

**MINUTES
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 16, 2018 – STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WHICH BEGINS AT 9:00 AM**

CALL TO ORDER

The Clerk called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Clerk called newly elected Town Councilors Mrs. Pomerleau and Mrs. Higgins to the podium and administered their oaths of office.

ROLL CALL

The Town Clerk called the roll, seven Councilors present: Delcourt, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, Pomerleau, Sirpis and Starostecki.

The Town Clerk called for nominations for Town Council Chair, noting that if more than one candidate is nominated the vote will be cast by paper ballot.

Moved by Delcourt seconded by Pomerleau to nominate Greg Sirpis as Town Council Chair.

Moved by Starostecki seconded by Higgins to nominate Steve Nesbitt as Town Council Chair.

Moved by Delcourt seconded by Sirpis to nominate Isabel Higgins as Town Council Chair.

The results of the paper ballot vote for Town Council Chair: 7 Ballots cast – 4 Nesbitt – 3 Sirpis

Councilor Sirpis thanked Kim Pomerleau for her service to the town.

Chair Nesbitt thanked Councilor Pomerleau for her service to the town in this transitional year which included a Town Manager search and hire and matters that came during the past year.

At this time the Town Clerk on behalf of the Council and residents of the town presented to Councilor Pomerleau with a plaque for her service to the Town of Standish.

Councilor Nesbitt and called for nominations for vice-chair.

Moved by Pomerleau seconds by Starostecki to nominate Brian Libby as Town Council Vice-chair.

Chait Nesbitt called for additional nominations, hearing none, entertained a motion for nominations to cease.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Starostecki and voted for nominations to cease. (Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt call for a show of hands to elect Brian Libby as Vice-chair. (Unanimous)

NEW BUSINESS

71-18 Adopt Standish Town Council Rules of Procedure [Pomerleau]

Chair Nesbitt explained that this is an annual order that is brought forward as the new Council is seated.

Chair Nesbitt called for public comments, hearing none, he called for Council comments, hearing none he called for the vote.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

72-18 Authorize Town Council to Accept Donations [Pomerleau]

Chair Nesbitt explained that this is an annual order that is brought forward as the new Council is seated.

Chair Nesbitt called for public comments, hearing none, he called for Council comments, hearing none he called for the vote.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

73-18 Authorize Consent Agreement – Gould – Map 9 Lot 54 Sub D [Pomerleau]

Town Manager, Kris Tucker noted that the violation is not significant and was not done intentionally.

Michael Gould the builder explained that the building location was laid out in the winter and an error was made in measuring from the frontline. He described that this discrepancy was found when the land was surveyed as part of the closing.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Higgins and voted to amend the agreement to assess a fine of \$0.00. (Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt called for public comments, hearing none, he called for Council comments, hearing none he called for the vote

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

74-18 Authorize Consent Agreement – Ward – Map 49 Lot 01 Sub A [Pomerleau]

Chair Nesbitt explained that the when reviewing the diagram, it shows that building was placed too close to the property line causing a three-foot violation.

Chair Nesbitt called for public comments.

Mr. Christopher Ward the property owner said that the foundation went in in late winter and an error was made when the measurement was taken. This discrepancy was found when the bank did the survey for the closing.

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

Councilor Sirpis said that owner operated in good faith and this was just an oversight.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Libby and voted to amend the agreement to assess a fine of \$0.00.
(Unanimous)

Chair Nesbitt called for additional Council comments.

Councilor Delcourt mentioned that he had watched this building being built and commented on the good job that was being done.

Chair Nesbitt called for the vote.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

75-18 Waive Bid Process and Authorize Upgrade to the Fuel Pumps at the Standish Municipal Center [Libby]

Councilor Libby said that this needs to happen because we're going to Cumberland County for dispatch service.

Fire Chief Caron explained that this will tie into the existing system, where as other systems they looked at cost more due to the integration that that would need to be done for the system to be operational. He noted that it's slightly costlier, it has safe guards such as provisions that don't allow dispensing the wrong type of fuel in a vehicle. In addition, it will provide real time usage and accounting to the Finance Department.

Chair Nesbitt called for public comments, hearing none, he called for additional Council comments.

Councilor Libby reiterated that the Finance Department will get an immediately report of usage.

Chair Nesbitt questioned why the bid process needed to be waived?

Councilor Libby said that part of it is because there are limited vendors able to provide this service.

Councilor Higgins asked when the Dispatch Offices are being switched to Cumberland County?

Chair Caron said that's discussed in the next order, it's scheduled to change over July 2.

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

VOTE: 7 Yeas 76-18 Waive Bid Process and Authorize a Three-Year Contract with the Cumberland County Communications Center for Dispatch Services [Libby]

Councilor Libby explained that this coverage will start July 2 and will be a cost savings in the long run.

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

Chief Caron said that this process was originally scheduled to transition in October, however due to an unexpected closure of the State Police Center in Gray, it fast tracked this program since some of our dispatchers will be employed by Cumberland County and they will be needed sooner than expected.

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

VOTE: 7 Yeas

77-18 Extend Liquor License Authority to Acres of Wildlife Campground for an Additional 90-day Period [Pomerleau]

Kris Tucker explained that town staff has held numerous meetings regarding the facility. In some cases, the items that they were requested to bring to code they have chosen to remove. He explained that the way the license deadline fell, it would be prior to the July Council meeting, that's why this order is accelerated. He said that the town is happy with their results and they are moving forward in good faith. He continued that the Code Enforcement Officer and Assessor will be at the facility next week to measure and record the buildings dimensions next week.

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

Councilor Sirpis while what the Town Manager has told us is great, it's not what we had talked about. The Council had asked for periodical updates from the applicant. He said that it's his opinion that staff should have done their visit prior to today. He said that he can't support this and intends to make a motion to revisit this at the next meeting.

Counselor Higgins asked if there has been any remediation of existing buildings or have they been removed?

Kris Tucker said that it's been a combination of both and next week's visit to measure the building for the contract zone matter.

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Pomerleau and voted to table this order until next months meeting. (Yeas 3 - 4 Nays, Higgins, Libby, Nesbitt, Starostecki)

Councilor Pomerleau said that the Manager had told her two weeks ago that the facility had moved buildings to Baldwin.

Kris Tucker said that he had thought that might happen, but it hasn't.

Councilor Higgins asked Mr. Tucker to be more specific about items that have been remediated, or to being thing up to code?

Mr. Tucker said that decking has been improved and a kitchen and bath have been removed. This is where we're thinking its been a good faith effort should be rewarded. They have been spending a lot of time and money on the engineering part of the project aspects and we need to be fair.

Chair Nesbitt noted that they have been working with the Planning Board for a number of months.

Councilor Nesbitt said that this has been a long process and is please to know that there is forward movement on the facility.

Councilor Sirpis said that he's not opposed to forward progress, in fact he encourages it, however there has been no communications with the Council as was required. He recalled asking the applicant twice if they would be able to complete the list of items. He said that he sees no list of what they were required to do or a list of their completed items. He was concerned that there has been no communications when we specifically asked that we were to be kept updated. He said that he will not be supporting the order.

Councilor Higgins said what is the specific run out date of the license?

The Manager said that it would be July 9 just prior to the meeting.

Chair Nesbitt said that he too didn't have the list that the facility was to work on in front of him. He wanted to get more information brought forward on this matter and coming through town staff was acceptable to him.

Councilor Higgins said that she would like to see it extended for 30-days to allow them to bring forward their list of completed items.

Moved by Higgins seconded by Sirpis to amend the order to extend the license for 30-days.

Councilor Delcourt said that if the Town Manager believes that the applicant is making a good faith effort that's fine with him and they should be allowed to have their license.

Chair Nesbitt called for public comments on the amendment.

Philip Pomerleau – Northeast Road - This is campground that will be operating for the next four months. He said that the employees will be catering to the campers and not have time to work on the repairs. He said in his mind they should have gotten this done in the off season.

Chair Nesbitt called for additional Council comments on the amendment.

Councilor Sirpis said the came to us in February and the Land Use issues have been going on for approximately three-years. He didn't was to be a micro-manager, but he didn't want to be taken advantage of either. He'd like to see the list of the goals and what they've attained. Giving them 30-days allows that to happen. He said the message that we're sending is that you don't have to comply, and you can sill operate the business.

Moved by Higgins seconded by Sirpis and voted to amend the order to extend the Liquor License for 30-days. (5 Yeas – 2 Nay, Sirpis and Starostecki)

Chair Nesbitt called for final Council comments on the order as amende, hearing none he called for the vote.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Pomerleau and Sirpis

PUBLIC ITEMS

Mr. Pomerleau said that early on the Cumberland County Sheriff's vehicles purchased by the Town of Standish prominently were designated as Standish Patrol vehicles. He noted that the now the vehicles are detail with tiny lettering that is hard to read. He said that we pay for the vehicles and the lettering should be large enough to read. He said that he'd like the Manager or the Chair of the Town Council to look into this.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (S)

Moved by Sirpis seconded by Higgins and voted to move into Executive Session with Attorney Pat Dunn for the purpose of discussions on the following matter:

Personnel matters pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405(6) (A)

Moved seconded and voted to arise from the Executive Session. The Council arose from the Executive Session at 11:25 am and no additional business was conducted.

Submitted by: _____
Clerk/Secretary