

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Delcourt, Leclerc, Libby Nesbitt, Pomerleau, Sirpis and Starostecki.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

The minutes of the December 11, 2018 Town Council Meeting were accepted as presented by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager Bill Giroux introduced Roger Mosley the Public Works Director who provided the monthly departmental report.

Mr. Mosley explained that the Highway Department maintains approximately 90-miles of roads which includes a variety of tasks. The department is also responsible for the installation and removal of the boat launch. The department repairs the roads and prepares them for paving. They also maintain the town's parking lots, recreation fields and the maintenance of the Public Works facilities. In the winter, they maintain approximately 120-miles of roads with the assistance of two contactors for the winter plowing. Mr. Mosley went on to say that this past year a number of paving projects were accomplished, the crew assisted with the improvements at Fire Station 3 to include paving of the parking lot and tree removal. Mr. Mosley explained that partnering with MaineDOT has provided improvements to Chadbourne's Landing and the construction of Scenic Overlook on Route 35. He noted that the MaineDOT has started work on the roundabout on Route 25. Mr. Mosley described the duties of the Transfer Station staff including sticker sales, collection of user fees, overseeing the proper disposal of waste, track the disposal of items that contain mercury, recyclables and compostable waste. He noted the amount of household waste and recyclables that were sent to ecomaine. He noted that the town continues to struggle with the contamination of the recyclables, explaining that so far in this fiscal year the town has had to pay approximately an additional \$2,000 in fees to dispose of the recyclables. He noted that this fall a food waste collection site was added, this managed by Garbage to Gardens. He noted that recycling educational programs continue to be provided to the grammar school students by ecomaine. The Recycling Committee continues to offer the recycling poster contest in the grammar schools, the winning artwork then adorns calendars which are provided to the community. He noted during storm events that residents' vehicles must be parked off the roadway, he noted that it is a violation of state law to push, plow or shovel snow into the roadway. He announced that winter sand is available for residents at the Transfer Station. He went on to say that basketball hoops must be removed from the right-of-way, noting that the Town

is not responsible for damage to items in the right-of-way including mailboxes. He thanked all the employees from both departments for their work for the town.

Chair Nesbitt noted that he must be pleased that the wood pile had been removed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1-19 Application submitted by Mili, Inc dba Standish House of Pizza Located at 35 Ossipee Trail West for Renewal of a Malt and Vinous Restaurant License [Nesbitt]

Chair Nesbitt noted that this is the annual renewal for this application.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

ORDERED that the application submitted by Mili, Inc. dba Standish House of Pizza located at 35 Ossipee Trail West for renewal Malt and Vinous Restaurant License is approved by Council, to expire as determined by the Department of Public Safety.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

54-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 252, Streets and Sidewalks, Regarding Sidewalk Plans [Libby]

VOTE: 7 Yeas

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance. (Unanimous)

Councilor Libby explained that this adding graphics to the ordinance to better explained where future sidewalks may be located.

Chair Nesbitt noted that at a previous meeting that this had been amended to make the wording in the key consistent on all the maps included in this update.

Councilor Delcourt noted that the sidewalks in Steep Falls are not plowed.

Chair Nesbitt explained that they are three-season sidewalks.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

The Town of Standish hereby ordains as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

1. Amend the text of Chapter 252 as follows:

Chapter 252: STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

ARTICLE IV

Roadway and Sidewalk Plans

§ 252-27 Development of roadway and sidewalk plans.

The Town Council or its assigns may develop roadway and sidewalk plans, including but not limited to the location of future Town rights-of-way and the location of future curb cuts for vehicular access to/from primary roads, including but not limited to Routes 25, 113, 114 and 35. The Planning Board and applicants for zoning, site plan and subdivision approvals shall consider any applicable roadway and sidewalk plans in the design and layout of projects. Applicants shall design projects in such a manner as not to impair the Town's ability to implement any applicable roadway and sidewalk plans in the future. The Route 25/35 Corridor Study prepared by Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, Inc., dated July 9, 2007, was recommended by the Roadway Planning Committee and adopted by the Town Council as the Town's roadway plan for Standish Village by Town Council Order No. 101-07. This conceptual roadway plan was replaced by the Centers of Opportunity Standish Corner PACTS Land Use Transit Plan dated October 15, 2015, per Council Order No. 11-16. The sidewalk plan is set forth in Attachment 6 to Chapter 252 and was first adopted by the Town Council as the Town's sidewalk plan by Town Council Order No. 128-07 and subsequently amended by Town Council Order No. 54-18 to add aerial maps to accompany the three sidewalk plan areas described textually by Town Council Order No. 128-07. The sidewalk construction standards are depicted graphically by the cross-sections contained set forth in Attachments 2 through 5 of Chapter 252.

The three sidewalk plan areas set forth in Attachment 6 represent the areas that the Town has prioritized for future sidewalk installations in order to meet the Town's goal of creating an interconnected sidewalk system in the three village areas of Sebago Lake Village, Standish Corner and Steep Falls. Land use development that might preclude these sidewalk plan locations from being developed as sidewalks should be avoided. Nothing herein eliminates the requirement that an applicant comply with the provisions of this Chapter, Chapter 181 or any other applicable law, ordinance, rule or regulation with regard to the installation of required street improvements for areas located either within or outside of those areas described and depicted on the sidewalk plan.

2. **Amend Attachment 6 to Chapter 252 (Town of Standish Sidewalk Plan) by adding the aerial maps attached hereto and incorporating them into Attachment 6 to Chapter 252.**





Steep Falls
CONCEPTUAL SIDEWALK PLAN
Existings & Proposed Improvements
Original Plan 2007, Updated 2018

File: SteepfallsSidewalkConcept-rev2018.MDX

1 inch = 200 feet



VOTE: 7 Yeas

148-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding the Official Zoning Map and Assessor's Tax Map 5, Portion of Lots 70 and 71 [Libby]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Leclerc and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Councilor Libby explained that this is updating the map to reflect what is actually there for wetland. The area has been evaluated by the DEP and they determined that the update being brought forward is the appropriate wetland delineation.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

The Town of Standish hereby ordains that the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish, which map is a part of Chapter 181, "Land Use," of the Standish Town Code, be and hereby is amended to change the zoning designation of the following properties as described below:

Assessor's Tax Map 5, portion of Lots 70 and 71 – Remove the buffer and freshwater wetland designation from these properties as more particularly shown on the attached sketch map entitled "Proposed Zoning Map Detail 'A'". (The attached sketch map is for general reference purposes only. The Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish as amended is dated November 5, 2018 and is available for review and inspection at the Planning Department and in the Town Clerk's Office.)

VOTE: 7 Yeas

149-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding the Official Zoning Map Assessor's Tax Map 10, Lots 23, 24, 24A, 24B, 25, 25A, 25-1, 25-2 and 25-3 [Libby]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Councilor Libby explained that this piece of land was originally in the rural zone, when the Standish Corner District was formed this parcel was put into the Standish Corner District. He noted that the property owner has requested that this be put into the residential zone. He said that through Google Earth Pro software he reviewed the location and with the exception of one property, all the houses that are there, meet the setback of the proposed change.

Chair Nesbitt questioned the Job Road area.

Councilor Libby noted that the northwest side would be in either residential or rural zones.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for Council discussion.

Chair Nesbitt said that he is opposed to this amendment, he said that it was his opinion that the parcel fits in the Standish Corner District's provisions.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional Council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

The Town of Standish hereby ordains that the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish, which map is a part of Chapter 181, "Land Use," of the Standish Town Code, be and hereby is amended to change the zoning designation of the following properties as described below:

Assessor's Tax Map 10, Lots 23, 24, 24A, 24B, 25, 25A, 25-1, 25-2, and 25-3 – Change the zoning designation of these properties from Standish Corner District to Residential District, all as more particularly shown on the attached sketch map entitled "Proposed Zoning Map Detail 'B'". (The attached sketch map is for general reference purposes only. The Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish as amended is dated November 5, 2018 and is available for review and inspection at the Planning Department and in the Town Clerk's Office.)

