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Town Council Meeting Minutes 10/14/2014

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**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-chair Olson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice-chair Olson explained that Chair Sargent is away, so she will be chairing the meeting this evening.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Blanck, Nesbitt, Newbegin, Olson and Pomerleau.

Councilors excused: Sargent and Spencer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Vice-Chair Olson noted the following changes need to be made to the minutes:

Page 3 of the September 2 minutes:

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

Claudia Morton ~~along a long~~ time resident

Page 7 of the September 2 minutes:

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

Page 13 of the September 2 minutes:

Councilor Olson said that the representatives from Wright-Pierce will ~~works~~-with the Planner to develop the ordinance changes.

Page 2 of the September 16 minutes:

He said that we have a vested interest in these projects and he'd like to see them move forward and let the voters decide.

Page 3 of the September 16 minutes:

Councilor Olson said that if there was a limit of people saying no, and not putting a question forward, we would not have Mr. Newbegin sitting with us.

After these amendments the minutes from the September 2nd and 16th meetings were accepted by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Gordon Billington explained that he spent the day at an Economic Development Summit held at St. Joseph's College sponsored by the regional Chamber of Commerce, of which we're a member. He said that thought provoking speakers brought forward many ideas including a branding campaign which will be initiated in the future. He noted an entrepreneur workshop will workshop will be held here at Municipal Center on October 29 at 5:30 pm to hear success stories from local businesses; and to help new start-up businesses.

Gordon Billington explained that the Finance Committee of the Council meets each month to review the town's finances. He noted that the Finance Committee reports that the excise tax collections are stronger than expected.

He went on to say the state is slow in forwarding our revenue sharing funds. He continued to explain that the town is in good financial shape.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

113-14 Application Submitted by Leslie Denbow dba Legacy for a New Restaurant/Lounge License (Class XI) at 35 Blake Road [Sargent]

Vice-chair Olson said that they received a nice letter from the applicant, and she was pleased to see the restaurant coming into town.

Leslie Denbow, the proprietor of Legacy which will be called Riffs, explained that they will serve full lunch and dinner including gluten free fare. Entertainment will continue on Friday and Saturday nights with the same level of parking lot security that was provided by Memory Lane. An occasional chem-free night will be offered for teens.

She said that she'll be rebranding and remodeling. The remodeling will include a new kitchen, new restrooms, and cosmetic updates throughout, a dropped ceiling to help reduce the facilities noise to the neighborhood will be added, and also a roof will be added to the smoking deck to help reduce the noise. She said that she's studied the areas demographics and she believes that there is a need for a destination restaurant like she intends to build.

Vice-chair Olson said that Leslie has spoken with the neighbors and thanked her for making that extra effort.

Leslie Denbow said that they have booked entertainment for New Year's Eve, so they have an opening date, but she's fully aware of unforeseen items that may come up.

Councilor Newbegin questioned her letters reference to outside dining and asked her to explain her what her plan was.

Leslie Denbow said that she wanted to offer outside dining to her customers for lunch and early dinner.

Councilor Newbegin asked if they planned on serving alcohol outside.

Leslie Denbow said that she would like to offer that option to her customers.

Margaret Crouch asked where is the restaurant located.

Leslie Denbow said it was at 35 Blake Road.

Ava Lindberg said that she found online that Leslie and James Paquette were the owners of Legacy.

Leslie Denbow explained that they were partners but that has recently changed, she is now sole owner.

Ava Lindberg voiced her concerns regarding drunk driving incidents in the area possibly relating to Memory Lane. She said that 38% of the drunk driving stops in the Town of Standish were within a two-mile radius of Memory Lane based on the Sheriff's Department data. She questioned what Leslie's plans for dealing with this matter were.

Leslie Denbow said that she had not heard those numbers. The bar managers will be going through training, she went on to say that she understands their concerns, because she too is a mom. She said that she can't control 100% compliance, but she can control pours at the bar, cut-offs, and who comes in the bar later in the night. She said that was investigating the use of a cab service or a privately owned vehicle to transport drivers if feasible.

Cara Childs said that she lives just down the street, she noted that on many occasions the patrons were very loud. She said that she hopes that the measures that were in place for Memory Lane would remain, such as the left-hand only turn. She cited that based on the past, outside noise does travel and she too was concerned with drunk driving.

Leslie Denbow said that the left-hand turn sign will remain in place. She went on to explain that they are investigating various ways to deal with the bass noise. She said that she wanted to know of the neighbor's concerns, and any hints they might have. She went back to discuss the eating outside and said that it didn't have to go on late in the day and if there were problems they would be addressed immediately. She went on to say that she welcomed a police presence.

Alan Brown noted that he did speak with the applicant earlier today, he said that he was concerned about the tables being outside. In the past, that was allowed, but was discontinued because of the extra noise it created. He suggested that if there are tables outside that they are located on the side of the building where they would be

separated from the newly arriving customers.

Leslie Denbow said that where she envisions the outside dining would not allow smoking. She said that she could restrict the time of outside dining.

Councilor Blanck said a number of years ago when Memory Lane came for the renewal, this room was full of people with complaints. They did an admirable job in their efforts including adding additional double doors to contain the noise. He said that he'd be interested in hearing about what she had in mind for improvements. He explained that he is a retired acoustical engineer and offered to review their plans and give them comments related to their improvements. He suggested that they do limit the time of outside dining, limiting it to early evening so the ambient noise doesn't travel later at night.

Leslie Denbow said that she was flexible in both location and times allowed for outside dining. She welcomed his offer of help, saying the more heads the better. She noted that she was resealing all the doors, keeping the double doors, and cosmetically remodeling the vestibule. She explained that they would be installing a corrugated ceiling which will change the way the standing sound waves bounce.

Councilor Pomerleau said that we're talking about the two different orders now. He questioned the hours of operation. He said that they have spent a lot of time in these chairs talking about Memory Lane over the past ten-years. He said that in the past the outside seating in front of the building was a problem. He said that he was greatly concerned about outside seating. He also mentioned that he wanted the security staff to be in clothing that is distinctive so that they are easily distinguished from patrons. He asked that she explain the hours of operation.

Leslie Denbow said that the hours will be to 1 a.m. on three nights. She thought that they will probably be closed on Mondays.

Councilor Pomerleau wanted to make sure that they knew that the Special Amusement ended at midnight. He said that in the past the bands stop at midnight. He said that he support this and hopes they do well.

Leslie Denbow said that the entertainment would end at midnight, however, they will close at 1 a.m.

Sally Brown of Blake Road said that in the past they did not leave at 1 a.m. and she cited the outside noise in the past.

Leslie Denbow said that there is a great effort to get people out the door at 1 a.m., she said that the crew stays behind for the clean-up.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that for many years it was a struggle to keep Memory Lane open due to the complaints. He said that he's happy that they are there, but they need to understand the history of the neighborhood.

Leslie Denbow questioned if the Council would allow them to offer only lunch outside.

Councilor Pomerleau said try whatever you want, but be careful.

Councilor Newbegin said if they didn't serve outside after dark, he didn't think there would be a problem.

Councilor Nesbitt agreed that keeping the outside dining to daylight hours was the right thing to do. He said that this is no longer Memory Lane this is Riffs. He said that we need to remember the past but not make it her past.

After a public hear without additional public or Council discussion the hearing was closed and the Council voted on the application.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

114-14 Application Submitted by Leslie Denbow dba Legacy located at 35 Blake Road for a New Special Amusement Permit [Sargent]

Cara Childs wanted to make sure that patrons were directed to turn left when leaving the parking lot.

Vice-chair Olson said that the Clerk had provided here with a copy of last year's order which she read aloud, which

included the following:

ORDERED that the licensee is required to supply on Friday and Saturday evenings one uniformed security officer in the parking lot all evening and one uniformed security officer in the parking lot at the entrance to Blake Road from 9:00 p.m. until one half-hour after close; to supply the same level of security for special events as supplied on Friday and Saturday evenings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the licensee will continue to work with neighbors and to ensure that signage prohibiting right turns onto Blake Road is placed at the exit of the parking lot, and

FURTHER ORDERED that live entertainment activities shall cease at midnight with the exception of December 31st. Vice-chair Olson questioned the applicant if she could abide by these restrictions.

Leslie Denbow said that she had no issues with these provisions. She further questioned the legality of the turn sign.

Town Manager, Gordon Billington said that it was private property and they can do what they want. The Town does not enforce traffic on private property.

Councilor Pomerleau questioned the 9 p.m. time mentioned in the order, he suggested that be changed to a later time, maybe 10 p.m. or 11 p.m.

Leslie Denbow said that the items all make sense, however, not a lot of people are leaving at 9 p.m.

Councilor Pomerleau said that someone should be in the parking lot at 9 p.m. directing traffic, then another person come on at 10 p.m. until 1 p.m.

Vice-chair questioned what their plans were for parking lot security.

Leslie Denbow explained that the music starts at 9 or 9:30 p.m. The person in the lot directs traffic to fill the lot and moves towards the street as the lot fills. She that she agrees with the time of 10 p.m.

Vice-chair Olson suggested wording that would allow the applicant to provide one security personnel in the lot and more if needed.

Councilor Pomerleau said that they needed to have one person all night, then an additional person for the last several hours, such as, ORDERED that the licensee is required to supply on Friday and Saturday evenings one uniformed security officer in the parking lot all evening and one uniformed security officer in the parking lot at the entrance to Blake Road from 10:30 p.m. until one half-hour after close; to supply the same level of security for special events as supplied on Friday and Saturday evenings; and

Moved by Blanck seconded by Nesbitt and voted to amend the order as follows:

ORDERED that the licensee is required to supply on Friday and Saturday evenings one uniformed security officer in the parking lot all evening and one uniformed security officer in the parking lot at the entrance to Blake Road from 10:30 p.m. until one half-hour after close; to supply the same level of security for special events as supplied on Friday and Saturday evenings; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the licensee will continue to work with neighbors and to ensure that signage prohibiting right turns onto Blake Road is placed at the exit of the parking lot, and

FURTHER ORDERED that live entertainment activities shall cease at midnight with the exception of December 31st. (Unanimous)

After a public hear without additional public or Council discussion the hearing was closed and the Council voted on the application.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

Vice-chair Olson wished her the best.

Informational Public Hearing for November 4, 2014 Special Town Meeting Referendum Election – Regarding Bonding for Standish Village Sidewalks and Steep Falls Village Sidewalks

The Clerk read aloud the referendum questioned regarding the sidewalks.

Carolyn Biegel said that she was there to support the sidewalk referendum. She said that normally it is very difficult to get funding from MDOT and that she was grateful they have continued to extend the sidewalk grant for Standish, because they see the need for our community. She recalled as a young mother living somewhat isolated in York Harbor how her lifeline was walking. She explained that she would walk every day; she started meeting her neighbors and soon were walking together. She went on to tell them that when she moved from York Harbor her landlord told her that he was instrumental in getting the town to construct the sidewalks. Her landlord told her that initially there was great opposition to the sidewalks. She said that astounded her because all she saw was a lot of traffic on the sidewalks. She said that if you fast-forward to Standish, walking on Blake Road is how she met a number of people. She said that sidewalks build community by having a visual connection with your neighbors. She went on to say that you'll see people walking once the sidewalks are built. She said if we want to support the community and built the businesses, please support the sidewalks.

William Orr of Kerri Farms Drive said at the last Council meeting there was a discrepancy as to the maintenance of the sidewalks. He said that Councilor Nesbitt had indicated that the sidewalks were seasonal, however, Mr. Billington had mentioned that there was a quote for winter maintenance. He asked for this referendum what will it be, seasonal or plowed.

Mr. Billington said that they are seasonal sidewalks. He said if the need arises, the matter will be revisited.

William Orr questioned if it would come back for a vote for any changes.

Vice-chair Olson explained that it would be a budgetary item which will be voted on at town meeting.

Walter Wasson of Manchester Road cited a recent report from the Public Works Director which suggested that additional funding be allocated for road repairs and maintenance. He then asked why sidewalks are taking precedence over the infrastructure of the roads. He said that we live in a bedroom community, kids don't walk to school and most people won't walk to the grocery store they're going to take their car. He then recounted what he recalled the manager stating that the sidewalk matter will be brought up as many times as needed until it passes.

Carol Billington of Chadbourne Road said that she supports the sidewalks and cited a number of matters that have gone before the voters a number of times, such as casinos and gay marriage. She said that the people that wanted these matters to move forward educated the voters and brought the matter forward again. She said that one vote represents the voters' at that time. To say that an item cannot be brought forward again, is to have a basic misunderstanding of the democratic process. She said that anyone that has said that Standish needs businesses, the single thing that she would say to them, is the starting place is sidewalks in our business centers. She said that Steep Falls once had sidewalks and that's what helped to create the community there. She said that Standish corner does not have that, but it has been designated the most likely place to encourage business growth. She said that the sidewalks will go a long way for safety and community. She encouraged all to vote in favor of sidewalks.

Cara Childs of Blake Road spoke in support of sidewalks for safety and building of the community.

Carolyn Biegel said that any time that the community pays .20 ¢ on the dollar for infrastructure, she expected the manager to bring it back again and again, and she applauded his efforts.

Vice-chair Olson said that there were grant subsidies with both of these projects.

Bob Cyr of SEDAG (Standish Economic Development Advisory Group) a group of business owners in the area that support the sidewalk initiative in Standish. He recalled a tragic accident years ago that involved some children crossing Route 35 in Standish Village which may have been prevented had there been sidewalks. He said that if it doesn't pass, he encouraged them to bring it back until it does.

Councilor Pomerleau explained that he lives in the Standish Corner area, so he know first-hand that the area's not safe. He cited that his wife, an avid bike rider, transports her bike to other locations to ride rather than riding on Route 35. He said that many businesses in Standish Village, like him, support sidewalks.

Councilor Blanck spoke in support of the Steep Falls sidewalk initiative. He said that Steep Falls is already a walking village. The new sidewalk will be on one side of Main Street (Route 11) to the bridge. MDOT will construct a sidewalk across the bridge. If the voters do not ratify the sidewalk plan in Steep Falls, we will be responsible for

\$60,000 because of the agreement with MDOT. He said that people walk along narrow Main Street to go to the river, often they walk into the road which is dangerous. He said that sidewalks would eliminate that danger.

Councilor Pomerleau agreed that Steep Falls was a walking village, many walks to the Post Office and variety store.

Councilor Blanck said that in the summer the ice cream store is packed with people that have walked there.

After a public hearing without additional public or Council discussion the hearing was closed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-chair Olson noted that excise tax revenues are coming in stronger than expected, she expressed that she was glad to see that the economy was picking up.

Councilor Newbegin explained that the Beach Committee met last week. He said that the Beach Committee submitted their plan to the Planning Board who will be having a site walk this Saturday. The site walk is open to the public.

Councilor Pomerleau said that Capital Improvements met and discussed the truck that will be purchased.

Councilor Pomerleau explained that this past Saturday was the Public Safety Fair. The fair was attended by approximately 120 kids with their parents. He said that there were a lot of give-a-ways and it was a very successful day.

Councilor Blanck noted that the Ordinance Committee did not meet in September. The next Ordinance Committee meeting will be next Tuesday.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent calendar items this month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Newbegin and voted to take this item off the table. (Unanimous)

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Newbegin and voted to indefinitely postpone this item. (Unanimous)

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]

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Pomerleau and voted to take this item off the table. (Unanimous)

Peter Biegel of Land Design Solutions said that he was there tonight with Yvonne Berry from St. Joseph's College. He explained that earlier today he had delivered to Roger Mosley the plans related to this road. Mr. Biegel said that Peter Tubbs and Roger Mosley inspected the road last week, Roger Mosley had indicated that there were some administrative items that needed attention, however, this process could move forward. Mr. Biegel noted that the length for Nicolas Drive should be 1,600 feet.

Vice-chair Olson confirmed that the paragraph regarding Shannon's Way should be deleted.

Mr. Biegel said that was correct.

Yonne Berry representing St. Joseph's College announced that they would like to defer any action on Shannon's Way at this time.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Nesbitt and voted to amend the order to delete the reference to Shannon's Way; and to accept Nicholas Drive for 1,600 feet. (Unanimous)

William Orr of Kerri Farms Road said that town should not accept roads as town ways, the developer should be

responsible for the road maintenance. Mary Chapman He said that the college could bear the cost of repairs and maintenance, it should not be put on the taxpayers. He encouraged the Council to vote against this

Vice-chair Olson explained that it is not unusual once a developer completes a project for them to request that the town take road over as a town way.

Councilor Nesbitt noted that St. Joseph's College was not the developer, they purchased the land from the original developer.

William Orr said that this was approved for the developer to build the road, and now it becomes the town's responsibility. He said that he didn't see the need for the town to take roads over.

Town Manager, Gordon Billington, clarified that the town's ordinances require that subdivision roads are built to town standards, then to be accepted as town roads. The town does not have provisions for private roads to be developed as subdivisions.

Councilor Pomerleau said that the memo regarding this was left on the desk before them tonight. He said that he didn't like to receive information such as this at the last minute.

Councilor Newbegin questioned the 1,600 foot acceptance of the road.

Peter Biegel said that 1,600 feet starts at Route 35.

There was some discussion from individuals in the back of the room questioning whether there would be additional public comment. Vice-chair Olson said that she had called for additional public comment and no-one came forward and they moved on to Council discussion on the topic. Councilor Newbegin questioned the further expansion of this road during a 5-year period.

Peter Biegel said that he was not aware of that, he was only here regarding the road acceptance.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 5 Yeas

100-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property – 82 Bonny Eagle Pond Road (Table at the 9/2/14 meeting due to a tie vote) [Spencer]

Moved Nesbitt seconded by Blanck to take this item off the table. (Unanimous)

Vice-chair Olson said that she is pleased to say that the taxes on this property have been paid. Mrs. Olson complemented the Finance staff for their work on this matter.

VOTE: 5 Nays. Blanck, Nesbitt, Newbegin, Olson and Pomerleau.

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 (First Reading) [Blanck]

Councilor Blanck said that this clarifies the form based code for Sebago Lake Village and brings architectural standards to the ordinance.

Moved seconded and voted to move this to public hearing at the November Council meeting. (Unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

115-14 Town Council Appoint of Ballot Clerks [Sargent]

VOTE: 5 Yeas

116-14 Change Date of Council Meeting in November to November 12TH [Sargent]

VOTE: 5

117-14 Endorse the Saint Joseph's College Request to Build a Crosswalks in the Vicinity of the College Entrance on White's Bridge Road [Sargent]

Vice-chair Olson explained that the plan calls for a crosswalk lit at night and appropriate signage.

Yvonne Berry of St. Joseph's College explained that activity on the farm has increased and the colleges marketing offices are located there, causing an increase of staff and student activity between the campus and the farm. They want to make the crossing between the locations as quick and safe as possible.

