



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2008

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, October 7, 2008. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairman Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Anne Marie Mastraccio, Councilor Gordon Paul, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Kevin J. Chabot and Councilor Alan Walsh. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green, Present. **TOWN STAFF:** Executive Assistant Sherry Lord, Town Treasurer Paula Simpson, Director of General Assistance Diane Gerry, Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens, Planning and Community Development Director James Gulnac, Airport Manager Evan McDougal, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Rowe, Fire Chief Raymond Parent, Police Chief Thomas Connolly, Director of Public Works and Town Engineer Charles Andreson and Assistant to the Fire Chief Sue Nye, Town Attorney Bryan Dench and his associate Kelly Hoffman.

Chairman Hanslip called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

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

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

Minutes

NONE

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Littlefield gave a report from the Solid Waste Task Force. The Task Force will continue meeting on a weekly basis. They will be holding a public hearing on Thursday, October 9th at 7:00pm.

Town Manager's Report

NONE

Communications

Representative John Tuttle presented a Legislative Resolution to Robert Stackpole for his 15 years of service on the Sanford School Committee.

Public Participation

Paul Bouchard – Railroad Ave, Springvale asked if there was any way possible that the Town lines could be swapped on Railroad Ave in Springvale. He has concerns about police, fire and rescue that are not able to find his home.

Public Hearings

The Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the following:

- a) To discuss the proposed changes to the Town of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:22pm. General Assistance Director Diane Gerry explained the changes to the Ordinance. Councilor Chabot stated that the only changes in the Ordinance were in the dollar amounts. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing closed at 7:23pm.
- b) To discuss amendments to the Sanford Town Code establishing regulations for Mental Health and Abuse Centers. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:23pm. Town Manager Green explained the process that the Town has taken to establish this ordinance. Director of Planning and Community Development James Gulnac showed a map of the proposed conditional use. Ann Gagne resident of Sanford voiced her concerns. She stated that she is not sure why the town needs a clinic, what is this going to bring to the Town? She is also concerned that these people are seeking lifetime maintenance. Carol Ann Cabana asked for clarification regarding the zoning map. Director of Planning James Gulnac explained that the sub-committee removed the areas surrounding daycares and churches from the map. Katherine Vezina a spokeswoman from Counseling Services Inc. (CSI) read a letter from Vernon Moore, president of the Board of Directors at CSI. His concerns are that the proposed Ordinance will make it difficult for the current mental health and abuse center to continue to operate. (see attached) Town Attorney Bryan Dench explained that if a business is currently operating under a conditional use and changes that use, they have to re-apply for a permit to cover that new use. Mr. Dench also stated that the licensing portion of the Ordinance gives the Town the authority to review the license on an annual basis. Councilor Walsh asked why the Hospital was not looked at as a location. Town Manager Green explained that the Hospital was not interested in supporting a clinic. Dr. Mukesh Bhargava of Goodall Hospital explained what methadone is and the three forms of treatment; he feels that it is a risky treatment. Dr. Bhargava explained that he is not for or against the clinic, he is strictly giving information. Dr. Kent Hall Medical Director for the Goodall Hospital Emergency Room researched the past twelve month of patients that have come into the ER with opium related issues. Dr. Hall stated that the hospital records showed that there were between 20-25 people. Dr. Hall also stated he is neither for nor against a clinic. Robert White a representative of Sweetser, is concerned that the ordinance applies to all Mental Health and Abuse Centers. He is also questioning the location and accessibility of these services for low income families that are in need. Thomas Dennis a resident

of Sanford voiced his concerns. Mr. Dennis also thanked the Council for all the work they have done on this ordinance. He appreciates the fact that the Council is looking out for the Citizens. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:40pm.

- c) An application for liquor license renewal for Espo's Trattoria, 937 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 8:41pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:41pm.

Old Business

08-117.04 Ordered, to discuss and to approve an Assignment, Assumption and Acknowledgement to US Felt, Co., Inc. and BDR Properties, LLC or their nominee by TD Bank, N.A. (formerly TD Banknorth, N.A.) and to approve transfer all rights granted under the U.S. Felt Manufacturing Co. Development District, as originally authorized by vote of the Sanford Town Meeting on November 21, 1995 and as further provided in the so-called Credit Enhancement Agreement of even date therewith between U.S. Felt Manufacturing Co. Inc. / O'Grady-Brickle Co. LLC and the Town and to authorize and direct the Town Manager to execute such written documents in connection herewith as reasonably required to effect the same, subject to prior review and approval of the same by the Town Attorney. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

New Business

This item was moved to the beginning of new business with no objection.

08-136.09 The Town Council of the Town of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the Mental Health and Abuse Centers Ordinance sections: 149, 153 & 280 of the Town of Sanford Code. (This item must be read on two separate days, this is the first reading). Town Manager Green read the Sub-Committee recommendations and explained. Councilor Paul felt that the Sub-Committee recommendations did not reflect the communities concerns. Councilor Littlefield voiced that he does not feel comfortable with the ordinance the way it is written. Councilor Walsh feels that the definition needs to be clearer. Councilor Chabot agrees with the changes that were made by the sub-committee as does Councilor Mastraccio. The zoning sub committee will meet to discuss any changes to be made to the proposed ordinance.

08-128.01 Ordered, to approve the use of a portion of the former Modern Continental site at the Sanford Regional Airport for an off road vehicle short drag racing event as a fundraiser for Waban Projects, Inc on Sunday October 19, 2008. Councilor Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. Neal Metzler of Waban was in attendance and addressed the Council. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

- 08-129.02 The Town Council hereby ordains amendments to the proposed changes to the Town of Sanford General Assistance Ordinance. (This item must be read on two separate days, this is the first reading).
- 08-130.03 Ordered, to accept Rockwood Drive as a Town owned and maintained road. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. Director of Public Works Charlie Andreson recommended approval. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 08-131.04 Ordered, to accept a bid from Fire Tech & Safety of New England for the purchase of a Forestry Skid Tank in the amount of \$15,149.00. Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Rowe explained the bid process. Councilor Walsh asked why there was insufficient backup on this item. Councilor Walsh moved to table, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 5-1 (Councilor Mastraccio opposed) to table.
- 08-132.05 Ordered, to accept the proposed amendments to the agreement with Weston & Sampson Engineers for Brownfields assessment work in the Sanford Mill Yard. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 08-133.06 Ordered, to accept Lincoln School, 12 King Street, Springvale, ME from the School Department. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 08-134.07 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to write off all aging uncollected accounts receivables owed to the Fire Department with invoices dated from 1985 through December 31, 2002. Councilor Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 5-1 (Councilor Paul opposed) to approve.
- 08-135.08 Ordered, to approve an application for a liquor license renewal for Espo's Trattoria, 937 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Walsh: No Comment

Councilor Chabot: Congratulated Chief Parent on the Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Councilor Littlefield: No Comment

Councilor Paul: No Comment

Councilor Mastraccio: Councilors should look thorough the agenda and ask for more information before the meeting.

Vice-Chair Herlihy: Absent

Chairman Hanslip: No Comment

Future Agenda Items

Self Assessment – Councilor Walsh
Town line issue with Alfred/Sanford re: Railroad Ave – Councilor Littlefield

Adjournment

Chairman Hanslip moved to adjourn at 9:32 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Lord
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager