

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2016
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

The minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Departmental Report – Town Clerk, Mary Chapman, provided a report that highlighted equipment that will be used at the upcoming election, the absentee ballot process, and the new law regarding the placement of signage in the road right-of-way.

Gordon Billington spoke on the following topics:

- Call volume is up in the Public Safety Department – up over 200 calls compared to last year at this time.
- The Public Safety Fair will be held this Saturday from 10am – 1pm.
- The Planning Board is reviewing an application submitted by Acres of Wildlife Campground for an expansion to their facility. During the process it has been discovered that the facility has gone forward with construction beyond their current authorization. A site walk is scheduled for this Saturday. He suggested that the Campground may approach the Town for consideration of a contract zone agreement to remedy the matter. Council action will be needed in the future on this matter.
- The Public Works Department has finished paving projects for this year. He applauded their efforts.

Chair Nesbitt noted that Planning Board Chair Brian Libby has invited the Council to attend the site walk beginning at 9 am. He announced that this is a time conflict with the Safety Fair, however, those able to attend are welcome. He explained that the solution to this matter may be a contract zone which would take Town Council action.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No scheduled hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appointments Committee - Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Appointments Committee held a meeting this evening and they will be bringing an appointment forward on this agenda.

Public Safety Committee – Councilor Pomerleau explained the Public Safety Committee met last night to put the finishing touches on give-a-ways for the fair.

Ordinance Committee – Councilor Blanck reported that the Ordinance Committee continues to work on the Form Based Code amendments. These amendments will be presented to the entire Council for review in the future. This month’s meeting has been moved to Wednesday, October 26 at 7 pm.

Capital Improvements Committee – Councilor Sargent stated that they have two items regarding bids on the agenda tonight.

Finance Committee – Council Nesbitt advised them that the Finance Committee met today and revenues and expenditures are where they should be. The tax bills were mailed out and we’re starting to see tax payments coming in. The Town did issue the TAN to help with our expenses until all the tax payments are received.

PWD Steering Committee - Councilor Higgins explained that the PWD Steering Committee will start meeting again, future agenda items will include the rebuild of Route 35/237 area.

Recycling Committee – Councilor Higgins noted that the committee is looking for members. Recycling numbers look good. She reminded members of the public that the Bottles for Fuel Committee continues to accept donations.

Economic Development Committee – Councilor Sirpis recounted that the Committee met last month and discussed broadband service. He noted that one resident contacted him regarding this matter. The Committee is still looking for feedback on this matter.

Frye Island Cost Sharing Group – Councilor Sirpis noted that next week that he and Councilor Delcourt will attend the second meeting at MSAD#6 on this issue.

CONSENT CALENDAR

No consent items on this agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

102-16 Amendment to the Standish Town Code, Chapter 151, General Assistance Ordinance, Adopt Updated Tables for the Maximum Levels of Assistance as provided as Provided by the Maine Municipal Association (First Reading) [Nesbitt]

Moved by Sargent seconded by Sirpis and voted to dispense with the Clerk’s reading of the ordinance. (Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt explained that this is an annual update so that recipients will receive the updated amounts.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Councilor Higgins thought that it was interesting in these materials Standish is listed as a metropolitan area rather than a rural area.

After this discussion this amendment moved to Public Hearing at the November 1 Town Council Meeting by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

103-16 Change Date of Regular Council Meeting in November to November 1 [Nesbitt]

Chair Nesbitt noted that this is needed due to Election Day falling on the meeting date.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion. There was none.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

104-16 Waive No-Parking Restriction on Saco Road for the Annual Craft Fair held by the Trustees of the Old Red Church [Nesbitt]

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Chair Nesbitt questioned that this was being held at the high school and there wasn't enough parking?

Councilor Higgins noted that this is a huge event and the additional parking is needed. She explained that it's one of the biggest craft fairs around.

Councilor Sargent noted that there are many items at good prices.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

105-16 Award Bid and Authorize Contract for Purchase of Winter Sand [Sargent]

Councilor Sargent explained that CIP met on the 4th at which time they reviewed the five bids. The Committee selected Shaw Earthworks the low bidder at \$7.40 per cubic yard. He noted that a sieve analysis was not done, however, Roger Mosley had inspected the materials and is pleased with the materials.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Councilor Higgins questioned what is the sieve analysis.

