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Town Council Meeting Minutes 12/16/2014

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**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
STANDISH, MAINE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014
Rescheduled from December 9 due to weather conditions.
STANDISH MUNICIPAL CENTER
7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Councilors present: Blanck, Nesbitt, Newbegin, Olson, Pomerleau, Sargent and Spencer.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (S)

Councilor Blanck said that in the November 12 minutes on page 1 the website that was advertising the shooting range at the Maietta pit was Weaponcraft and this should be noted in the minutes. In addition, on page 2 the word hunted should be haunted. After making these corrections the minutes from the September 23 and November 12 meeting minutes were accepted as presented by unanimous consent.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The clerk noted that a communication had been received from Maurie Hill supporting the sidewalk project. The clerk explained that another communication was received in support of the sidewalk projects, however, it was not signed by the sender so it will not be acknowledged. Councilor Olson read a letter that she had received from Julie Applegarth in support of the sidewalk projects. The letters from Mrs. Hill and Ms. Applegarth are included with these minutes.

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Gordon Billington spoke on the following topics:

- Public Works had encountered electrical system problems on one of the trucks.
- During the storm the day before Thanksgiving the Public Safety Department did 34 runs.
- Recreation sponsored a Santa calling event, the calls were made by St. Joseph's students
- A tree lighting ceremony was held.
- Girls' basketball season has started.
- Ice skating rinks should be available later this month.
- The Summer Spectacular Committee has kicked-off their event planning.
- Senator Bill Diamond had submitted a bill to require smoke detectors in all new construction and encourage them in existing homes.
- Senator Bill Diamond has been approached by the law firm of Preti Flaherty who are representing Frye Island to introduce legislation to change the school funding formula. This change would affect all the District's municipalities. A phone conference was held with the attorney to explain the proposed legislation which would require approval by the member town's legislative body.
- The Fire Chief has accepted a job at another municipality. Mr. Billington acknowledged the years of exceptional service that Brent Libby has provided the town.

Gordon Billington introduced Scott Gesualdi the Finance Director who in turn introduced the town auditors. Donald Talbot and Marc Roy ^{Mary Chapman} of Berry Talbot Royer of the town's audit firm provided an in-depth presentation of the town's financial statement. The complete Financial Report is available at the Finance Department. The auditors thanked the town staff for their assistance during the audit.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

119-14 Amendment to Standish Town Code, Chapter 151, General Assistance Ordinance, Adopt Updated Tables for the Maximum Levels of Assistance as Provided by the Maine Municipal Association [Sargent]

Chair Sargent explained that this is a yearly update to the General Assistance Program.

After a public hearing without public or additional Council discussion the council voted on the ordinance and the hearing was closed.

A copy of the complete ordinance is on file at the municipal offices.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

Moved seconded and voted to read the following applications by title only and vote on the applications collectively. (Unanimous)

131-14 Application Submitted by Dawn Andersen for Renewal of a Combined Massage Establishment /Therapist License at the Center for Soul Enrichment Located at 80 Phinney Road [Sargent]

132-14 Application Submitted by Stephanie Biggs for Renewal of a Combined Massage Establishment /Therapist License at the Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center Located at 1 Northeast Road [Sargent]

133-14 Application Submitted by Valerie Veinotte for Renewal of a Massage Therapist License at Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center located at 1 Northeast Road [Sargent]

134-14 Application Submitted by Deborah Boxer for Renewal of a Massage Therapist License at Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center located at 1 Northeast Road [Sargent] [Spencer]

135-14 Application Submitted by Xiong Tran for renewal of a Massage Therapist License at Kosmetikos Spa and Wellness Center located at 1 Northeast Road [Spencer]

After a public hearing without public or additional Council discussion the council voted on the applications and the hearings were closed.

Copies of the applications are on file at the municipal offices.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Pomerleau noted that the Capital Improvements Committee met tonight and opened bids for the radio equipment and discussed the Steep Falls sidewalk engineering project.

Councilor Nesbitt explained that the Ordinance Committee continues to work on the Steep Falls Village Implementation Plan. Street scape plans that were submitted by the engineer were reviewed and will be incorporated into the plan.

Councilor Olson announced that the Finance Committee met and reviewed the draft of the finance documents that were presented by the auditors tonight. She complemented Scott Gesualdi and the Finance Department staff for their efforts relating to the audit.

Councilor Newbegin said that the Beach Committee has received preliminary approval for the beach and ice fishing facility off Harmon's Beach Road. A January meeting will be held to finalize details with the boating club.

Chair Sargent said that the Appointment's Committee met, to review pending applications. The plan is to interview applicants next month.

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no consent items on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of unfinished business on the agenda.

Chair Sargent noted that there are two orders to be added to the agenda, 146-14 a request to name the new bridge in Steep Falls the Veteran's Memorial Bridge and 147-14 an application for a Farmers Market.

Moved by Blanck seconded by Pomerleau and voted to add order 146-14 to the agenda. (Unanimous)

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Blanck and voted to add order 147-14 to the agenda. (Unanimous)

Chair Sargent explained that the Rules of Procedure provide that persons addressing the Council are limited to once per agenda item with a time limit of five-minutes. Additional time may be granted by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

136-14 Town Council Appointment to Various Boards and Committees [Sargent]

Chair Sargent explained that the Appeals Board appointments will be made at another time and that the registrar appointments to be added to the order.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Olson and voted to add the name of Mary Chapman as Registrar of Voters through January 1, 2017 to the order. (Unanimous)

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

137-14 Acceptance of Donation of Real Property to Town by Butler Castings Realty, LLC [Sargent]

Town Manager, Gordon Billington explained that Walter Butler has offered a gift to the town of 22 acres of land off the Moody Road adjacent to the Sensata property that Mr. Butler recently purchased. At one-time Mr. Butler had considered developing soccer fields at the location, however, he has decided to gift the land to the town with the understanding that the town will put a soccer complex on the land. He said that an engineer looked at the site to provide a conceptual design of up to six fields. Mr. Billington explained that Mr. Butler has offered the use of the parking lot on nights and weekend during sporting events. He went on to explain that there are covenants on the land relating to the remediation of ground water. The covenants provide that the ground water cannot be altered and there cannot be residential buildings built on the land. He reminded the audience that Portland Water District serves the Shaw's Mill Road due to the contamination that that occurred when GTE had the facility there. He noted that he had been contacted by the GTE attorney who voiced concerns since they are responsible for flushing the ground water, so they don't want anything that we might to affect the groundwater. Mr. Billington said that he believes that our engineer has done their due diligence and the land can be developed.

Walter Butler said that as a resident of the town and managing member of Butler Casting Reality, LLC he wanted to assure them that he has obtained a V Wrap Protect which provides him and anyone that he conveys the property to with liability protection from the former environmental issues. As a former coach he thought that this would be the best use of the land. He said that he knows firsthand that that soccer tournaments can bring a lot of money in to an area. He said that in meetings with DEP they thought it would be a doable project.

Gordon Billington said that when our attorney researched the property a lien was discovered.

Mr. Butler said that had been taken care of.

Councilor Olson said that his generosity was awesome in this day and age. She said that they are opening a building that has been vacant for years, gifting then land and sharing the parking is generosity not normally seen.

Daniel Kasprzyk thanked Mr. Butler for the land and for bringing business to the Sensata plant. He then questioned if there had been conversations with the attorneys from GTE or CTI recently regarding the covenants. He went on to say that a number of years ago the town purchased property on Moody Road that sits undeveloped due to vernal pools. He wanted to make sure that the town has done its due diligence regarding this property.

Gordon Billington said he recently had a phone conversation with their attorney and they have no objections to the land being used for soccer fields.

Walter Butler said that we don't need to seek permission from the former owners to improve the property. He we only have to satisfy DEP that we are following the covenants. He explained since the original 80 acres were covered by the covenants, each subdivision of land is followed by the covenants on the original parcel.

Maurie Hill of Wildridge Road asked what was the value of the 22 acres.

Gordon Billington said that there was not a valuation at this point, Mr. Butler will have to obtain a commercial assessment for the property for tax purposes.

William Orr of Kerry Farms Drive questioned what would happen if a child got sick from playing on the property. Would the town be responsible?

Gordon Billington said that towns are protected by the Maine Tort Claim law which limits the liability.

Councilor Newbegin asked how much will the town lose in taxes by accepting this gift.

Gordon Billington said that he wasn't sure, but didn't think it would be very much because most of the valuation is based on the buildings value.

Councilor Olson said that it was her hope that the town would receive all sorts of money coming into the town from holding soccer tournaments.

Councilor Newbegin voiced his concerns with this property regarding vernal pools recalling the issues that the town faced with vernal pools on the Moody Road property that was purchased a number of years ago.

Councilor Pomerleau said that they had a program in place to relocate the vernal pools which would have allowed development on the Moody Road property.

Councilor Newbegin said that he was concerned and would like to take this to a workshop to fully discuss the matter since the property has been striped and that will change the ground water. He said that he'd like to see information in writing about this before voting on this.

Gordon Billington said that the town hired an engineering firm to do an assessment of the property and advise us if the property was suitable for the intended purpose. He said that the engineer has indicated yes. He said that we have had a pre-application meeting with the Department of Environmental Protection to present the plans for the property. So far, they have they have said yes and there are no obstacles to us developing the property for the purposes that we want.

Moved by Newbegin to table this item.

Councilor Nesbitt called for a point of order. He asked if this could it be brought back for tabling later in the discuss process.

Gordon Billington said that Councilor Newbegin could bring the tabling motion back up at a later time. Mr. Billington went on to say that this offer would allow Mr. Butler a tax-break for this year. If we waited Mr. Butler would not get the tax-break this year and it would not be to his benefit to wait until the January meeting.

Councilor Nesbitt said that this property will be used for soccer fields, did we have plans to build soccer fields? He questioned if softball fields of walking trails could be included?

Mr. Billington said that the Recreation Department has reviewed it and believes the best use is for soccer fields. He noted that we have Standish Memorial Fields where we just purchased additional lands for baseball fields. He said that his could be used as multipurpose fields, but they think the best use is soccer fields.

Chair Sargent that that this is just in the idea stage there are no firm plans at this time.

Councilor Newbegin said that is why he'd like it tabled.

Councilor Pomerleau said if we table this we might lose our opportunity to acquire it. He explained that he recently travelled to soccer tournament in Massachusetts so he's seen first-hand the amount of money that spent in a community that is hosting a tournament. He said that he would be supporting this order.

Councilor Blanck said that he agreed with Councilor Pomerleau's statements and he too supported this order.

Councilor Olson said that she agreed to the order and that due diligence has been done.

Councilor Newbegin said that he didn't think that due diligence had been done and he'd like to see this go to a workshop.

Moved by Newbegin seconded by Nesbitt and voted to move this item to workshop. (2 Yeas – 5 Nays, Blanck, Olson, Pomerleau, Sargent, Spencer)

VOTE ON ORDER: 5 Yeas – 2 Nays, Nesbitt and Newbegin

138-14 Award Bid and Authorize Contract for Purchase of Radio Equipment [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau explained that we had four vendors interested in this, however, only Dirigo Wireless submitted a bid for \$29,967.40. He said that we had \$35,000 set aside for this and we've done business with this company in the past.

Chief Libby explained that the RFP was sent to four local vendors. What the equipment will do is improve both the Public Safety and Public Works Departments radio transmission systems. This order will approve work at the tower, provide new equipment and reprogramming of existing equipment for Public Works.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that this bid includes add-ons that were not included in the original bid.

Chief Libby explained the add-ons which are an upgrade to the duplexer, an upgrade to the power supply and upgrade to lightning and surge suppression at the dispatch center.

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Nesbitt and voted to add the name of Dirigo Wireless at a cost not to exceed \$29,967.40 to the order. (Unanimous)

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 7 Yeas

139-14 Award Bid and Authorize Contract for Engineering Services Relating to the Steep Falls Sidewalk Project [Pomerleau]

Councilor Pomerleau said that bids were sent out to 12 businesses and the bids ranged \$19,750 to over \$50,000. He said that the CIP Committee would like to go with BH2M at a cost of \$25,420. He said that BH2M has done work for us in the past, the lowest bidder has never done work in Maine. He noted that we have \$45,000 budgeted for this project.

Mr. Billington said that the Steep Falls sidewalk project went out to the voters for approval for bonding, as you know the voters turned that down the bonding. He explained that the amount that they are asking for now is lower, because the budgetary amount was based on the grant matching requirements. He said as it turns out we were awarded a lower grant amount so the amount now is \$51,900. He said if we do not move forward with this project we will have to pay MaineDOT \$65,000 for the sidewalk they constructed across the bridge. If we go forward with the project we'll pay a lesser amount and get a sidewalk in Steep Falls. It may not be the full sidewalk that we hoped for, but it will make the area safer.

Mike Foster of Steep Falls said that although the town voted this down twice at referendum, they did approve it twice at town meeting and it's included in the Comprehensive Plan. He said that it was the funding mechanism that was voted down not the sidewalks. He supported the sidewalk project noting that many people walk in the area not just the Route 11 residents.

Daniel Kasprzyk questioned the time frame of the bid process, he thought that the process was short for vendors to submit a bid.

Councilor Pomerleau announced that we had 13 companies submit bids.

Daniel Kasprzyk said that he would not debate the cost or the value of the sidewalk project, however, he said that there was a vote on November 4, and he continued by reading a portion of the referendum question. He said that that question failed by a 833 vote difference. He said that they took an oath when they took office to do the will of the people and follow the law. He said that he implored them to cancel this.

William Hill of Wildridge Road he said that this should be a public health and safety concern first and foremost. He said that this should be a recognition that if we don't continue with this we lose money and get nothing for it. He said that building the sidewalks will improve the tax base and overall improve the quality of life for people in this town. He said that it was unconscionable, improper, immoral he suggested to use this for political gain to drive a wedge between the voters and change the Town Council. He

commended the Council for their on their behavior and demeanor at this meeting.

Louis Stack of White's Bridge Road questioned if the money for this project came for the bond.

Councilor Olson said that the money was appropriated in the budget.

Louis Stack again asked if the money that was to be spent was part of the bond package.

Mr. Billington said that it was the intent originally to pay for the engineering and construction matching amount of the sidewalk from a bond.

Louis Stack said that a lot of people say that the vote was for a bond and just as many thought they were voting to approve the sidewalks. His concern was whether they were respecting the voters of town with what they are intending to do here. He said that this is only for the engineering, you'll have to go out bid for the construction. He suggested that they put it into next year's budget and the following year budget since it's so close to the end of the year. He went on to say that the next two orders should be acted on prior to this order.

Carolyn Biegel of Ossipee Trail East said that at the November meeting someone had said that they came to the dance late. She said as she thought about that statement quite a bit since the last meeting and she recalled what GrowSmart Maine had told them when she stalled at a particular part of the Master Plan for the Village Center. GrowSmart said to go back to your Comprehensive Plan and reread it to remember what you're trying to do. She said that she reviewed the Comprehensive Plan which called that in 2016 that Standish would have achieved the goal of providing pedestrian friendly compact village centers through the development of sidewalks and pedestrian ways. She went on to say that we're close to making this a reality. She said that the Town Council made a commitment to make this happen and not let the plan sit on the shelf. She said to her this is government at its finest. From the Council requesting citizen involvement, to committees developing the plan, public hearings and working together to determine the funding. She said that this is a win for everybody and it shows government working at the optimum. She said that she can't understand why we're not moving forward on these projects. She said that she commended the Council for bringing these forward and she looks forward to walking on the sidewalks.

William Orr said that this order is putting the cart before the horse in the sense to spend the money for a survey when the project might never be done. He said if you want to do this wait until the sidewalks are approved by the people.

Carol Billington of Chadbourne Road said that she didn't know from where or why there is opposition to the sidewalks. She went on to say that we're on track to bring to reality what the town wants, in the order they wanted it. She said that future growth management for this town begins with sidewalks. She said that this is the right thing because the Comprehensive Plan is still guiding us and to stop mid-stream she asked where do we go from here. She said that she didn't know where we got off track and hated to lose this opportunity.

Deb Doherty-Scannell of Steep Falls said that walks all the time and its terrifying. She said that she shouldn't be worried about walking to the library or the store. She said that she knows that this is only a section but maybe eventually it be extended so there is a safe place for our families.

Peter Biegel of Ossipee Trail East said it was a great idea to build the sidewalk across the bridge. He said that if that wasn't done now it would never get done because of the cost. He said that the growth areas as described in the Comprehensive Plan helps to steer growth in areas rather than all over town. He said that the town has to take the first step in making these growth areas livable. He said that if the areas are not made attractive and a place where someone feels comfortable living, they aren't going to live there.

Bruce Roubo of Saco Road questioned if would have to rip up these sidewalks to install utilities or build a by-pass.

Maurie Hill of Wildridge Road said she knows that we're talking about Steep Falls, when one area is improved it helps the whole town.

Councilor Olson said that there are a lot of numbers out there so she compiled a summary. She said that the fact is that within the FY 15 Public Works capital budget there is \$140,000 which was approved at town meeting for sidewalks. She said that the grant amount was reduced so the matching amount is reduced as well. She said that if we end these projects we will have to pay \$97,000 and for that we get no sidewalks. She said if the project proceeds with the engineering and matching funds the cost will be \$155,000. She said that we have budget approval for \$180,000. She said that this will not happen in one fiscal year. She said that the money that we already have budgetary approval for leverages \$622,000 in capital investments for the town. She said that the number are rounded, but we'll spend \$97,000 for nothing or we spend \$155,000 for to get a 444% increase in our investment. She said that our finances are in excellent shape and the auditor said that our debt load is lower than many other communities our size. She noted that this town is managed very well. She said if she looked at her fiduciary responsibility paying \$97,000 for nothing or spending \$155,000 to get \$777,000 is crystal clear. She said the question is how do we pay for it, she said that we have the authority to spend the money today. She said that in her mind this is the right thing to do because the town meeting budget approves the construction of the sidewalks. A copy of Councilor Olson's handout is filed with these minutes.

Councilor Blanck said that this first concern was the safety of the kids walking on Route 11. He said that the Steep Falls voters are a small percentage of the residents of Standish. He said that he looks at the vote as a reverse NIMBY, he said that the voters look at it and say it's not in my backyard so why should I pay for it. He said that Standish is not unique in having a bonded referendum vote down and then the Council goes ahead with the project. He cited recently the Town of Biddeford voted down a bond on road construction, but their Council decided to move forward with the work. He said that for him this grant was a no-brainer.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he drives in the Steep Falls area at least three times a week and stressed how cautiously drivers need to drive when there are pedestrians in the road walking. He spoke to the membership of the Comprehensive Plan and how it was a citizen committee charged with developing the plan. He said that he supports this engineering.

Councilor Nesbitt said that he supports all sidewalks. He said that he looks at the vote and also all the work that has been done before and will be done after. He said that this is the best thing for Standish. It is an incredible opportunity.

Councilor Newbegin said he looks at it that voting yes on this would disenfranchise the voters that voted the sidewalk matter down. He said that he has to honor their vote. He said that he can't vote yes even though he served on the Comprehensive Plan and agreed with the idea of sidewalks. He said that the voters said no four times for Standish and twice in Steep Falls. He noted that he is the sponsor of the next two orders which are trying to put the matter off for a while to put the funding in next year's budget to see if we can get it through.

Chair Sargent said that he's wrestled with this since it's been brought up especially this one of Steep Falls, he would be in violation of his duties to the people of Standish to spend the money but not build the sidewalks. He said that the sidewalks will ensure the safety of people walking.

Councilor Pomerleau noted that a huge plant is being considered in Baldwin which will increase the traffic in the area.

Chair Sargent announced that the order had been amended to include BH2M at a cost not to exceed \$25,420.

VOTE ON ORDER AS AMENDED: 6 Yeas – 1 Nay, Newbegin

141-14 Termination of Steep Falls Sidewalk Project [Newbegin]

Chair Sargent said that since we're talking about Steep Falls he'd like to take order 141-14 out of order.

Moved by Sargent seconded by Pomerleau and voted to take up order 141-14 at this time. (Unanimous)

Councilor Newbegin said that he put this in for the people that voted no, he said that they need to be recognized. He said that argument is the same for the next order on the Standish sidewalks. He said that he thought that this will probably be voted down but he needed to bring it forward for the voters.

Chair Sargent said that he wanted to thank everyone for being here tonight. He went on to say that when we leave tonight we need to respect the people and the process.

Daniel Kasprzyk of Steep Falls cited Charter Section 102 which talks to powers of the Town. He reminded them that they swore an oath, he said there was an 833 vote difference, and you have to serve all of the voters. He implored them to vote the appropriate way and vote the will of the people.

Carolyn Biegel of Ossipee Trail East said that she liked the community block grants and recalled that we have received grants in the past. She recalled that the library received a grant to make improvements. Another grant that was received improved the Steep Falls Park. Now, we have the ability to receive a grant for sidewalks, this is such a gift to the community. She said having served on the grant approval committee she knows that if a grant is declined the approval authority might not grant applications in the future.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he can't imagine the 800 people that swung the vote would be happy with the Council spending \$97,000 and not getting a sidewalk or spending an additional amount and getting a sidewalk. He said that would not second guess the residents of Steep Falls and vote against sidewalks.

Councilor Olson said that now that we know the cost of the engineering is less than the grant how could we possibly say we'll pay a \$50,000 fine where for \$51,000 cheaper we get the whole thing.

VOTE: 1 Yea – 6 Nays – Blanck, Nesbitt, Olson, Pomerleau, Sargent and Spencer

140-14 Termination of Standish Corner Sidewalk Project [Newbegin]

Moved by Newbegin seconded and voted to waive the reading of the order. (Unanimous)

Peter Biegel of Ossipee Trail East said that he sees this section of town a little differently than Steep Falls, he sees this as a corridor. He said that this area of town has a 16,000 cars per day traffic count so it has the potential of becoming just a strip development area. He said that he's lived in that area since the late 1960's. He said that this area is recognized as a growth area and if we don't add the pedestrian and residential element, we will lose that opportunity and it will start to look like Route 302 in Windham. He said that if it heads in that direction no one would want to put in a residential development. The town needs to take the first step to change the look of the area. He passed out a sheet showing general design elements that he printed from the Town of Cumberland's web site. He went on to say that they'd recognize the photo because Cumberland was using a picture from our Master Plan Study. He said that other towns are looking at us because our process has been so good. He said that the economy is getting better and if we wait the road will be lined with businesses that no one wants to live behind and we'll be a Route 302. A Copy of the photo that Mr. Biegel handed out if filed with these minutes.

Carol Billington of Chadbourne Road said that she endorses everything that Peter had said. She said that this is the right path for Standish and sidewalks are the first-step. She said that it is awesome that the funding is coming from someone else. She was not sure how this got sidetracked, but she urged them to vote this order down or amend it at the very least to allow more discussion.

William Orr said that the people don't want to spend the money for the sidewalks. He explained he moved to Standish because he liked the way it was. He said there is an ordinance to build sidewalks which have been waived by the Planning Board. He said that once the sidewalks are built we'll continue to spend money on them.

Daniel Kasprzyk said for the past three years the sidewalk project has come before the voters. He started to read the referendum question. He said that now there are four times voting on this matter and it has failed. He said that he asked them to consider to respect the will of the voters.

Maurie Hill of Wildridge Road said that the Council has the responsibility for safety in this town.

Councilor Pomerleau said that he couldn't see terminating this project until we're exhausted all efforts to get the sidewalks.

Councilor Blanck said that he was not in favor of this order and safety was foremost in his mind.

Councilor Olson said that Standish has a town meeting form of government and at the past June town meeting the voters approved \$104,000 as the matching grant for the Standish Village sidewalks. She said that the intersection at Route 35 and 25 is considered a failed intersection by MaineDOT. She said that at this time 100% of the students are bussed to the George E. Jack School because there are no sidewalks. She said as a representative of PACS – the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Program as a committee member she has seen the findings that the traffic on Route 25 as priority corridor which reinforces the need for sidewalks. She said to turn down a project that we already have funding for is against her fiduciary responsibility.

Councilor Nesbitt said that he would vote no on this order. He said that he was pleased on the previous order where the manager had solicited bids for the Steep Falls sidewalks project.

Councilor Newbegin said that the town meeting with less than 50 people approved this expenditure where just a few days before it failed at referendum. He said that's not right.

Councilor Pomerleau called the question.

VOTE: 2 Yeas – 5 Nays, Blanck, Nesbitt, Olson, Pomerleau, and Spencer

Moved by Pomerleau seconded by Blanck and Voted to move 146-14 to the section of the agenda.

146-14 Request the State of Maine Name the Newly Constructed Bridge that Crosses the Saco River on Route 11 The Veteran's Memorial Bridge [Town Council]

Representative Mike Shaw thanked the Council for the opportunity to talk to them about the bill that he has submitted for the upcoming legislative session. He explained that several veterans had approached him to officially name the bridge the Veterans Memorial Bridge and he agreed that this would be an excellent way to honor our veterans.

Hal Ware the commander of the Standish American Legion Post said that the Town of has supports this action fully since day one.

Bruce Roubo of Saco Road and a former commander of the American Legion Post said that this is an honorable mention for the veterans that have served the country. He suggested that they install a bronze plaque on the bridge.

Louis Stack of White's Bridge Road and a past commander of the Legion Post asked that they support this matter.

Philip Burnell of Pequawket Trail said that he is pleased that this matter is moving forward.

Councilor Newbegin as member of Post 128 recommend passing this order.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

At this time Councilor Blanck explained that over a year ago Mike Shaw got the MaineDOT commissioner to come to a meeting in Steep Falls to discuss the residents' concerns regarding the speed that trucks would travel over the new 408464976bridge408464976Mary Chapman. He said that the bridge is complete, however, in the spring traffic calming devices will be put into place such as painting the roadway and an electronic speed limit on the Limington side of the bridge. He said that thanks to Mike for helping with this matter.

142-14 Approve Warrant for Special Town Meeting [Sargent]

Chair Sargent said these shortages came to light during the recent audit.

Finance Director, Scott Gesualdi explained that the numbers for the warrant were preliminary numbers the actual amount for the Public Safety Department should be \$8,865, so the warrant needs to be corrected to reflect the correct amount.

Councilor Olson explained that the overage in the Public Safety Department was due to the need to replace the air packs for the firefighters.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

143-14 Authorize Purchase and Sale Agreement with Verne J. Blake for Land Adjacent to Standish Memorial Park [Sargent]

Mr. Billington said that funds for this were approved at the September referendum election.

Councilor Newbegin asked what was the total amount of the bond for this purchase.

Mr. Billington explained that there was money for both the engineering and purchase. He said that the amount was \$80,500.

Councilor Newbegin asked if that amount covered both orders.

Mr. Billington said that it did.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

144-14 Authorize Purchase and Sale Agreement with Jonn C. Webber and Karen E. Webber for Land Adjacent to Standish Memorial Park [Sargent]

Chair Sargent said that this is related to the previous order.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

145-14 Authorize Submission of CDBG Grant Funding for Family Crisis Services [Sargent]

Mr. Billington said that we've participated in this program in the past, however, this grant expands the services in the lakes region.

Councilor Newbegin questioned if we would receive the funds.

Mr. Billington said that we would receive the funds, but the program would be administrated by another group.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

147-14 Application submitted by Ossipee Regional, Artisan Market for New Farmers Market License [Sargent]

Chair Sargent explained that this applicant came in today and he had the opportunity to speak with him. He noted that several vendors will be set up at the market.

Julie Applegarth explained that she was a vendor at the market which was attended by approximately 50 people the first day.

Councilor Spencer asked what were their hours.

Julie Applegarth said that they are open the second and forth Saturday of each month form 10 am till 2 pm.

VOTE: 7 Yeas

PUBLIC ITEMS

Louis Stack explained that the state has been raiding our revenue sharing for the past several years. He said that there may be an attempt from the state to raid our excise tax as well. He said that perhaps a workshop should be scheduled with Mike Shaw and Bill Diamond to let them know how we spend our excise tax funds. He said that the state doesn't think that towns are spending their excise tax money on their roads. He said that we have to give them financial data to them so they can assist us in the matter.

Councilor Olson explained that Mr. Stack has served the Town of Standish for a number of years in this capacity and she appreciates him continues in this role.

Chair Sargent said that Louis Stack has represented Standish for a number of years as our legislative liaison.

Chief Libby thanked the Council for the opportunity to serve the town.

Councilor Nesbitt said that removal of the property at the corner of Moody Road has stalled and it's become an eyesore. He asked that it be moved forward to completion.

Gordon Billington said that he had spoken to the individual that's removing the building and he indicated that it will be removed by January 20.

Hal Ware of the American Legion Post 128 thanked the Council for voting to rename the bridge. He said that the naming is for all veterans.

Chair Sargent wanted to see some workshops established to discuss the Standish Corner sidewalks plan in an attempt to work together on the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several upcoming meetings were announced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was not needed at this meeting.

ADJOURN

Moved by Olson seconded by Pomerleau and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:05 p.m.

Submitted by: s/Mary Chapman
Clerk/secretary

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