



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2012

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Anne Marie Mastraccio, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Richard Wilkins, Councilor Ken Burgess and Councilor Maura A. Herlihy. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green, Town Manager **TOWN STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant; Ronni Champlin, Finance Director; Paula Simpson, Tax Collector/Treasurer; Jim Nimon, SRGC Executive Director; Jim Gulnac, Director of Planning; Dana Parry, Airport Manager; Sue Cote, Town Clerk/Voter Registrar; Jeff Rowe, Fire Chief; Thomas Connolly, Police Chief; Shirley Sheesley, Code Enforcement Officer; Steve Benoti, Assistant Fire Chief; Ray Parent, Director of Communications and John LaValley, Assistant Director of Communications.

Chairman Walsh called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.

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

Roll Call: Chairman Walsh performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Herlihy, Present; Councilor Burgess, Present; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Councilor Hanslip, present; Vice-Chair Mastraccio, Present.

Minutes

Executive Session: February 7, 2012; Vice-Chair Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Regular Meeting: February 7, 2012; Vice-Chair Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

Chairman Walsh announced that anyone wishing to speak about non-agenda related items will be limited to 3 minutes. All agenda related items will have a 5 minute limit.

Chairman Walsh reported from the Finance Committee. They currently have 4 vacancies. Anyone wishing to serve should fill out an application and return it attention to Lindee Watson 919 Main Street, Sanford.

Councilor Littlefield attended the Sanford Downtown Legacy annual meeting. He also attended the York County Credit Union open house at their new location on Main Street. Both events were well attended.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Green announced property tax exemptions that are available. All applications need to be submitted to the Tax Assessors office on or before April 1st of this year.

Communications/Presentations

Public Participation

Martin Vachon spoke of his concerns regarding Island Avenue.

Roger Christianson – voiced his concerns regarding the new speed limit on Route 99 in South Sanford. He said the large trucks that travel shake the houses in the Rosenfield development. He brought in a petition to receive services in South Sanford.

Ron Ferland also voiced his concerns about the same.

Public Hearings

The Town Council will take public comment on the following:

- 1) An Ordinance entitled MORATORIUM ORDINANCE REGARDING METHADONE CLINICS. Chairman Walsh declared the public hearing open at 7:22pm. Andy Pease of Maine Manufacturing addressed and thanked the Council for all the work they put into answering the questions of the business owners in the Industrial Park. Jim Cohen, Attorney for Spectrum Health voiced on behalf of Spectrum that they are against the extension of the ordinance and in favor of moving forward. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:26pm.
- 2) To amend the Town of Sanford Code Chapter 226 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Areas, Article XX Schedules by adding Schedule 12, Mid-Town Mall Parking Lot, for the purpose of creating 1 hour time limited parking in certain sections of the parking lot. Chairman Walsh declared the public hearing open at 7:26pm. Ruth Bettinger voiced her concerns about this working against the Downtown Plan and letting people park and walk around the Downtown. Judy Heart student of the Phoenix Rising voiced her concerns that she doesn't feel that the one hour parking is sufficient. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:31pm.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

- 12-24-01 Ordered, to authorize the PTG at Margaret Chase Smith School to hold a 5K fundraiser that will promote a healthier future for students on May 5, 2012. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 12-25.02 Ordered, to appoint a council representative and alternate to the MMA Maine Service Centers Coalition. Vice-Chair Mastraccio moved to nominate Councilor Herlihy with Councilor Hanslip as the alternate, seconded by Councilor Burgess. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 12-26.03 The Sanford Town Council hereby repeals an ordinance entitled Moratorium Ordinance regarding Methadone Clinics enacted on December 20, 2011 in conformance with section 213.1 of the Sanford Town Charter. Town Manager Green gave a report from the ad hoc committee. He explained the recommendations from the committee. Vice-Chair Mastraccio asked that the committee be involved through the entire process. Vice-Chair Mastraccio moved to repeal the ordinance entitled Moratorium Ordinance regarding Methadone Clinics enacted on December 20, 2011 in conformance with section 213.1 of the Sanford Town Charter, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 7-0 approve.
- 12-27.04 The Sanford Town Council hereby ordains an ordinance entitled Moratorium Ordinance regarding Methadone Clinics. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading.) Councilor Littlefield moved to postpone indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 12-28.05 The Sanford Town Council hereby ordains amendments to the Town of Sanford Code Chapter 226 Streets, Sidewalks and Public Areas, Article XX Schedules by adding Schedule 12, Mid-Town Mall Parking Lot; for the purpose of creating 1 hour time limited parking in certain sections of the parking lot. This action rescinds and replaces the Mid-Town Mall parking ordinance adopted on February 7, 1989. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the first reading.) There was much discussion. Councilor Littlefield moved to amend the 1 hour parking to 2 hour parking in certain sections, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 on the amendment. Chairman Walsh asked that this item be sent to the Property Sub-Committee for further review before the next reading.
- 12-29.06 Ordered, to take action on the operating budget for the Town: Town Manager Green explained any changes to the budgets.
- 1) Operating Budget – Councilor Herlihy moved to support the Municipal Operating budget and forward to the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 6-1. Councilor Wilkins opposed.

- 2) Capital Plan – Councilor Littlefield moved to put \$25,000.00 back into the Fire Department CIP for the Ladder Truck, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 4-3. Councilor Herlihy, Vice-Chair Mastraccio and Chairman Walsh opposed. Councilor Mastraccio moved to support the Municipal CIP in the amount of \$1,849,427.00 and forward it to the Finance Committee. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 3) Outside Agencies – Councilor Herlihy moved to support outside agencies and forward to the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilor Burgess. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

12-30.07 Ordered, to adopt the Work Plan for the Town Council for 2012. Vice-Chair Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

12-31.08 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

- 1) An application for blanket letters to operate games of chance (1 additional sealed ticket game; card playing extending current letter 12/31) for the AMVETS Post #3, 169 School Street, Sanford, ME. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 2) An application for blanket letters to operate games of chance (1 Turkey Shoot Game; 5 Video Poker) for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve the 5 video poker, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 4-3 to approve. (Councilor Herlihy, Vice-Chair Mastraccio and Chairman Walsh opposed). Councilor Littlefield moved to approve the 1 turkey shoot game, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Herlihy: Reminded Chairman Walsh that she will be absent on April 3rd.

Councilor Burgess: None

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Hanslip: None

Councilor Littlefield: Asked about the speed limit on Route 99

Vice-Chair Mastraccio: asked that Sue Cote, Town Clerk announce the Organizational meeting for Town Wards on February 29th..

Chairman Walsh: None

Future Agenda Items

Code Enforcement Fee Increase
March 13th Workshop with the Charter Commission

Adjournment

Chairman Walsh moved to adjourn at 9:00 pm.
Respectfully submitted by
Sherry A. Lord