William Orr asked if the town would be paying for the lighting of the crosswalk.

Vice-chair Olson said that it would be paid for by the college.

William Orr questioned if they had considered an overhead crosswalk.

Vice-chair Olson said that would be a considerable expense for the college.

Peter Biegel said that they had not explored that, the sidewalk and crosswalk as proposed will be ADA accessible. He said that something over or under would be a challenge with the terrain.

Vice-chair Olson questioned if Manual for Uniform Traffic Control Devices was a state or national rule?

Peter Biegel said that it is the national rule for all traffic signage.

Vice-chair Olson said all things considered they have taken prudent steps. She said if something came forward where additional construction was needed, she was certain that they would investigate those possibilities.

Yvonne Berry explained that she previously had worked at colleges where overhead crossover pedestrian bridges were located. She said that they don't get used and they are hugely expensive. She said for St. Joseph's College that doesn't make sense, it wouldn't accomplish what they want which is safe efficient passage across the street.

Councilor Newbegin questioned the eight-foot walkway.

Peter Biegel said that the crosswalk is eight-foot and a six-foot walkway.

Councilor Newbegin stated that it's designed just for pedestrians not for golf carts or maintenance vehicles.

Peter Biegel said that it's designed for a crosswalk, he could not speak to it being used in other ways. He continued that it was not designed for motorized use, its primary purpose is for foot traffic.

Councilor Pomerleau said it was his opinion that a golf cart would cross at the crosswalk. He went on to say that he assumes that they cross frequently to mow and for maintenance.

Yvonne Berry said that they do, and said that nothing larger than a golf cart would cross there.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he was concerned about them crossing at the 40 MPH speed zone.

Peter Biegel said that there will be a flashing signal that will alert drivers.

Vice-chair Olson said that the reality is they are crossing now and this will make it safer.

Councilor Pomerleau said that they can hit the button and start walking, whereas before they had to stop and look both ways.

Yvonne Berry said what they are doing now is walking along the road, sometimes four-abreast.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he would support this, but he would like to see them put signage out 30-days ahead

of time to let motorists know about the change.

Peter Biegel said that they can work with Roger Mosley regarding the signs. He went on to say that there will be the blinking/flashing lights, the signage will be in keeping with the entrance of the college.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he assumed that when they activate the button they will wait until traffic stops before crossing. He then questioned the timing of the lights come on after the button is activated.

Peter Biegel said he would have to get back to them on that question.

William Orr suggested that additional indicators be installed to alert drivers that the crosswalk is in use.

Councilor Pomerleau questioned if the brush along the sidewalk will be cleaned-up.

Peter Biegel said that the college is working on that. He said that the sight distance as measured today is 700-feet towards Windham and 500-feet headed towards the curve.

Councilor Newbegin asked if the flashing lights would be right at the crosswalk or further back.

Peter Biegel said that technically they are supposed to be at the right at the crosswalk. He said that as Mr. Orr suggested something at the curve may be appropriate too.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

118-14 Emergency Amendment to 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]

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

Vice-chair Olson explained that this is an annual update to the General Assistance Ordinance.

VOTE: 5 Yeas

119-14 Amendment to 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]

Vice-chair Olson said this brings the ordinance through our regular legislative process.

Moved seconded and voted to move this item to First Reading at the November meeting of the Council.
(Unanimous)

120-14 Waive No-Parking Restriction on Saco Road for Annual Craft Fair Held by the Trustees of the Old Red Church [Sargent]

Vice-chair Olson explained that the no-parking restriction will be waived during this fundraiser.

Councilor Pomerleau questioned if this was necessary will all the parking available at the school.

It was noted that this provision is still needed due to the large crowd.

Moved by Blanck seconded by Pomerleau and voted to bundle the next six orders to collectively vote on them.
(Unanimous)

The orders were read by title only.