VOTE: 6 Yeas – 1 Nay Nesbitt

150-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding the Official Zoning Map and Assessor's Tax Map 14, Lot 20C [Libby]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Councilor Libby noted that this is regarding one lot that was previously left off the Sebago Lake Village designation.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

The Town of Standish hereby ordains that the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish, which map is a part of Chapter 181, "Land Use," of the Standish Town Code, be and hereby is amended to change the zoning designation of the following property as described below:

Assessor's Tax Map 14, Lot 20C - Change the zoning designation of this property from Village Center District to Sebago Lake Village District, all as more particularly shown on the attached sketch map entitled "Proposed Zoning Map Detail 'C'". (The attached sketch map is for general reference purposes only. The Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish as amended is dated November 5, 2018 and is available for review and inspection at the Planning Department and in the Town Clerk's Office.)

VOTE: 7 Yeas

151-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding the Official Zoning Map and Assessor's Tax Map 20, Lots 21 and 21A [Libby]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Leclerc and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Councilor Libby explained that this is a change in the Commercial Water related zone. He said that Richardson's Boatyards would like to expand, and this amendment would allow expansion of the boatyard's facilities. He said that the DEP has given approval to the project as proposed.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion.

Jeffrey Richardson a co-owner of the boatyard explained that this change would allow them to expand into the old gravel pit to allow boat storage. He said, in addition, they also plan to construct docks for non-motorized watercraft such as canoes.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

The Town of Standish hereby ordains that the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish, which map is a part of Chapter 181, "Land Use," of the Standish Town Code, be and hereby is amended to change the zoning designation of the following properties as described below:

Assessor's Tax Map 20, Lots 21 and 21A - Change the zoning designation of these properties from Rural Residential District to Water Oriented Commercial District, all as more particularly shown on the attached sketch map entitled "Proposed Zoning Map Detail 'D'". (The attached sketch map is for general reference purposes only. The Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish as amended is dated November 5, 2018 and is available for review and inspection at the Planning Department and in the Town Clerk's Office.)

VOTE: 7 Yeas

152-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding the Official Zoning Map [Libby]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Leclerc and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Councilor Libby explained that this is updating map to include the current date and changes to ordinance.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, he closed the Public Hearing and called for the vote:

The Town of Standish hereby ordains as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

CHAPTER 181 LAND USE

Part 1 Zoning

ARTICLE III District Regulations

§ 181-12. Zoning Map.

The Official Zoning Map of the Town of Standish dated ~~June 20, 2014~~ November 5, 2018, ~~as may be amended from time to time, certified by the attested or conformed signature of the Town Clerk,~~ is hereby incorporated into and made adopted as a part of this Zoning Ordinance and shall be the final authority as to the current zoning status of the land and water areas, buildings and other structures in the Town.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Sirpis – Economic Development Committee – will meet on Thursday, January 24 at 5 pm. He noted that the Committee took last month off for the holidays and are looking forward to getting back to their meetings.

Councilor Delcourt – Personnel Committee – met on December 12th with the employees, a date will be set for the Committee to review the employee's requests.

Councilor Delcourt – Finance Committee – meets next Tuesday at 4 pm.

Councilor Delcourt – Dog Park Committee - committee members continue to work on fundraising efforts, noting many upcoming events.

Councilor Sirpis – CDGB Grants – grant opportunities will be investigated in the upcoming weeks.

Councilor Pomerleau – Appointments Committee – did not meet this month.

Councilor Pomerleau – Capital Improvements Committee – has an agenda item this evening.

Councilor Pomerleau – Public Safety Committee – will meet next month.

Councilor Libby – Ordinance Committee – will meet next week.

Councilor Starostecki – PWD Steering Committee – no report this month.

Councilor Nesbitt – Finance Committee – will meet next Monday to review the Town's finances. He noted at the upcoming Town Council Workshop there will be an agenda items regarding the budget timeline.

Councilor Leclerc – Recycling Committee – echoed Mr. Mosley's comments regarding the contamination of the recycled materials and the cost to the town.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no Consent Calendar items on this agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

147-18 Amendments to Standish Town Code, Chapter 181, Land Use, Regarding Dwelling Units (Postponed at the December 11, 2018 meeting) [Libby]

Moved by Libby seconded by Sirpis and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance. (Unanimous)

Councilor Libby explained that a problem was identified with the wording of this amendment, it has been updated to define all the styles of dwelling units.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, called for the vote to move this to First Reading at the February Council meeting.

