

**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
6:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Butler, Delcourt, Gaba, Leclerc, Libby, Paul and Pomerleau.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Moved by Libby seconded by Leclerc and voted to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2020 Town Council meeting. (Unanimous)

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions or communications presented at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Discussion of Sidewalks in Form Based Code Village Districts – Councilor LeClerc explained that the Ordinance Committee is reviewing the Land Use Ordinance regarding its requirements pertaining to sidewalks. He noted that currently sidewalks are required in numerous locations in the village areas, however the committee is considering reducing the locations where sidewalks will be required, to do away with the *sidewalks to nowhere*. He drew their attention to the maps that were included in their packets that show the proposed location and current location of sidewalks under the ordinance.

Town Manager, William Giroux noted that for each village one map shows the current requirements of the ordinance and the other map shows the proposed areas where sidewalks would be required. He said that the concept is to require sidewalks in locations where there are businesses. He explained that town staff and the Ordinance Committee had wanted this change for some time. The Town's legal counsel wanted this discussion to take place before spending the time to amend the ordinance to make sure that the Town Council was in favor of this idea. He asked that if anyone had concerns regarding this matter that they disclose that opinion at this time. He said that the Town still wants sidewalks but over a smaller area. He noted that the sidewalks would be by the property owner not the town. He also said that the requirement for the construction of esplanade would be removed from the ordinance. The aerial diagrams are included at the end of these minutes.

Councilor Delcourt asked if this will go to a vote?

William Giroux said that it would not, the potential amendments would be to reduce the area in town where sidewalks are required.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Leclerc – Ordinance Committee – at recent meetings, the committee discussed the sidewalk matter, Flood Plain Management Ordinance updates to incorporate federally required language, potential form-based code amendments. He encouraged members of the public to attend the Ordinance Committee meetings.

Councilor Leclerc – Recycling Committee – although he was unable to attend the recent meeting, the Recycling Committee selected local grade student artwork for the 2021 Recycling Calendar. He noted that for the most

part the rolloff containers continue to have low amounts of contamination, however, the container at St. Joseph's College has been problematic.

Councilor Delcourt suggested that the Ordinance Committee review the ordinance so that residents can take items that are usable from the Transfer Station that others have left there for disposal.

Councilor Butler – Economic Development Committee – has identified portions of the form-based code for the Ordinance Committee to review for potential amendments would be beneficial to the town's economic development.

Councilor Gaba – PWD Steering Committee – discussed ways to build the relationship with the Water District.

Councilor Libby – Finance Committee – announced that the town's finances are in good shape. In addition, an order regarding the sale of tax acquired property is on tonight's agenda.

Councilor Delcourt - Appointments Committee – met earlier this evening and are presenting an order on tonight's agenda.

Councilor Pomerleau – Public Safety Committee – met to review the budget, she noted that they held the annual bike raffle online this year.

Councilor Pomerleau – Capital Improvements Committee – met and have an item on tonight's agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There are no Consent Calendar items at this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

98-20 Amendments to the Standish Town Code, Chapter 151, General Assistance Ordinance, Adopt Updated Ordinance and Tables for the Maximum Levels of Assistance as provided by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (First Reading) [Leclerc]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none called for Council discussion.

Councilor Leclerc explained that this is an annual update the ordinance to add the new dollar values that are available.

Town Manager, Bill Giroux, agreed that this updated is needed to provide the updated amounts to recipients.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional discussion, hearing none she called for the roll call vote.

The Clerk announced that the Public Hearing for this ordinance will be held at the December Town Council meeting.

VOTED TO MOVE THE ORDINANCE TO PUBLIC HEARING: 7 Yeas

NEW BUSINESS

101-20 Authorize the Rotary Club of Sebago Lake to Utilize Sebago Lake Station Landing Parking Area for their Annual Ice Fishing Derby [Pomerleau]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none called for Council discussion, hearing none, she explained that this is a long-time annual event held by the Rotary Club, then she called for the roll call 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 20th and 21st, 2021, 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

102-20 Award Bid and Authorize Purchase of Utility Van for the Standish Food Pantry [Pomerleau]

Councilor Leclerc announced that he is a member of the Board for the Standish Food Pantry and would like to abstain or recuse himself from voting on this order.

Chair Pomerleau explained that if this is approved the Town will have to provide \$7,000 in matching funds. She said that the Capital Improvements Committee recommends selecting the low bidder, Casco Bay Ford, allowing additional funds to be utilized to purchase a trailer.

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none called for Council discussion.

Councilor Delcourt questioned that the Town Was giving the Food Pantry \$7,000.

Chair Pomerleau said that was correct.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Libby and voted to amend the order by adding the name of Casco Bay Ford of Yarmouth at an amount not to exceed \$31,587. (Unanimous)

WHEREAS as a bid process has been conducted for the purchase of a vehicle for the Standish Food Pantry, in accordance with section 302 (f) of the Standish Charter, and

WHEREAS the Town received a \$35,000 CDB Grant and budgeted a \$7,000 match, and

WHEREAS the Standish Food Pantry is seeking a utility van to use for their program, now be it

ORDERED that the attached bid from Casco Bay Ford of Yarmouth, Maine as described in the bid specifications in the amount not to exceed \$31,587 is hereby accepted for this vehicle, and

FURTHER ORDERED that Scott Gesualdi, Finance Director, is authorized on behalf of the Town to execute related contract documents.

Chair Pomerleau called for discussion on the order as amended, hearing none she called for the roll call vote.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas - 1 Abstain, Leclerc

103-20 Town Council Appointments to the Saco River Corridor Commission [Delcourt]

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none, she asked for Council Delcourt to speak to the order.

Councilor Delcourt thanked these two individuals for their work on this commission, citing the improvements to the quality of the water.

Chair Pomerleau called for additional council discussion, hearing none, she called for the roll call vote.

ORDERED that the following appointments are made through the dates given:

David Robinson through November 1, 2023

George McNeil (Alternate member) through November 1, 2023

VOTE: 7 Yeas

**104-20 Authorize Utility Location Permit – Central Maine Power Company – Cape Road
[Pomerleau]**

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion, hearing none called for Council discussion, hearing none she called for the roll call vote.

ORDERED that the application by Central Maine Power Company to install and maintain a pole on the Cape Road in accordance with the attached application (Work Order 80100314185), is approved by the Town Council, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Town will collect a \$25 excavation permit fee from the applicant.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

**105-20 Authorize Acceptance of Payment and Issue of Quit Claim Deed of Tax Acquired Property
[Libby]**

Chair Pomerleau called for public discussion.

Richard Cote the successful bidder thanked them for the opportunity to purchase this property.

Chari Pomerleau called for Council discussion, hearing none, she called for the roll call vote.

RE: MAP 3 LOT 68, Elizabeth T. Beaver, 593 Bonny Eagle Road

WHEREAS the above property has gone to acceptance of sealed bids for Tax Acquired property per Town of Standish Code 70-5, and

WHEREAS the successful bidder, Richard T. Cote will pay the amount of \$40,050.00, and

WHEREAS the Finance Director will receive all funds due within 30 days of the bid opening having taken place on October 29, 2020, now be it

ORDERED that the Standish Town Council authorizes the sale of this tax acquired property to the above-mentioned bidder, and

FURTHER ORDERED that the Finance Director is authorized to issue a municipal quit claim deed upon payment in full.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

**106-20 Change Date of Regular Council Meeting in December to Wednesday, December 9, 2020
[Pomerleau]**

Town Manager, William Giroux, explained that the reason for the date change is that the Town's legal counsel needs to attend the December meeting to speak on a matter, and due to a conflict she cannot attend on Tuesday the 8th. He added that the agenda will include the auditors annual report, marijuana ordinances and other items.

Chair Pomerleau called for further discussion, hearing none, she called for the roll call vote.

WHEREAS the regular meeting of the Standish Town Council in December is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, and

WHEREAS the Council *Rules of Procedure* allow for the date of the meeting to be changed upon vote of the Council, now be it

ORDERED that the regular meeting of the Standish Town Council be changed to Wednesday, December 9, 2020 to be held at Council Chambers at the Standish Municipal Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were no public items at this meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not held at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Libby seconded by LeClerc and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned 6:32 p.m. by unanimous consent.

Submitted by: Mary Chapman
Clerk/Secretary