

**MINUTES  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
STANDISH, MAINE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016  
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: Blanck, Higgins, Nesbitt, Olson, Ordway, Pomerleau and Sargent.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the December 8th meeting were approved as presented by unanimous consent.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Olson announced that Efficiency Maine is offering rebates to LIHEAP recipients for weatherization services. The application is online at Efficiency Maine, additional contact information is available at the Municipal Center.

There were no additional petitions or communications.

**REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER**

The Town Manager reported on the following:

- The Planning Board is wading through improvements made at Acres of Wildlife Campground to determine whether the improvements fall under subdivision rules.
- The Planning Board has been reviewing the St. Joseph's College application for additional athletic fields. He noted that Westerlea Way residents in attendance voiced concerns regarding traffic issues that may arise due to the field's construction.
- Tomorrow, the Marine Guard Unit that will be assisting the Town's in the beach construction project will meet with town staff to review the separation of work that will be done. In addition, the planning department is reviewing the merits between the installation of both port-a-potty's and a privy style facilities.
- One of the snowplow routes is being handled by a new contractor. Peter's Construction is doing a good job and learning the route.
- Each year the Town holds a calendar art contest in the elementary schools based on recycling education efforts. The winners have been selected, calendars have been made and are available for free at the Municipal Center.
- Many have commented on the firetruck that is being housed at the Transfer Station. This is a retired firetruck that the Public Works department is utilizing to flush out culverts and catch basins.
- The Fire Department has just flooded the Johnson Field Ice Skating rink with 25,000 gallons of water. With the cold weather skating conditions should be good.
- The call volume for 2015 for the Fire Department is down by fifty calls compared to 2014. The mild weather this fall is believed to play a role in this change.

- Jinny Day the principal at the Edna Libby School is looking for volunteers to have students read to the adult volunteer. Interested individuals can call Mrs. Day at 642-2500.

**Departmental Report** - Scott Gesualdi the Finance Director explained that the year has been uneventful, he went on to praise the department's staff for their efforts throughout the year. He introduced Marc Roy representing the Town's accounting firm of Berry Talbot Royer.

**Report of Town Auditor** – Marc Roy the audit manager of our account first extended an apologies for the delay in providing this presentation a month late; it was due to matters in their office. He continued by providing a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the Town's financial statements including the required communications. He explained that this year and as in years past they are issuing a non-modified opinion that simply means that the financial statements are fairly stated in all respects. He brought forward that the Council may want to consider a review of the a review of the Fund Balance Policy.

Chair Olson agreed that a review of the policy is in order, she asked Scott Gesualdi to take a look at the policy.

Mr. Billington questioned if the per capita amount of debt included the school budget.

Marc Roy responded that it was only reflecting the municipal debt.

Mr. Billington thanked Mr. Roy for presenting the report.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **109-15 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Multiple Sections Regarding Public Water Supply [Blanck]**

Moved by Blanck seconded by Nesbitt and voted to dispense with the Clerk's reading of the order. (Unanimous)

Councilor Blanck read the following paragraph from the amendment:

181-35.9 It is the policy of the Town of Standish to require the extension of the public water supply system to serve new development to the extent that such extensions are feasible and economically viable. The provisions of this section identify when public water supply must be used and/or the public water system extended to serve the use of land or development activity.

He continued to explain that this provides for a cost analysis to extend a water public water supply versus private water supply. The ordinance provides the formula with an escalator clause to keep it current.

Chair Olson called for public comments: there were none  
Chair Olson called for Council comments: there were none

After a Public Hearing without additional public or Council discussion the Council voted on the ordinance amendment the hearing was closed.

**VOTE: 7 Yeas**

**1-16 Application Submitted by Mili, Inc. DBA Standish House of Pizza for renewal of a Malt Liquor Restaurant License [Olson]**

Chair Olson commented that this was an excellent facility.

Chair Olson called for public comments: there were none

Chair Olson called for Council comments: there were none

After a Public Hearing without additional public or Council discussion the Council voted on the application and the hearing was closed.

**VOTE: 7 Yeas**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Councilor Blanck** – noted the Ordinance Committee has met, they are waiting to receive information from the consultant regarding the Form Based Code amendments relating to Steep Falls Village area. The ordinance will then receive legal review; and then be brought before the Council. In addition, the committee is working on Cluster and Conservation sub-division regulations; as well as a Commercial Recreation Ordinance. The committee is also working on the road acceptance procedure.

**Councilor Sargent** - reported that the Capital Improvement Committee met and reviewed a number of items. Recent discussions included the 10-year Capital Plan, the replacement schedule for the sheriff's department vehicles which are included in the law enforcement contract, and the acquisition of a firetruck.

**Councilor Nesbitt** – cited that the Finance Committee finds that the revenues and expenditures are on track. He continued that through the audit process things are looking very good, but it came to light that a few departments are over budget and there will be a need for a Special Town Meeting.

**Councilor Nesbitt** – explained that the Beach Committee has not met in the recent months, work load on the project now has shifted to town staff to deal with the upcoming project.

**Councilor Higgins** – advised them that recycling numbers are down, however, that could be a seasonal issue. She then echoed Mr. Billington's comments regarding the calendar project adding that the staff in the Clerk's Office is competing to see how many can be distributed.

**Councilor Ordway** – informed them that the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) for the schools budget has met and will meet again on January 14. They have received preliminary budget number, but no information to share at this time. He mentioned that they are still looking for additional members.

**Councilor Higgins** - added that there be more meetings for the BAC, so there will be ample opportunity for people to participate.

**Councilor Sargent** - remarked that even though we've had a mild fall so far, there still is the need for donations to the Bottles for Fuel Program.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

There were no consent calendar items.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **108-15 Amendment to Town of Standish Fee Schedule [Nesbitt]**

This order remained on the table.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **2-16 Authorize the Rotary Club of Sebago Lake to Utilize Sebago Lake Station Landing Parking Area for Their Annual Ice Fishing Derby [Olson]**

Chair Olson announced that this is an annual event and she hoped that they'll have ice for the derby.

Chair Olson called for public comments: there were none

Chair Olson called for Council comments: there were none

#### **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

#### **3-16 Application submitted by Ossipee Regional Artisan Market for Renewal of a Farmers Market License [Olson]**

Chair Olson stated that this is a great addition to Standish Village.

Chair Olson called for public comments: there were none

Chair Olson called for Council comments: there were none

#### **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

#### **4-16 Authorize Use of Town Council Contingency Funds to Support Membership in the Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce [Olson]**

Chair Olson explained that the Chamber's membership is comprised of surrounding towns and our town will continue to benefit from being a member of the Chamber.

Mr. Billington said that he strongly supports the Town's membership in the Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce.

Chair Olson called for public comments: there were none

Chair Olson called for Council comments: there were none

#### **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

## **5-16 Annual Recommendation to Adopt 10-Year Capital Plan [Sargent]**

Councilor Sargent said that with this we're looking at out over the next ten-years for equipment and roads. Remember, these numbers are not cast in stone and are estimate and subject to change.

Chair Olson questioned where the police cruisers where in the plan.

Mr. Billington explained that the cost of the cruisers is part of the law enforcement contract.

Chair Olson called for public comments: there were none

Chair Olson called for Council comments: there were none

### **VOTE: 7 Yeas**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

Mr. Billington announced that there will be a Personnel Meeting next Wednesday, January 20 at 1 pm.

Councilor Higgins asked that the workshop agenda items be added to the website.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

Moved by Sargent seconded by Ordway and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm by unanimous consent.

**Submitted by:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk/Secretary**