VOTE TO MOVE THIS ORDINANCE TO FIRST READING: 7 YEAS

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to move into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. Section 405 (6) (A), Mr. Bill Giroux and Zach Mosher will attend the Executive Session. Chair Nesbitt noted that the meeting will resume after the Executive Session.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to arise from the Executive Session. The Town Council arose from the Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. by unanimous consent and the meeting resumed.

NEW BUSINESS

2-19 Confirmation Town Manager's Appointment of Town Planner [Nesbitt]

Town Manager, Bill Giroux said that he was happy to forward Mr. Mosher's appointment to them for confirmation. Mr. Giroux explained that Mr. Mosher holds his master's degree in planning, has worked in the field in the area.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, called for the vote:

ORDERED that the following Town Manager's appointment is confirmed by the Town Council:

Zachary Mosher as Town Planner

VOTE: 7 Yeas

3-19 Authorize the Rotary Club of Sebago Lake to Utilize Sebago Lake Station Landing Parking Area for their Annual Ice Fishing Derby [Nesbitt]

Moved by Starostecki seconded by Sirpis and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance. (Unanimous)

For the record, Councilor Sirpis corrected the order number to 3-19 not 13-19 which was read by the Clerk.

Chair Nesbitt noted that this is an annual Rotary Club event, which will be held on February 16th and 17th.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion.

Councilor Sirpis announced that he is incredibly proud that Standish has a part in this derby.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional council discussion, hearing none, called for the vote:

ORDERED that the Town of Standish grants approval for the Rotary Club of Sebago Lake to use the Sebago Lake Station Landing parking area during their annual ice-fishing derby to be held on February 16th and 17th, and

FURTHER ORDERED that a no parking restriction will be in effect on both sides of Chadbourne Road (Route 35), Maple Street and the Town's Right-of-way at Sebago Lake Station Landing during this event and that the coordinators of the event will place the necessary signage, in addition, the Rotary Club will have portable toilets placed at the boat launch during the event.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

4-19 Award Bid for Construction and Assembly of Brush Truck for Public Safety Department [Pomerleau]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Councilor Pomerleau explained that we recently purchased the chassis for this piece of equipment, this order to construct and assemble the fire body of the vehicle.

Chief Caron said this vehicle is an off-road vehicle, although it's used for a variety of duties. He noted that the Town Meeting appropriation was \$130,000, the total price is just under budget at \$129,689.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Sirpis and voted to amend the order to add the name of HSE of Lewiston in the amount of \$89,495. (Unanimous)

ORDERED that the attached bid from HSE of Lewiston, Maine as described in the bid specifications in the amount of \$89,495 is hereby accepted for construction and assembly of this brush truck, and

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion on the order as amended, hearing none, he called for council discussion, hearing none, called for the vote:

WHEREAS as a bid process has been conducted for construction and assembly of a brush truck for the Public Safety Department, in accordance with section 302 (f) of the Standish Charter, and

WHEREAS Town Councilor Order 118-18 authorized the purchase/assembly for the brush truck Body to be assembled and placed on our recently purchased F-550 chassis, now therefore be it

ORDERED that the attached bid from HSE of Lewiston, Maine as described in the bid specifications in the amount of \$89,495 is hereby accepted for construction and assembly of this brush truck, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town Manager is authorized on behalf of the Town to execute related contract documents.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

5-19 Revise Outstanding Personal Property Tax Collection Policy [Nesbitt]

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt explained that this policy has been reviewed by the Finance Committee. This policy provides the steps staff will take to collect taxes on personal property accounts with the assistance of collection agencies.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion.

Councilor Starostecki asked if staff from the Finance Department could do the collection process rather than hiring a collection agency.

Chair Nesbitt noted that the agency would be needed to assist in the collection process.

Mr. Giroux noted that the collection agency will only get paid if they get payment. He noted in the past in some cases we've paid more to collect the taxes than what was due.

