



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2008

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairman Joseph Hanslip, Vice-Chair Maura Herlihy, 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, Fire Chief Raymond Parent, Code Enforcement Officer Shirley Sheesley, Deputy Assessor Jeff Geaumont and Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens, Town Attorney Bryan Dench and Kelly Hoffman his associate.

Chairman Hanslip called the meeting to order at 8:07pm.

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; Councilor Herlihy, present; Councilor Hanslip, present; Councilor Mastraccio, present; Town Manager, Green, present; Executive Assistant, Sherry Lord, present.

Minutes

NONE

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

NONE

Town Manager's Report

NONE

Communications

NONE

Public Participation

NONE

Public Hearings

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

- 1) A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Sanford, Maine, exercising its power of eminent domain to take certain blighted property for purposes of abating the blight and for its redevelopment, approving and authorizing the execution of the disposition and development agreement by and between the Town and Northland Enterprises, LLC and making certain findings in connection therewith. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 8:09pm. Town Manager Green gave a presentation to the Council. Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens discussed possible future development of this property. Pat Fagan, property owner addressed the Council. He wanted to clarify why his building is in the condition it is. He just ran out of money to do the project. He is not happy that the mill has been taken from him. He feels that the Town did not allow him to make a deal with the developer. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was closed at 8:37pm.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

- 08-127.01 A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Sanford, Maine, exercising its power of eminent domain to take certain blighted property for purposes of abating the blight and for its redevelopment, approving and authorizing the execution of the disposition and development agreement by and between the Town and Northland Enterprises, LLC and making certain findings in connection therewith. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. Councilor Paul voiced his concerns. He feels that eminent domain should be a last resort. Councilor Mastraccio feels that the mill needs to be taken by eminent domain. Councilor Walsh stated that he feels this is what is best for the Town. The Town Council voted 5-2 to approve. (Councilors Paul & Herlihy opposed).

Council Member Comments

Councilor Walsh: Thanked Vice Chair Herlihy and Patti Gulnac for all their hard work with the Senior Summit. He also stated that he enjoyed watching the pumpkin drop.

Councilor Chabot: No Comment

Councilor Littlefield: The pumpkin drop was a great event

Councilor Paul: No Comment

Councilor Mastraccio: The Senior Summit was a great event.

Vice-Chair Herlihy: The Senior Summit was a great event, they had a great turnout. She Thanked everyone that was involved and helped. She also thanked Thea Murphy and Crew that did a great job on the Sanford Harvest Daze and the Pumpkin Drop.

Chairman Hanslip: No Comment

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Chairman Hanslip moved to adjourn at 9:02 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Lord
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager