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Special Town Council Meeting Minutes 3/25/2014

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2014
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL Six present, Thompson excused

NEW BUSINESS

32-14 Forward Fiscal Year 2015 Municipal Budget to Budget Committee [Blanck]

Councilor Blanck introduced the order with the comment that we would be considering two revisions and asked Mr. Billington to talk to the proposed changes.

Mr. Billington said the first proposal was to add a \$10 per business meeting stipend to Planning Salaries for Planning Board members. The second was to add \$2,100 to Public Safety Contractual to participate in a Metro Coalition regional study of Fire/EMS services seeking efficiencies.

It was moved by Spencer, second by Sargent, to amend the budget to add a Planning Board member stipend of \$10 per business meeting.

Councilor Olson expressed concerns over a precedent considering the many other boards and committees.

Councilor Pomerleau commented that it was about time and the stipend should be \$200 total reflecting that Planning Board members attend many meetings in addition to the business meetings to include site walks and workshops. He pointed out they are an elected board and not an appointed committee.
He moved to amend the amendment to increase the stipend to \$200.

All agreed.

Unanimous vote of approval for the amendment to add a \$200 member stipend to Planning Salaries for a total of \$1,400.

Moved by Sargent, second by Spencer, to add \$2,100 to Public Safety contractual for participation in the Fire/EMS study.

Discussion ensued that we had little in common with the metro municipalities and councilors felt they like the present Fire/EMS so don't mess with it.

Unanimous vote in opposition of the amendment.

Councilor Blanck called for a vote on the main motion as amended.

Four yes, two no (Olson and Stack)

After discussion Councilor Olson indicated she did not realize she was voting on the main motion. Councilor Sargent agreed to ask for a motion for reconsideration. Unanimous concurrence.

Vote to reconsider. Six yes

Second vote on Order 32-14. Six yes

PUBLIC ITEMS none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilor Blanck reminded the Council of the upcoming meeting with the School Board.

Mr. Billington announced that the Steep Falls Bridge would be closed on or about May 1st and would not be reopened until November. He also announced that work on the Oak Hill Road realignment project is scheduled to commence on April 7th.

ADJOURN at 7:35 PM

Submitted by G. Billington