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Special Town Council Meeting Minutes 6/16/2012

MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 16, 2012 – STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER BEGINNING AFTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WHICH BEGINS AT 9:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 9:16 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Manager, Gordon Billington presented the outgoing Chair Olson with a plaque of appreciation for serving as Council Chair this year.

Newly elected Town Councilor's Philip Pomerleau and Margaret Spencer were duly sworn into office before Mary Chapman, Town Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Blanck, Olson, Pomerleau, Sargent, Spencer and Stack. Councilor Thompson was excused.

The Town Clerk called for nominations for Council Chair. Moved by Olson seconded by Blanck and voted to nominate Margaret Spencer. Mrs. Spencer was elected as Council Chair by unanimous consent.

Councilor Spencer took the Chair and called for nominations for Vice-chair. Moved by Councilor Sargent seconded by Olson to nominate Michael Blanck as Vice-chair. Mr. Blanck was elected as Council Vice-chair by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

64-12 Adopt Standish Town Council Rules of Procedure [Town Council]

VOTE: 6 Yeas

65-12 Authorize Town Council to Accept Donations [Olson]

VOTE: 6 Yeas

66-12 Authorize Warrant for Special Town Meeting [Spencer]

Gordon Billington explained that this is a procedural item needed since these two departments will go over their allotted budgets.

VOTE: 6 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Chair Spencer said that this upcoming Tuesday the Planning Board, Ordinance Committee, Council and interested members of the public can come at 7:00 p.m. to hear Kara Wilber speak about the codes.

Chair Spencer also reminded people to donate their bottle and cans to the Bottle for Fuel Program.

House Representative 103 Mike McClellan, explained the area that District 103 covers and highlighted his involvement in his hometown of Raymond. He noted that his platform was to make government more accessible

and to listen to the people. He said that he'd like to think in the last two years since he's been in office that government is turning around and realizing that it's the peoples money and that they deserve to be treated fairly.

Carolyn Biegel of Ossipee Trail East expressed her sadness with the vote on Tuesday. She thought that might have been a reflection of the community not realizing the impact of the vote. She implored the Council to help the citizens understand the events that are taking place.

Mr. Billington said that the sidewalks that were proposed to go into the Standish Village area were the culmination of many years of planning in the town. He said that he attends that many meetings around the state and economic development is best developed when you improve your quality of place. He said that sidewalks are one of the things that showcase your downtown. He said that the too was sorry that that failed.

Councilor Olson reminded the audience that the Summer Spectacular starts next Thursday.

Councilor Sargent said that at this election majority ruled, unfortunately less than one-thousand people voted. He urged that people get out and vote.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Capital Improvements Committee eliminated \$860,000 in road repairs, to keep taxes down. He explained that they choose to move forward with three projects, the town garage, the by-pass and the sidewalks. He went on to say that the sidewalk project was a \$480,000 grant. He said that he knows how the people voted, but he has no idea how they can work such a process, go through the Council budget process, no one called to say there was a problem with the Capital Plan. He said that now we're in a position if we don't bring them back we're behind, next year. He said that the projects were good projects. He said that his chin hit the floor when he learned that they were defeated. He said that no where through the process did the Capital Improvements Committee feel that they were not brining good projects forward. He apologized for not being active in bringing these referendums forward.

Councilor Sargent said at the Finance Committee meeting Councilor Stack brought to their attention that by defeating the referendums the voters saved .08 cents on the mil rate. Yes, they defeated these issues, but the savings to the town is minimal this year. He went on to say that things that we defer this year will come next year along with additional items. He said you pay it now or you pay later, but you can't borrow money any cheaper than you can at the historic lows right now.

Councilor Blanck noted that the kick-off for the Standish Spectacular will be this Thursday at the Boat Launch. The launch will close at 4 p.m. on that day. In addition, on Saturday, Route 25 will be shut down in the vicinity of Blake Road at 10 a.m., at approximately 10:15 a.m. the intersection of Routes 25 and 35 will be shut down for approximately one-hour while the parade passes.

Councilor Stack announced on a personal note, his father Arthur Stack passed away ten-years ago. He explained that his father served as a fire warden during the 1950's, he was part of the process to purchase the first fire truck that served Sebago Lake Village and he would have been 100 years old today.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (S)

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Sargent seconded by Blanck and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary

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