



# Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2007

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, April 3, 2007. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairperson Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Vice-Chair Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Maura Herlihy, Councilor Gordon Paul, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Arthur K. Kelly, and Councilor Gary R. Lamb **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green. **TOWN STAFF:** Executive Assistant Sherry Lord

Chairperson Mastraccio called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The session began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

**Roll Call:** Chairperson Mastraccio performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Lamb, present; Councilor Kelly, present; Council Littlefield, present; Councilor Paul, present; Councilor Herlihy, present; Vice-Chair Hanslip, absent w/ notice; Chairperson Mastraccio, present; Town Manager, Green, present; Executive Assistant, Sherry Lord, present.

## Minutes

April 3, 2007 – Regular Meeting: Councilor Kelly moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

## Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

- Councilor Herlihy updated the Council on the Finance Committee and reviewed the additional cuts made.

## Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Green gave an update on Montreal Street. The Town has advertised a request for proposal for the demolition of 18 Montreal Street. Town Manager Green also spoke about the recent flooding and damage done by the recent storm. Fire Chief Raymond Parent gave an update on the actions that were taken during the storm. Chief Parent explained how the Emergency response center was set up. A presentation of the damage was done by Eugene Alley and Peter Smith from Public Works and Mike Casserly of the Engineering department. They thanked everyone who helped and was involved. Peter Smith showed a slideshow of the flooding and damage. Councilor Littlefield expressed his appreciation to the people that helped during the storm.

## **Communications**

- Town Manager Green explained the Freedom of Information request from the Journal Tribune (Tammy Wells). She had requested all e-mail correspondence from the Finance Committee in regards to Finance Committee meetings and business. Town Manager Green sent a letter to the Finance Committee explaining the request. Chairperson Mastraccio spoke of a response from Attorney Brian Dench. At this time Chairperson Mastraccio is not asking that Attorney Dench come to Sanford. She is asking that the Chairperson of the Finance Committee correspond by e-mail or phone. Councilor Paul asked for a copy of the e-mail from Attorney Dench. Councilor Paul feels that the Finance Committee is a separate entity and that the Finance Committee should hand those e-mails to the press and not go through the Town Manager. Chairperson Mastraccio explained that the request came through the Town Manager and should be turned into him for him to forward to the press. Councilor Lamb apologized to the Finance Committee for a statement he made at a previous Council Meeting. Chairman Alan Walsh of the Finance Committee accepted Councilor Lamb's apology. Mr. Walsh explained that he has had contact with Chairperson Mastraccio in regards to requesting an attorney of the Finance Committee's choice and not the Town Attorney. Mr. Walsh feels that all the e-mails need to go through him as the Chair of the Finance Committee and he will disperse them to the press. Town Manager Green explained his thoughts. Chairperson Mastraccio explained that she is not in favor of having Attorney Dench come to Sanford. Councilor Lamb asked if the Finance Committee member's e-mails are town e-mails. Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee David Nickerson addressed the Council. Mr. Nickerson expressed his concerns. The Finance Committee will meet with Attorney Dench at his office in Auburn to discuss their questions.

## **Public Hearings**

- 1) An application for liquor license renewal and three blanket letters for application to operate games of chance (Bingo, 2 Sealed Tickets, 5 Video Poker) for the AMVETS Post #3, 169 School St, Sanford. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 8:14pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:14pm.
- 2) An application for new liquor license for Pento Incorporated (David Pento) DBA: Pento's place, 11 Riverside Ave, Sanford. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 8:14pm. David Pento spoke in favor. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:16pm.
- 3) An application for liquor license renewal for Smitty's Cinema-Sanford, 1364 Main Street, Sanford. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 8:16pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:17pm.
- 4) Application for two blanket letters for application to operate games of chance (Beano, 2 Sealed Tickets) for Sanford Lodge of Elks, 13 Elm Street, Sanford. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 8:17pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was closed at 8:17pm.

## **Public Participation**

Marc Caron – spoke of his concerns regarding taxes and his role on the Finance Committee.

Armand Talbot – asked about the Town Report.

Alan Walsh – spoke of the School Department Budget and his continued communications with the superintendent of schools.

Carol Edy – 24 Witham Street. She spoke on behalf of one of her neighbors. She talked about the flooding and drainage on Witham Street. Ms. Edy asked if there was anything that could be done about the drainage. Town Manager Green explained that the Public Works department is looking into the problem. Councilor Littlefield suggested a drainage easement.

Jim Drummey – talked about the drainage issues in the Witham Street area of Springvale.

David Nickerson – Thanked Councilor Lamb for his apology. Mr. Nickerson also talked about the budget process.

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- 07-56.01      Ordered, to approve an application for liquor license renewal and three blanket letters for application to operate games of chance (Bingo, 2 Sealed Tickets, 5 Video Poker) for the AMVETS Post #3, 169 School St, Sanford. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Kelly. The Town Council voted 4-2 (Councilors Herlihy & Paul opposed).
- 07-57.02      Ordered, to approve an application for new liquor license for Pento Incorporated (David Pento) DBA: Pento's place, 11 Riverside Ave, Sanford. Councilor Kelly moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-58.03      Ordered, to approve an application for liquor license renewal for Smitty's Cinema-Sanford, 1364 Main Street, Sanford. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Lamb. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-59.04      Ordered, to approve an application for two blanket letters for application to operate games of chance (Beano, 2 Sealed Tickets) for Sanford Lodge of Elks, 13 Elm Street, Sanford. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Lamb. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-60.05      Ordered, to authorize Sanford High School Project Graduation Committee to hold a voluntary tollbooth on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> on Main Street in Springvale by the Jr. High School. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Town Manager Green gave a brief report. Mr. Armand Talbot asked if there was an ordinance on Toll Booths. Chairperson Mastraccio explained that the ordinance states a certain number of toll booths per year. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

07-61.06 Ordered, to appoint Bryan Dench as the Town Moderator for the May 2007 Town Meeting. Councilor Paul moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Lamb: No report this evening.

Councilor Kelly: No report this evening.

Councilor Littlefield: Thanked the Public Works Department for doing a great job and encouraged citizens to stay away from dangerous areas.

Councilor Paul: No report this evening

Councilor Herlihy: Thanked the Public Works Department and all involved.

Vice-Chairperson Hanslip: absent

Chairperson Mastraccio: No report this evening.

Town Manager Green thanked Ralph Sabine for doing a great job.

### **Future Agenda Items**

#### **Adjournment**

Councilor Littlefield moved to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Lord  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.