

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
ZOOM BROADCASTED
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Libby the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance was waived. There were no members of the public in attendance at this meeting which was held via zoom broadcast.

ROLL CALL

Councilor Present: Delcourt, Gaba, Leclerc, Libby Nesbitt, Paul and Pomerleau.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Moved by Nesbitt seconded by Pomerleau and voted to approve the minutes from the March 10th meeting. (Unanimous)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Town Manager, Bill Giroux noted that he would speak later on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings as this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports at this meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Clerk explained that consent calendar items are read by title only and voted on collectively.

24-20 Town Council Appointments of Ballot/Election Clerks [Gaba]

25-20 Waive No Parking Restriction on Saco Road for Bonny Eagle Car Show [Libby]

VOTE ON CONSENT CALENDAR: 7 Yeas

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

26-20 Call for Annual Municipal and Town Meeting Referendum Election, Place Referendum Questions on the Ballot, Authorize Warrant and Call for Public Hearing for the June 9, 2020 Annual Municipal Election [Libby]

Chair Libby called for Council discussion, hearing none, he called for public discussion, the Clerk noted that there were no members of the public present.

Town Manager, Bill Giroux announced that earlier today, the Governor, at a news conference mentioned that the June 9, 2020 Primary Election may be postponed until July 14, 2020. Mr. Giroux explained that he and the Clerk called Attorney Sally Daggett to obtain advice regarding this announcement since the Council would be approving the warrant this evening. Attorney Daggett said to proceed with the order, noting upon official notification, additional Council action may be necessary.

Chair Libby noted that this should move forward at this time.

Chair Libby called for additional Council comments hearing none, he called for the vote.

VOTE – 7 Yeas

27-20 Countersign the MSAD 6 District Warrants for the Upcoming June 9, 2020 Elections [Libby]

Chair Libby explained that this is a housekeeping measure, he then called for Council discussion, hearing none, he called for the vote.

VOTE – 7 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk announced that all meetings were cancelled through the end of the month. The Council's next scheduled meeting will be held on May 12.

Councilor Nesbitt questioned if this month's Finance Committee meeting could be a zoom meeting. He said upon reviewing the March finance reports it has come to light that the excise taxes received has dropped more than he expected in this timeframe of closures due to the epidemic.

Mr. Giroux suggested that Town Council committees should be able to start holding meeting within the next week or two. Mr. Giroux said that holding a zoom meet would be appropriate, pending proper notice. He noted that it is intended to hold the Planning Board meeting in April as a zoom meeting.

Councilor Nesbitt questioned his status on the Town Council if the Governor postpones the June 9 election?

Bill Giroux said that is his understanding that Mr. Nesbitt would sit on the Council until the new Councilor is sworn to office.

Councilor Delcourt asked how the school budget is affecting the town's budget?

Mr. Giroux explained that the school has not completed their budget at this time, they are not ready to approve now. He noted that they will continue to operate based on the current year's budget for a time period. He said, at this time, the impact of their budget is not known.

Councilor Delcourt voiced his concern regarding Councilor Nesbitt continuing to serve on the Council after June.

Mr. Giroux said that these questions will be discussed the town's legal counsel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not held at this meeting.

ADJOURN

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

Submitted by
Clerk/Secretary

