



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – May 1, 2007

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, May 1, 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 7:01pm.

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, present; Chairperson Mastraccio, present; Town Manager, Green, present; Executive Assistant, Sherry Lord, present.

Minutes

April 17, 2007 – Regular Meeting: Councilor Herlihy moved to approve as amended, seconded by Councilor Kelly. The Town Council voted 6-0-1 (Vice-Chair Hanslip abstained) to approve as amended.

April 24, 2007 – Executive Session: Councilor Herlihy moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

- Councilor Herlihy updated the Council on the Finance Committee. They will be meeting on 5/3/07 to discuss and approve the Town Warrant and also to talk about informational Town Meeting. Chairman Walsh, Vice-Chair Nickerson and Mr. Drummey met with Councilor Herlihy, Councilor Kelly and Town Manager Green to discuss the Town Warrant in Town Manager Green's office on Tuesday, May 1st. The Group worked hard and came to agreement on the warrant. Councilor Herlihy discussed the LPC meeting that she attended on April 25th. She touched on a few of the items that were discussed.

Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Green spoke of the Patriots Day storm. All Town Roads are now open with the exception of Twombly Road. The Twombly Road project will go out to bid sometime the end of May.
- The University of Maine Orono baseball team will be at Goodall Park on Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 6:00pm.

- The Town has received a letter from the Maine DOT agreeing to fund \$800k for the Roundabout at the intersection of Routes 4 & 109.
- Town Manager Green will be meeting with a group of Town Manager's and others at the County Jail to discuss the deficit that the county is suffering. The group will discuss possible ways to recover from the deficit.

Communications

None

Public Hearings

- 1) The Town Council will accept public comment to discuss a pre-application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for the Business Assistance Grant Program component. For Rubb Inc., 1 Rubb Lane, Sanford, Maine \$250,000 of CDBG gap financing as part of a \$ 1,500,000 expansion of Rubb Inc. including an additional 20,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, new machinery and equipment, and the creation of 18 new jobs over two years. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:26pm. Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens addressed the Council. Mr. Stevens explained that this is a pre-application. Mr. Stevens explained the project to the Council. President and CEO of Rubb Inc. David Nickerson addressed the Council and gave a brief update. Mr. Nickerson explained the progress on the project. Councilor Kelly asked Mr. Nickerson when he expects to break ground. Mr. Nickerson explained that he is hopeful that they will break ground mid summer. Mr. Brad Littlefield opposes the pre-application. There was no one else to speak for or against. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing closed at 7:35pm.
- 2) The Town Council will accept public comment: Central Tire will receive a Business Assistance Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to provide for the acquisition of equipment necessary to support the expansion of the business at a new location to be built in the Sanford Industrial Park. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:36pm. Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens addressed the Council and explained the reasoning for the public hearing. This is just a confirmation and formal acceptance of the grant. There was no one to speak for or against. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing closed at 7:40pm.
- 3) The Town Council will accept public comment: To accept a Downtown Revitalization Grant of \$500,000 plus local match to assist in the planning and construction of roadways, parking lots, walking trails and a community garden in the mill section of the Sanford Downtown. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:40pm. Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens addressed the Council. Mr Stevens explained the project. Mr. Armand Talbot asked what the local share would be. Mr. Stevens explained that the local share would be \$1.5 million of the total \$2.3million project.

Public Participation

Mr. Armand Talbot – questions about the Town Warrant (he will speak under the item on the agenda).

Old Business

None

New Business

- 07-62.01 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to sign the cover sheet of the State of Maine CDBG program for the Business Assistance Grant Program component. For Rubb Inc., 1 Rubb Lane, Sanford, Maine \$250,000 of CDBG gap financing as part of a \$ 1,500,000 expansion of Rubb Inc. including an additional 20,000 sq. ft. of manufacturing space, new machinery and equipment, and the creation of 18 new jobs over two years. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Councilor Littlefield voiced his concerns. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 07-63.02 Ordered, to accept a Business Assistance Grant for Central Tire in the amount of \$150,000 plus local match to provide for the acquisition of equipment necessary to support the expansion of the business at a new location to be built in the Sanford Industrial Park. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 07-64.03 Ordered, to accept a Downtown Revitalization Grant of \$500,000 plus local match to assist in the planning and construction of roadways, parking lots, walking trails and a community garden in the mill section of the Sanford Downtown. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Councilor Herlihy spoke of the hard work and time that was put into this project. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 07-65.04 Ordered, to call the Annual Town Meeting, sign the warrant and set the time and location of Town Meeting. (Under Section 204.6 of the Sanford Town Charter.) Councilor Herlihy moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Councilor Herlihy spoke of the meeting that was held in Town Manager Greens office with a few members of the Finance Committee as well as a few members of the Council. The group worked on the Town Warrant and the changes that the Town Attorney (Bryan Dench) made to the warrant. The group made minor changes to the warrant. Councilor Herlihy read the Article changes. Councilor Herlihy also recommends that the Council tentatively approve the warrant until the Finance Committee votes on 5/3/07. Councilor Herlihy moved to divide the question in three parts; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 7-0 to divide the question. Questions were divided as follows:
- 1) Councilor Herlihy moved to add new Article 2 and renumbering each following article; seconded by Vice-Chair Hanslip. The new Article 2 reads as follows:
ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize elected Sanford Town Officials to participate in Town Health and Dental Insurance Plans if they pay all required premiums and are otherwise eligible to participate in the plan?
The Town Council voted 7-0 to add the new Article 2.

- 2) Councilor Herlihy moved to amend the new Article 3 with strikeouts; seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The amendments to Article 3 are as follows:

ARTICLE 3: The Finance Committee recommends that compensation of Councilors be maintained at \$4,000 per year for Council Members and \$5,000 per year for the Council Chair. ~~Only for Councilors who do not obtain health insurance through the Town. The Finance Committee recommends that any Councilor obtaining coverage through the Town's plan should have his or her monetary stipend reduced by 50% from the figures above.~~

The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve the amendment to Article 3.

- 3) Councilor Herlihy moved to approve the warrant as amended and set the time and location for Town Meeting to Tuesday, May 22 at 7:00pm in the Sanford High School Cafeteria; seconded by Councilor Paul. Mr. Armand Talbot questioned the full time Airport Managers position that is listed in the warrant. Town Manager Green explained. Councilor Herlihy and Chairperson Mastraccio clarified. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

07-66.05 To act on an order, to confirm the Town Managers recommendation for a new Chief of Police. Town Manager Green explained the hiring process and the committee that was involved. Town Manager Green recommended hiring Mr. Thomas Connolly of Bowie, MD. He gave a brief history of Mr. Connolly. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to confirm the Town Managers recommendation; seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve. Vice-Chair Hanslip spoke of the hiring process and the number of quality applicants. Councilor Herlihy also mentioned that Mr. Connolly does have family ties in New England.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Lamb: Asked what the status of the CGA site was. Town Manager Green explained that there has been no change. Councilor Lamb also asked about the status for the e-mail issue (freedom of information request) with the Finance Committee. Town Manager Green had no further information at this time. Councilor Lamb would also like to recognize the passing of Dr. Faulkner and sends his condolences to the family.

Councilor Kelly: He and his wife have placed their house on the market and wanted everyone to know. He also asked about the Montreal Street Property and where the funds will come from. Town manager Green is not sure at this time where the funds will come from.

Councilor Littlefield: talked about his comments during the public hearing.

Councilor Paul: Spoke of the passing of Phil LaValley.

Councilor Herlihy: No comment this evening.

Vice-Chairperson Hanslip: spoke of the passing of Phil LaValley.

Chairperson Mastraccio: spoke of the work that was being done by the Sewerage District. Asked if we could somehow post the detours on the Town Website.

Future Agenda Items

Vice-Chair Hanslip would like to see a Council Resolution for Opportunity Maine.

Adjournment

Councilor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Lord
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.