they could speak, then he was allowed to speak for three minutes and in fact our Town Manager was gaveled down. He said that he takes exception to him saying that they had the opportunity to speak.

The Town Manager explained that three videos which will be shown tonight will be shown to give visualization to the referendum question. They can be viewed online at Saco River Cable Television's web site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive Session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Olson seconded by Blanck and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____s/
Clerk/Secretary