Councilor LeClerc asked who would have the ultimate authority to accept the debt that's being collected? He noted that agencies can be predatory.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional Council discussion, hearing none, called for the vote:

WHEREAS a Personal Property Tax Collection policy was adopted by order 37-15 to ensure a continual effort to collect personal property taxes since a tax lien is not an option and amended by order 7-17, now therefore be it

ORDERED that the following Outstanding Personal Property Tax Collection Policy is hereby amended as follows:

Town of Standish

Outstanding Personal Property Tax Collection Policy

- A. **APPLICABILITY** - This policy shall apply to the collection of all personal property taxes assessed by the Town of Standish.
- B. **PURPOSE** - The purpose of this policy is to clarify the collection procedures to be performed to collect unpaid personal property taxes assessed by the Town of Standish. Article VI, Section 3-25 through 3-29 of the Standish Town Code provides that the Department of Finance is responsible for the sound fiscal management of tax matters, including collections, but it does not give any direction as to how personal property taxes will be collected. The development of standardized procedures, which bring revenue dollars into the town's general fund as quickly as possible, naturally can result in increases in cash on hand for investment and other purposes. These earnings, as well as the timely collection of the billings for personal property taxes, will help to assure the financial well-being of the town's general fund and promote a sense of fairness among all taxpayers.
- C. **COLLECTION PROCEDURES** – In March of each year, the Deputy Tax Collector and Finance Director will review the outstanding personal property tax accounts. They will then prepare a letter and mail it to the assessed property owners at their last known address informing them of their outstanding balance(s). They will also notify the delinquent taxpayers that a Town Council order will be prepared showing the list of outstanding personal property tax accounts and the delinquent taxpayers' names to be put before the Town Council at the next regularly scheduled Town Council meeting.
- D. After the April Town Council meeting, a second letter will be prepared and mailed by the Finance Director, notifying the delinquent taxpayers of the outstanding status of their personal property tax accounts. This letter will urge their prompt payment to avoid further collection efforts. Thirty days after the letters are mailed, the outstanding personal property tax listing will be reviewed by the Deputy Tax Collector and Finance Director again and the following actions will then be taken:

- (1) A second council order will be generated and brought forth to the June Town Council meeting to authorize the Town Attorney, or such collection agency or collection services as the Town Attorney and Finance Director recommends, to take all necessary actions, including filing civil lawsuits, to collect any and all delinquent personal property taxes, including interest and costs of suit, for the municipal tax years 20__ through 20__ against those named on the attached list.
- (2) A list of tax payer names along with unpaid personal property taxes as of June 30 will be published in the annual town report in accordance with state law.
- (3) A third letter will be written by the Town Attorney, or agent as described above, and mailed to the delinquent taxpayers seeking collection on the outstanding personal property taxes. This letter will advise taxpayers that a civil action will be filed against them in Maine District Court, or Small Claims Court, if their balance is not paid in full within 30 days, or some suitable arrangement for payment is agreed upon by the tax payer and the Town.
- (4) If the outstanding balance has not been paid in full by the deadline established in the Town Attorney's letter, the Finance Committee, in consultation with the Finance Director and the Town Attorney, shall decide which matters to file suit on in District Court. This process will either be carried out by the Town Attorney, Finance Director, or such collection agent as described above. If a judgment is obtained in favor of the Town or the Tax Collector, and the taxpayer does not make payment, then the Town will seek a writ of execution, or other similar court collection device, and may record the same at the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds.
- (5) If there are any individual personal property outstanding balances that are deemed to be significantly material (generally speaking, value of 2% of personal property taxable valuation from Assessor MVR), then the Finance Director may also file a personal property tax lien certificate as provided by State statute.

E. ANNUAL PROCEDURES – On an annual basis, after all the above procedures have been completed, a report will be made to the Town Council as to the status of all the outstanding personal property tax accounts. A Town Council order will accompany this report, which may authorize the Finance Director to write off a specific number of personal property accounts deemed *uncollectable*. These accounts will be determined each year by identifying outstanding balances less than a specific amount by the Finance Committee with the input from the Town Manager and the Finance Director.

VOTE: 5 Yeas - 2 Nays, Leclerc and Starostecki

6-19 Resolution regarding Caregiver Storefront Regulation [Starostecki]

For the record, Councilor Sirpis corrected the order number to 6-19 not 16-19 which was read by the Clerk.

Moved by Delcourt seconded by Pomerleau and voted to dispense with the reading of the ordinance.
(4 Yeas – 3 Nays, Leclerc, Nesbitt and Starostecki)

Councilor Starostecki said that the state law differentiates between store fronts for recreational and dispensary sales, he said that he wants to bring forward ordinances for caregiver storefronts. He noted that the state has come forward with the rules, he then cited LD 238 which provides that caregivers can have storefronts. He said that he wanted to get the word out that Standish is open for business. He said that it was his opinion that they need to have a unified front and say that we support these businesses.

Chair Nesbitt called for public discussion.

Leo Robichaud of Brown Court said that he was not in support of this resolution. He was confused with the wording and that he was not up to date on all the state regulations. He was concerned that the resolution stated that there are already storefronts in town, if so, where are they? He then questioned how many jobs would be brought to town by these storefronts? He said that he was against this resolution and anything to do with marijuana being in this town. He hoped that that they would vote this down.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional public discussion, hearing none, he called for council discussion.

Councilor Starostecki said at this point the location of caregivers is not addressed in the law, he said that if there were storefronts it would provide more transparency. He said that there are jobs that are waiting to be filled, he said up to 200 jobs. He said that Standish says that they're open for business, but he hasn't seen a lot of businesses come to town. He said that we can get into a fledgling market and be the leader of that market. He said that the cannabis community is going to setup some where it might as well be here. The reality is we can't stop it-we create our regulations to encourage business and jobs here. He said that he hoped that there will be 7 votes in favor of this.

Leo Robichaud suggested that the Council works with the Economic Development Committee to try to bring in businesses other than cannabis related businesses. He asked if any surrounding towns had storefronts for this type of business?

Councilor Starostecki said that there are.

Mr. Robichaud said then why does it have to be in Standish? Why doesn't Standish say we don't want it here?

Councilor Starostecki said that there are local residents that are caregivers and are asking for this type of business. In addition, the town voted for recreation use in 2016. He thanked Mr. Robichaud for speaking tonight.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional council discussion.

Chair Nesbitt said that he wants to be sure what the true purpose was regarding this resolution. He asked Councilor Starostecki if he had an ordinance to bring forward at workshop?

Councilor Starostecki said that a workshop would be an excellent idea to discuss the issues.

Chair Nesbitt asked if there was an ordinance that could be discussed?

Councilor Libby the Chair of the Ordinance Committee explained that there is an ordinance that has gone to legal, and the legal counsel has some questions regarding the draft which haven't been resolved. He said that they have suggested that Sally Daggett come and speak to the draft. He then suggested that Ms. Daggett address the ordinance draft before the whole Council.

Councilor Sirpis asked if legal counsel had reviewed this resolution?

Mr. Giroux said that he shared the resolution with Attorney Daggett, and she suggested a workshop discussion.

Councilor Sirpis said that he did not support a workshop on this matter.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional council discussion.

Councilor Pomerleau said that she did not support this resolution or a workshop on the matter.

Councilor Libby said that it was his opinion that the resolution was an attempt to supersede the ordinances.

Councilor Starostecki said that the resolution was to let the people know what the Town is going to do.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional council discussion, hearing none, he called for the vote:

Whereas; the Town of Standish has received applications for caregiver facilities; and

Whereas; Standish Town Council is aware of several local caregivers interested in opening storefronts; and

Whereas; There are multiple caregivers already operating within Standish; and

Whereas; the Town of Standish's economic development committee touts the town as open for business; and

Whereas; Standish residents vote and overwhelmingly advocate for cannabis decriminalization and legalization; and

Whereas; the State of Maine completed its laws and regulations for the medical cannabis industry and its caregivers during the summer of 2018; and

Whereas; caregiver operations and storefronts will create local jobs; and

Whereas; Standish Town Councilors agree to demonstrate unity; therefore, be it

Resolved, Standish Town Council and its ordinance committee vow to keep Standish open for business by refusing to apply additional regulations or create local ordinances to the fledgling medical cannabis industry already heavily regulated by the state; be it further

Resolved, Standish Town Council welcomes all caregivers to apply for storefront occupancy where retail is authorized within Standish and in accordance with state law.

VOTE: 2 Yeas – 5 Nays Delcourt, Libby, Nesbitt, Pomerleau and Sirpis.

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were no public items at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An additional Executive Session was not held at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary