



# Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2011

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, February 15, 2011. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Gordon N. Paul, Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Anne Marie Mastraccio, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Richard L. Wilkins and Councilor Kenneth Burgess. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green **TOWN STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Paula Simpson, Town Treasurer; Diane Sheldon, Director of General Assistance; Dana Parry, Airport Manager; Ronni Lynn Champlin, Finance Director; Marcel Blouin, Director of Recreation and Public Property; Shirley Sheesley, Codes Enforcement Officer; Jim Gulnac, Director of Planning; Eugene Alley, Director of Sanitation.

Chairman Paul called the meeting to order at 7:283pm.

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

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

## Minutes

Regular Meeting: February 1, 2011: Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 6-1-0. (Councilor Hanslip abstained)

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

Chairman Paul presented a plaque to Councilor Hanslip. The plaque was presented to Councilor Hanslip for his 3 years of service as a Council Chairman for 2008, 2009 and 2010.

Councilor Littlefield reported from the Central York County Connection meeting. He encouraged citizens to visit the web-site at [www.connectingyorkcounty.org](http://www.connectingyorkcounty.org). Councilor Littlefield also reported from the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. Their next meeting is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Town Manager's Report

Town Manger Green reported that the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development is recommending the Town of Sanford be awarded a 3.5 million dollar NSP3 (Neighborhood Stabilization Program) award for the Sanford Mill Redevelopment. The NSP3 funds are pending on HUD approval.

## **Communications**

None

## **Public Participation**

None

## **Public Hearings**

The Town Council will take public comment on the following:

- 1) To discuss the progress and closeout of the following development fund loan: A State of Maine Development Fund Loan and closeout for \$300,000 plus local match to Maine Manufacturing LLC. The purpose of this loan was to purchase capital equipment for business expansion and job creation. Chairman Paul declared the public hearing open at 7:40pm. Paula Simpson explained this public hearing and introduced Bill Emhiser, president of Maine Manufacturing LLC. Mr. Emhiser explained the expansion of his business and the job creation that was made possible by this loan. There was no one else to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:44pm.
- 2) An application for new liquor license for the Thai House Restaurant, 1491 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Chairman Paul declared the public hearing open at 7:44pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:44pm.
- 3) An application for liquor license renewal for the Village Slice, 481 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Chairman Paul declared the public hearing open at 7:44pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:44pm.

## **Old Business**

- 11-11.04 The Town Council hereby ordains amendments to the Town of Sanford Zoning Ordinance to revise the zone boundary to include Tax Map K31 Lot 17 also identified as 15 West Elm Street, into the Office Residential (OR) Zone. This property is currently zoned single family residential. (This item must be read on two separate days. This is the second reading.) Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 11-13.06 Ordered, to appoint two members to the Sanford Regional Growth Council. (This item was tabled from the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. This appointment is for the At Large member). Councilor Mastraccio moved to nominate Councilor Littlefield as the at large member, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town

Council voted 5-2 to approve. (Councilor Wilkins and Vice-Chair Walsh opposed).

11-14.07 Ordered, Whereas, as a result of the repeal of the PAYT Program the Town is faced with a budget shortfall for FY2010/2011 in the amount of \$700,000, and; Whereas further cuts to the municipal budget would require unacceptable reductions in Police, Fire & Public Works services endangering the public health, safety & welfare; Now Therefore the Town Council finds that this situation constitutes an emergency as defined by section 517.2 of the Town Charter. (This order requires an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of the Town Council). Town Manager Green explained the need for this emergency. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 6-1 to approve. (Vice-Chair Walsh opposed).

11-15.08 Ordered, to appropriate \$250,000 from fund balance for support of the municipal budget. (This order requires an affirmative vote of at least six (6) members of the Town Council). Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 4-3. Motion failed (Councilors Burgess and Wilkins and Vice-Chair Walsh opposed).

### **New Business**

11-19.01 Ordered, to take action on the operating budget for the Town:

- 1) Operating Budget
- 2) Capital Plan
- 3) Outside Agencies

Vice-Chair Walsh moved to have the Town Council return this budget back to the Town Manager and ask him to bring the budget back to the full Council with a 0% increase, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 4-3 to approve. (Councilors Mastraccio, Hanslip and Wilkins opposed).

11-20.02 Ordered, to take action if appropriate, on directing the Town Manager to implement Furlough Days, of non-exempt full time employees, of the Town of Sanford, as a cost savings in the municipal budget pursuant to section 204.3 of the Sanford Town Charter. Councilor Walsh moved to table until the March 1, 2011 meeting, seconded by Councilor Burgess. The Town Council voted 5-2. (Councilors Littlefield and Mastraccio opposed).

11-21.03 Ordered, to authorize the International Aerobatic Club Chapter 35 - New England Aerobatic Club to hold practice sessions on May 21, 2011 and July 23, 2011 with rain dates the following days at the Sanford Regional Airport.

Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

11-22.04 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into a two year lease agreement with Christopher Cantara for a portion of the Town Hangar at the Sanford Regional Airport. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. Airport Manager Dana Parry explained the lease. The Town Council voted 6-1-0 to approve. (Councilor Littlefield was absent for the vote).

11-23.05 Order, to accept the bid of H.A. Stone & Sons of Alfred, Maine for Decorative Fencing along Roberts Street in front of Goodall Park in the amount of \$15,000.00. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Director of Parks and Recreation, Marcel Blouin explained this project and stated this project is possible by the generous donation of H.A. Mapes, Inc. There are no tax dollars being spent on this project. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

11-24.06 Ordered, to authorize the reallocation of \$25,000 in unused CIP funds for the purchase of a used grader. Vice-Chair Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-1 to approve. (Councilor Burgess opposed).

11-25.07 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:

1) An application for new liquor license for the Thai House 1491 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Walsh. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

2) An application for liquor license renewal for the Village Slice, 481 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Burgess: None

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Hanslip: None

Councilor Littlefield: Voiced his opinion and unhappiness with a number of issues regarding the budget and tonight's meeting

Councilor Mastraccio: Voiced her opinion and concern with not being able to participate in the budget discussions for the current year regarding the \$250,000 shortfall.

Vice-Chair Walsh: Voiced his unhappiness

Chairman Paul: None

## **Future Agenda Items**

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Paul moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant.