

## Special Town Council Meeting Minutes 6/13/2015

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**MINUTES  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2015 – STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER  
BEGINNING AFTER ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WHICH BEGINS AT 9:00 AM**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Town Clerk, Mary Chapman called the newly elected Town Councilors to the podium and administered the oath of office to Isabel Higgins – Town Councilor Area 1, Lester Ordway – Town Councilor At Large; and Kimberly Pomerleau – Town Councilor At Large.

### **ROLL CALL**

The Town Clerk called for nominations for Council Chair. Moved by Sargent and seconded to nominate Lynn Olson as Council Chair. The Town Clerk called for additional nominations. Moved by Higgins to nominate John Sargent for Council Chair. The Town Clerk announced that Mr. Sargent would not be eligible to serve as Chair in the same term.

Moved by Higgins to nominate Michael Blanck as Council Chair. Mr. Blanck respectfully declined the nomination.

Moved by Blanck seconded by Sargent and voted for nominations to cease. (Unanimous) The Town Clerk called for vote for Lynn Olson as Council Chair. 5 Yeas – Nay, Higgins

Chair Olson took the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Moved by Sargent seconded by Ordway to nominate Michael Blanck for Vice-Chair. Chair Olson called for additional nominations, there were no additional nominations. Chair Olson called for the vote for Michael Blanck as Vice-Chair. 6 Yeas

Chair Olson noted that a vacancy exists on the Council, those interested in serving should obtain an application early next week.

Chair Olson presented a plaque to Philip Pomerleau for his years of service to the Town of Standish. Chair Olson thanked John Sargent for serving as Council Chair and he was presented with a plaque. John Sargent thanked his fellow Councilors for their support during the past year. He thanked the voters who turned out at the elections – that's what makes democracy good and Standish great.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (S)**

Moved by Olson and seconded to move into an Executive Session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A). The Town Manager and Jen DeRice will join the Council in the Executive Session. (Unanimous)

Louis Stack of Whites Bridge Road asked when they will fill the vacant Council Seat.

Chair Olson noted that they hope to fill it by the next Council meeting or the June workshop, so interested persons should submit an application. She said that a Special Council meeting may be called at the workshop date.

At this time Chair Olson called for the vote to move into Executive Session. (Unanimous)

Moved by Sargent Seconded by Blanck to arise from the Executive Session. The Council arose from the Executive Session at 10:40 a.m. by unanimous consent and continued the remainder of the Special Meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**50-15 Confirmation of Town Manager's Appointment of the Recreation Director [Sargent]**

Town Manager, Gordon Billington explained that Jen DeRice come to us from Cape Elizabeth. She comes to us with 20-years of experience in Recreation and with glowing recommendations.

There were no public or Council comments on this order.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

Jen DeRice thanked them and said that she was looking forward to meeting everybody.

**51-15 Adopt Standish Town Council Rules of Procedure [Town Council]**

Chair Olson said that this was standard procedure to adopt the Rules of Procedure with the newly seated Council.

Alta Harding encouraged them to consider amending the 5-minute rule for speakers addressing the Council. She suggested that sometimes speakers may need additional time.

Councilor Higgins voiced her concern that the Rules of Procedure don't allow a dialog between the Councilors and members of the public during the meeting.

There were no additional public or Council comments on this order.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**52-15 Authorize Town Council to Accept Donations [Sargent]**

Chair Olson said that this is an annual housekeeping order.

There were no public or Council comments on this order.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**53-15 Utility Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company – Cape Road [Sargent]**

Chair Olson said that this is a standard order, the location has been inspected by the Public Works Director.

Alta Harding said that she has concerns with spraying around the lines, she suggested that CMP shorten the time between trimming alleviate the need for spraying.

There were no additional public or Council comments on this order.

**VOTE: 6 Yeas**

**54-15 Town Council Chair Announcement of Council Appointments Committee Members [Sargent]**

Chair Olson said that she will be asking that Councilors submit their preference for standing committees. Chair Olson noted that we do want to move forward to fill the Council vacancy, so she would fill the seats on the Appointments Committee to allow the committee to review pending applications.

Councilor Higgins asked if it was possible to delay this order until they get their feet under themselves.

Chair Olson said that it is important that the Appointments Committee is able to convene a meeting to review applications, this step needs to be taken.

There were no additional public or Council comments on this order.

**VOTE: 5 Yeas – 1 Nay, Higgins**

**PUBLIC ITEMS**

Steve Nesbitt a member of the Beach Committee noted that the committee will meet next Monday, at the Portland Water District headquarters in Portland. The committee continues to review the lease with the Water District, management plan and proposed lease with the boating club. He said that would request to be on the workshop agenda to present the committee's findings to the Council.

Chair Olson said that she looks forward to the workshop presentation.

Daniel Kasprzyk thanked all the newly elected officials for their service. He reminded the audience that people are welcome to attend the Standish Watchdog meetings which are held Thursdays at Maine Street Grill.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (S)**

An additional Executive Session was not needed at this meeting.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Sargent seconded by Higgins and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: s/Mary Chapman  
Clerk/secretary