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Special Town Council Meeting Minutes 8/25/2015

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**SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Olson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Higgins, Nesbitt, Olson, Ordway, Pomerleau and Sargent.

Councilor Blanck was excused.

NEW BUSINESS

**75-15 Petition the Governor of Maine to Fill the Vacant Seat in the Maine House of Representatives
Caused by Mike Shaw's Resignation [Olson]**

The Order was introduced by Councilor Olson who called for public comment.

Phil Pomerleau discussed the process for clean election funds and suggested that calling for an election in November might be too short a process time to allow a candidate to run a normal campaign.

Mr. Billington read the statutory guidelines calling for the Governor to notify the political parties of the vacancy and calling for them to provide one nominee each. Unenrolled candidates would follow the normal petition process to get on the ballot. The Special Election does not follow the normal process for a primary election followed by a general election.

Alta Harding, representing the Green Party, said she supports this Special Election.

John Sargent pointed out that this was only for the remaining year on Mike Shaw's term.

Lester Ordway indicated Special Elections do not qualify for clean election funds.

All public commentators praised Mike Shaw for his support of Standish.

Order passed unanimously.

PUBLIC ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____

Clerk/Secretary