121-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim

Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Property – Cady [Spencer]

122-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Property – Cady [Spencer]

123-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Property - Libby [Spencer]

124-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Property - Sands [Spencer]

125-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Property - Stockwell [Spencer]

126-14 Authorize Sale of Tax Acquired Property to Previous Owner and Authorize Finance Director to Issue Quit Claim Deeds on Previously Tax Acquired Property – Trotsky [Spencer]

VOTE ON ORDERS 121-14 THROUGH 126-14: 5 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Pam Slattery-Thomas of Thomas Road said that she'd like to make some comments and corrections to the minutes from the September meeting. She said the first one was on page three. She noted that she'd like the sixth sentence to read:

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that she understands the hard decisions that ~~they~~ the Council have to make.

The Clerk noted that she did say the work they. The Clerk went on to say that she was uncomfortable with a member of the public critiquing the minutes.

Councilor Pomerleau said that she could continue to comment by they don't have to answer her.

Pam Slattery-Thomas continued to cite the sentence: 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 enough in her opinion.

In addition the minutes reflected this sentence: She said that it was her opinion that sports and athletics do harm to a child's confidence. She said how it should have read is: She said that it was her opinion that sports and athletics can sometimes do harm to a some child's confidence.

She noted on page 7 she wanted it to be clear to the public that when she said that The Lady doth protest too much, she was in no way referring to Mrs. Morton. She explained that she was addressing it to a few members of the Council. She said that was her intent, she said that the quote The Lady doth protest too much is a general quote for a Shakespearian play. She said that it refers to the fact when a person male or female overreacts to a situation or other person, may be more revealing about him or herself than the other person or situation. She said in a way its creating a distraction. She said the biggest point is she want you to understand that she was not referring to anyone in the audience. She said that she hoped that could be clarified in some way. She said that she watched the meeting tape and could see how it was misunderstood. She said that she hadn't really thought out her comments and how they came across. She said she also felt that that she was being screamed at from Councilor Olson, she should have been allowed the respect and opportunity to clarify and to open a dialog perhaps. She said that opportunity wasn't offer to her, the knee-jerk reaction, and Councilor Sargent cut her off from being able to explain further. She said that she wanted that clarified as well.

Vice-chair Olson said that as noted on the last page it states that the minutes are not verbatim and the tape of the meeting is available for viewing. Vice-chair Olson continued to say that it's difficult to come up to the podium and speak and that Mrs. Slattery-Thomas was one of the people that came up to participate and that was very good. She went on to say that it was unfortunate that her words didn't come through as she now had explained.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that she would like to be asked to clarify at the time rather than being ...

Vice-chair Olson said that the Chair moved the meeting on at that time.

Pam Slattery-Thomas said that at that time rather than reacting to her, she should have questioned if she

understood her correctly.

Vice-chair Olson thanked her for her comments.

William Orr asked Councilor Olson about her position at St. Joseph's College.

Vice-chair Olson said that she was formerly an employee and recently retired. She said so she is familiar with the road.

William Orr said that he too was familiar with the road since he once lived there and travelled on it daily. He went on to say that Mr. Billington said that the town is obliged to take a road over from a developer. He said that he didn't believe that was correct. It was his opinion that the roads weren't even built to the town code. Secondly, there was no obligation for the town to take a non-sound road. He said that the taxpayers of Standish shouldn't be subsidize the developers. He said that the roads shouldn't be accepted until fully built out and then they should be examined by a qualified engineer, not Roger, to see what needs to be done before it's accepted.

Mr. Billington explained that the town uses a third-party engineer at the developer's expense to confirm that road is built to town standards.

William Orr questioned if that information was available for public inspection.

Mr. Billington said that it was.

Vice-Chair Olson said that it has come to her attention from three individual's during the time the petitions regarding the charter amend were being circulated, it was being done because she was a bad councilor in Gray and was run out of town. The fact was that she downsized her home and moved to Standish the town where she was working.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary

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