Councilor Sargent explained that it is relating to the size of the material.

Moved by Sargent seconded by Blanck and voted to amend the order by adding the name of Shaw Earthworks at a cost of \$7.40 per cubic yard.

Councilor Sirpis questioned what is the total cost.

Councilor Sargent said that it won't go beyond budgeted amount.

Moved by Sargent seconded by Blanck and voted to amend the order by adding the name of Shaw Earthworks at a cost of \$7.40 per cubic yard. (Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion. There was none.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

106-16 Award Bid and Authorize Contract for Purchase of a Fire Truck [Sargent]

Councilor Sargent explained that it was decided to go with Pierce Manufacturing of Casco at an amount not to exceed \$390,912. If you look at the backup materials this is amount is higher than the other bidder, however, this truck is on a better frame, electrical wires are in conduit and 25-year life is expected.

William Orr asked that the amount of the truck be repeated.

Chair Nesbitt said \$390,912.

Councilor Sargent said that this is \$10,000 under what was budgeted.

Councilor Blanck noted that Chief Caron has expressed to them that one of the biggest maintenance items is the repair of electrical cables on the fire department vehicles. He said that with this truck we're paying a little more upfront but will have fewer maintenance costs on the electrical system.

Chair Nesbitt questioned how this truck relates to our current fleet in regards to swapping equipment.

Chief Caron explained that the pump is the same model as is on our other trucks. He said that the truck is designed to bring water to a fire, it doesn't carry many passengers. This 2,000 gallon unit will replace a truck with 1,000 gallon capacity.

Moved by Sargent seconded by Blanck to amend the order by adding the name of Pierce Manufacturing of Casco at a cost not to exceed \$390,912. (Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Councilor Higgins noted that it was nice to have a local vendor.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

107-16 Establish that the Pledge of Allegiance is recited at Town Council Meetings and Workshops [Sirpis]

Councilor Sirpis noted that he would like to have them recite the Pledge of Allegiance at all Council meetings and workshops. He hoped that they would support this.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Chair Nesbitt voiced his opinion that the Chair of the meeting should dictate the Pledge being recited. He didn't think that a formal proceeding at an informal gathering was necessary.

Councilor Sirpis respects his opinion, however, he said that he was both amazed and embarrassed that he has to bring this order forward. He said at this time with the political climate being the way it is this would be a good thing for us to do.

Chair Nesbitt reiterated that he didn't believe that it is necessary. He said that at our Council meetings we show that we're patriotic.

Councilor Sargent said that given the current political climate this won't hurt us a bit.

Councilor Higgins said that it's a small thing and she was in favor of reciting the pledge at their meetings. If it has any positive effect it's a plus.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

108-16 Town Council Appointment to Various Boards or Committees [Pomerleau]

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Sirpis and voted to amend the order to add the name of Adam Higgins to the Recycling Committee. (Unanimous).

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Councilor Sirpis thanked Mr. Higgins for coming forward.

Councilor Higgins thanked them for appointing him to the Recycling Committee.

Councilor Sargent asked if he was related to Councilor Higgins.

Councilor Higgins said that she was not related to him.

Chair Nesbitt asked if Mr. Higgins was leaving the Planning Board.

It was noted that Mr. Higgins serving on this board is not a conflict.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Higgins and voted to move into an Executive Sessions for the purpose of discussions on the following matter:

Personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A), Mr. Gordon Billington and Mr. Joseph Merry will join the Council in the Executive Session. (Unanimous)

Moved Sirpis seconded by Sargent and voted to arise from the Executive Session. The Council arose from the Session at 8:00 pm and continued with the agenda items.

109-16 Town Council Appointment of the Assessor [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau that the appointment is through June 30, 2017.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion. There was none.

Chair Nesbitt called for Council discussion.

Chair Nesbitt said that they just had a very nice discussion with Mr. Merry.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Councilor Sirpis announced that there is a new kiosk located at the trailhead for the Gerry Spencer Trail. The kiosk was a joint effort of the Standish Snow Seekers and the Standish/Gorham ATV Club. He congratulated them on their efforts.

Councilor Sargent reminded residents to change the batteries for their smoke detectors and if necessary to have chimneys cleaned.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An additional Executive Session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Blanck seconded by Sirpis and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary

