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Town Council Meeting Minutes 4/14/2015

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[Carol Biegel Handout April 14 2015.pdf / Adobe Acrobat Document](#)

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**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015
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, Olson, Pomerleau, Sargent and Spencer.

Councilor Newbegin was excused.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Councilor Blanck noted in regards to the March 10 minutes, on page 1, the word Eater should be replaced with the word Easter. Councilor Olson noted on page 2 the following should be added: ... a bill was introduced from the legislature

Moved by Sargent seconded by Nesbitt and voted to amend the minutes as noted. (Unanimous) As amended the minutes from the March 10 and 24th meetings were accepted by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

At this time Councilor Pomerleau asked that the Department Head presentation is done prior to the MSAD 6 presentation since Dan Hill has a distance to drive home.

Mr. Billington spoke on the following items:

- The Steep Falls sidewalk engineering is near completion; the bid process should be initiated soon for the construction of the project. At a workshop area residents brought forward changes including a mid-street crossing, this recommendation has been forwarded to MDOT for consideration, a mid-street crossing is not normally considered.
- Camp Sunnydale has submitted an application to the Planning Board for an event center. This facility has held weddings for the past few summers without Planning Board approval.
- It was hoped that the Market Basket would be bringing a store to Standish, however, notice was received that Windham was selected as their new location.
- The February blizzard was deemed an emergency snow event by FEMA which will provide approximately \$13,000 in reimbursement from the federal government for costs related to the storm.
- Now through June 30 brush disposal will be free at the transfer station.

- Through traffic on Mosley Road will be closed within the next few weeks to allow for the repair to the bridge.
- Tomorrow the Education Committee of the State Legislature will hear LD 1082 which relates to the school funding formula. This was brought forward on behalf of Frye Island, although the Town of Standish stands to gain if this moves forward, the overall school district would suffer. An ought not pass vote is expected regarding this LD.

Departmental Report – Dan Hill, Code Enforcement Officer explained that since hours were rolled back to a four day week his work continues to pick up in activity. Since January of 2013 there hasn't been a month where he hasn't issued a permit for a home. He thanked Councilor's Spencer and Pomerleau for their work on the Council.

Mr. Billington said that each year the town holds the Summer Spectacular and this evening the Committee is here to provide update.

Jeanine Dalton representing the Standish Summer Spectacular Committee announced that their planning for this year's events are well underway. This year's theme is It Take a Village with certain event proceeds going to Standish and Steep Falls PTO's. Jeanine Dalton highlighted this year's events and announced that applications are being accepted for the Grand Marshal through April 30.

Mr. Billington said that this event brings a strong sense of community to Standish.

MSAD # 6 Budget Presentation – MSAD 6 Superintendent Frank Sherburne and Business Manager, William Brockman were introduced to present this year's school budget. Mr. Sherburne acknowledged the Council Resolution regarding LD 1082 noting that that you are helping your neighbors. He explained that there was good news and unknowns regarding the budget based on Augusta. His presentation entailed reading a several page presentation that is filed at the end of these minutes. He said that the budget will be presented to the board, then on to the voters, noting that final numbers from Augusta sometimes don't get presented until September. He said that it is anticipated that the District's budget will increase this year by approximately 4.8%.

Councilor Blanck questioned the 4.8% increase shown on slide 22, was that for each town or the entire district.

William Brockman said that the 4.8 % is a projection based on the items at the legislature coming-in in our favor. He went on to say that would be the average increase for the five towns.

Councilor Pomerleau questioned when would they have firm budget numbers.

William Brockman said they don't know, but at some point they have to come forward with budgetary numbers.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he'd like them to return when the final numbers are available.

Chair Sargent thanked them for their presentation and went on to say that they have to prepare a budget without knowing how many students will be attending, until a date in September, which makes it difficult.

Superintendent Sherburne announced that only about one hundred children have registered for kindergarten. He encouraged families with young children to get to the school and register their kindergarten student as soon as possible.

Budget Committee Presentation - Jane Cirone, Budget Committee Chair thanked Scott, Steve, Phil and Gordy for attending their meetings to answer questions. She went on to review the Budget Committee's recommendations by explaining the changes to any affected departments.

Councilor Olson asked if she knew what the net change to the budget would be, the \$9,000 change in the Recreation budget was hard to follow.

Finance Director, Scott Gesualdi said that it would make an increase in taxes that are to be raised. He said that capital items are off-set with revenues, if it's a budget item it would be an increase.

Councilor Pomerleau asked Scott if that he was suggesting to leave it where it is.

Scott Gesualdi said that the monies include re-sodding of the fields and our auditor defines an expenditure of over

\$5,000 a capital expenditure.

Councilor Nesbitt said that his opinion was that we shouldn't be bonding maintenance items.

Chair Sargent asked if they wanted to review the recommendations now.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that it made sense to review the Budget Committees recommendations at this time.

Moved Nesbitt seconded by Olson and voted to take order 30-15 at this time. (Unanimous)

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Nesbitt and voted to amend the Code Enforcement budget as follows:

Reduce Fuels & Lubricants by \$500. (Unanimous)

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Nesbitt and voted to amend the General Administration budget as follows:

Reduce Training by \$300,
Reduce Advertising by \$750,
Reduce Town Report Printing by \$150. (Unanimous)

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

Reduce Training by \$250. (Unanimous)

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Blanck and voted to amend the Solid Waste budget as follows:

Reduce Special Waste by \$10,000. (Unanimous)

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

Increase donation to Schoolhouse to \$2,000
Increase donation to Leavitt Mills by \$100. (Unanimous)

Moved by Olson seconded by Pomerleau to amend the Snow Plowing Budget as follows:

Increase Snow Plowing line by \$9,663. (Unanimous)

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas

PUBLIC HEARINGS

24-15 Application Submitted by Michael Baptista and Elaine Baptista Burnham dba Acres of Wildlife Campground located at 60 Acres of Wildlife Road for Renewal of a Malt, Spirituous and Vinous Campground License [Sargent]

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

VOTE: 6 Yeas

25-15 Application Submitted by Leslie Denbow dba Riff's Cafe & Club located at 35 Blake Road for a new Pool Room License [Sargent]

The Clerk explained that the applicant had filed a written notice to withdraw the application for this pool room.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Nesbitt and voted to indefinitely postpone this order. (Unanimous)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Nesbit said that there was no new information for the Beach Committee so it was cancelled this month. He announced that there will be a meeting next month regardless if there is new information to present or not.

Town Manager, Gordon Billington disclosed that the town submitted an application to DEP regarding the beach project, the application was rejected due to the absence of signed deeds from property owners. Since then, we have received confirmation from the property owners in question, so the process can move forward.

Councilor Olson said that Finance Committee met yesterday and the town's finances are in good order. Councilor Olson explained that the Economic Development Advisory Group met at Maine Street Grill. The committee

has switched their meetings to evenings, the next meeting will be held on May 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Biegel Steeves and Ridge Law Firm's conference room.

Councilor Blanck said that the Ordinance Committee continues to work on the Steep Falls Village Master Plan.

Councilor Pomerleau said that the Public Safety Committee met and plan to hold a dedication ceremony for the bridge in Steep Falls.

Councilor Pomerleau explained that the Capital Improvements Committee met to review bids that had been received on snow plowing contracts. Later on the agenda there is a council order regarding this matter.

Route 113 Corridor Committee member, Louis Stack, explained that the Committee will be doing their annual clean-up day on May 2 beginning at 7 am at the former Inlet Restaurant. It was requested that an ad be put in the paper to get more people involved in the clean-up day.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Clerk noted that Consent Calendar items are read by title only and voted on collectively.

26-15 Appointment of Ballot/Election Clerks and Election Warden for the June 9, 2015 Elections [Sargent]

27-15 Establish Hours for Voter Registration Prior to the June 9, 2015 Elections [Sargent]

28-15 Waive No Parking Restriction on Saco Road for Bonny Eagle Car Show [Sargent]

VOTE ON CONSENT CALENDAR: 5 Yeas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17-15 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Multiple Sections, Regarding the Regulation of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Cultivation Facilities (First Reading) [Blanck]

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

Councilor Blanck explained that the town is being proactive in bringing this ordinance forward. This will regulate where they can be located, hours of operation and security requirements for the facility.

Pamela Slattery-Thomas asked why the town was regulating the location of this type of legal facility.

Councilor Blanck responded that medical marijuana use is legal, recreation use is not. He said that it's legal, however, many people are unhappy with the idea.

Pamela Slattery-Thomas suggested that the town offers educational information regarding the difference between medical and recreational marijuana. She continued to question why the town was regulating where the facilities could be located, since it is legal.

Gordon Billington said that facilities can also cultivate medical marijuana. He said that a strong odor comes off the plants in the growing process, which can be a nuisance to abutters. He said that the ordinance was a model used by other municipalities.

Moved seconded and vote to move this ordinance to public hearing at May meeting of the Town Council.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

18-15 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Multiple Sections, Regarding Minimum Lot Size without Public Water (First Reading) [Blanck]

Moved by Olson seconded by Blanck and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance amendment.

(Unanimous)

Councilor Blanck said that this is a housekeeping matter that addresses public water in the Village Center District.

Councilor Nesbitt explained that this is a temporary measure for Steep Falls Village during the process to implement the Steep Falls Village Plan.

Moved seconded and vote to move this ordinance to public hearing at May meeting of the Town Council.

VOTE: 6 Yeas
NEW BUSINESS

29-15 Resolution Establishing June 25th, 26th and 27th as the "Standish Summer Spectacular" Weekend [Town Council]

Chair Sargent mentioned that earlier we heard a presentation from the committee, he encouraged the public to attend this event.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

31-15 Application Submitted by Fun and Learning for Kids for a License to Operate Beano Games at Acres of Wildlife Campground [Sargent]

Chair Sargent asked if this was a renewal application.

The Clerk explained that this is the first-time the applicant has applied for this type of event.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

32-15 Award Bid and Authorize Snow Plowing Contract – Route 1 [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau announced that this was the lowest bidder and this company has done this route for years.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

33-15 Award Bid and Authorize Snow Plowing Contract – Route 2 [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau explained that this award is to the low bidder. Roger Mosely visited their facility and trusts that they will be able to provide the service. He commented that one of the bids came in over \$100,000.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

34-15 Resolution Proclaiming May 16, 2015 as Blue Star Salute Day [Town Council]

Louis Stack, past Commander of the American Legion thanked Council for supporting this resolution. He invited all to attend the events of the day, rain or shine.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

35-15 Amendment to Town Council Rules of Procedure [Sargent]

Moved by Blanck seconded by Olson and voted to remove the word with two times. (Unanimous)

The Clerk noted that as provided under the Rules of Procedure this amendment is laid on the table until the next meeting where it becomes the first item of unfinished business.

36-15 Call for Annual Municipal Election, Place Referendum Questions on Ballot, Authorize Warrant and call for Public Hearing for the June 9, 2015 Annual Municipal Election [Sargent]

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

Councilor Nesbitt said that he sees the beach project as a separate question and would like to have it broken out as its own question.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Blanck and voted to amend the order and warrant to create a separate question for

the beach project.

Councilor Olson questioned if we have the new numbers for the questions.

Finance Director, Scott Gesualdi said that he did not have that information in front of him.

There was discussion regarding the new wording and funding for the questions.

Moved by Olson seconded by Blanck and voted to amend the order and warrant to create a separate question for the beach project. (Unanimous)

Mr. Billington said that administratively the corrections will be made and reviewed by the bond counsel.

The Clerk noted that since there is a change to this document, the Council will need to stop by the office and sign the new warrant once it's created.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Carol Biegel of Ossipee Trail East passed out a hand-out regarding MSAD 6. She went on to voice her concerns regarding the testing results of students at the middle school level. She urged the public to pay attention to this and move forward in an informed way. A copy of her hand-out is filed at the end of these minutes.

Councilor Pomerleau asked for an update regarding the Route 25 Bridge at the Standish/Limington town line.

Public Works Director, Roger Mosley said that the state is doing a re-decking project that is scheduled to be completed by June 21.

Louis Stack representing American Legion Post 128 announced that the Post will be holding a toll road on Moody Road on May 2nd and 3Rd.

Louis Stack suggested that they reduce the amount in the budget for group health insurance. He said that the amount that we're paying is less than the amount in the budget line. He asked them to look at this matter.

Gordon Billington said that at the April 28 Council Workshop there will be a presentation regarding the establishment of a rod and gun club in the Town of Standish.

Jane Cirone referred to her notes and announced that the MSAD 6 Budget Hearing would be May 28 at 7 pm at BEMS.

Chair Sargent said that there will be a BAC meeting Thursday night.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

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Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary