

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
STANDISH, MAINE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017  
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Councilor present: Delcourt, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, Pomerleau, Sirpis and Starostecki.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**111-17 Appoint Town Manager [Pomerleau]**

Chair Pomerleau Chair Pomerleau explained that Kris Tucker has been nominated as new Town Manager under the terms of the attached contract.

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Higgins and Voted to add the name of Kris Tucker to the order.  
(Unanimous)

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion.

Philip Pomerleau of Northeast Road thanked the Town Council for their hard work in the past few months on the Town Manager search. He thanked them for hosting the Meet the Manager gathering, it was a great opportunity to speak with both the candidates and find out their views on various issues. He stated that it was his opinion that this was probably the toughest thing they'll have to do while they're on the Council.

Chair Pomerleau called for Council discussion.

Councilor Sirpis said that he did not support Mr. Tucker as the successful candidate in their deliberations, because he did not believe that he was the best qualified candidate for the job. Councilor Sirpis divulged that he spoke with Mr. Tucker over the weekend to explain his stance, however Councilor Sirpis said that he told Mr. Tucker that he would certainly support him as Town Manager.

Councilor Nesbitt said it was a long well-run process. He said that it was a good decision to hire Eaton Peabody to assist them through the process to help them focus and move forward. He explained that at the end of the process they were faced with having two very well qualified candidates. Councilor Nesbitt said for him Kris Tucker met all of the qualifications that they were looking for. He said that Mr. Tucker will be able to run the town, manage the staff, create the budget. In addition, he has background in economic development and Form Based Code.

Councilor Nesbitt said considering the public input and feedback from department heads it was his opinion that Kris Tucker was the better choice.

Councilor Delcourt asked if they were going to disclose his salary and benefits?

Chair Pomerleau noted that his entire contract is available on the website.

Councilor Higgins said it was nice to hear that Mr. Pomerleau was happy the process. She said that this was a huge responsibility that they took seriously. She said that the help from the professionals and input from the public and staff was valuable. Councilor Higgins noted that she was impressed with Kris' ability to think outside the box, how well prepared he was to talk about Standish and the issues that we are dealing with. She said that she had full confidence that this is a good choice.

Councilor Nesbitt wanted to thank the other finalist, Mr. Konior, for coming here for the interview.

Gordon Billington wanted to ensure them that he would assist Mr. Tucker in the transition period.

Chair Pomerleau thanked Eaton Peabody's, especially Dick Metivier and Don Gerrish for their efforts in this process. She also thanked Mr. Konior and the other applicants for the interest in applying for the position.

Councilor Sirpis suggest that a letter is sent to Eaton Peabody to let them know how happy we were with their services.

### **VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Delcourt and Sirpis**

### **PUBLIC ITEMS**

There were no public items.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

### **ADJOURN**

Moved seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. by unanimous consent.

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

