



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – August 1, 2006

The Town of Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, July 18, 2006. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairperson Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Vice-Chairman Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Maura A. Herlihy, Councilor Gordon N. Paul, Councilor Arthur K. Kelly and Councilor Laura Nickerson. Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield. **TOWN STAFF:** Executive Assistant Sherry Lord, Director of Recreation & Public Property Marcel Blouin, Police Chief Jones, Fire Chief Parent, Director of Planning Jim Gulnac, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Claire Morrison. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green.

Chairperson Mastraccio called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

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

Roll Call: Chairperson Mastraccio performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Nickerson, present; Councilor Kelly, present; Council Littlefield, present; Councilor Paul, present; Councilor Herlihy, present; Vice-Chairman Hanslip, present and Chairperson Mastraccio, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting – July 18, 2006 – Councilor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Kelly. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Executive Session- May 30, 2006 – Councilor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Vice-chair Hanslip. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

- Chairperson Mastraccio congratulated Vice-Chair Hanslip for his 3 year term on the Seacoast Shipyard Association.
- Councilor Herlihy addressed the council in regards to agencies sub committee. She is hoping to meet the end of August and have a report by October.
- Councilor Littlefield addressed the council with regards to the contract zoning committee.

Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Green gave an update on the Street construction on Elm Street. He also mentioned the Pavement Management Program that will possibly be complete by the start of CIP discussions in November. He mentioned the \$2.2 Million dollar project at the airport that starts on 8/2 at the east ramp. Town Manager Green mentioned the progress with the First County Communications Center. they will be meeting 8/7. Manager Green also mentioned to the Council that he received a call from Geoff Herman of MMA regarding TABOR. There will be two workshops in York County and encouraged Council Members to attend.

Acknowledgements

Public Hearings

- 1) The Town Council will accept public comment on a proposal to amend Article 12.1.B.2 of the Sanford Subdivision Ordinance to permit the use of individual fire suppression systems when the Planning Board determines that fire protection water supply is required and on a proposal to amend Article 12.1.B.4 and 12.1.B.5 to require individual property owners or Homeowners Associations to be responsible for the maintenance of the fire protection water supply. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:20pm. Councilor Herlihy read the Ordinance. Fire Chief Parent addressed the council explaining why this ordinance would be more acceptable and cost effective. Councilor Littlefield voiced his concerns. Alan Walsh voiced his concerns. Councilor Paul addressed Chief Parent with concerns he had. Armand Talbot asked the Council if this would be more expensive to the home owners. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing closed at 7:33pm.

Public Participation

Armand Talbot addressed the Town Council with his concerns about the New Dam Property.

Communications

Town Clerk, Claire Morrison read Vacancies for elected positions on ballot for term beginning January 1, 2007.

Chairperson Mastraccio addressed the council with a letter from the finance committee. She asked the opinion of the Council if this should be addressed at this meeting or at a future meeting. Councilor Littlefield would like it to be a future agenda item. Councilor Paul wanted to discuss it at this meeting. Councilor Kelly wanted to discuss at this meeting. Councilor Littlefield moved to add to 8/1 agenda, Seconded by Councilor Nickerson. The Town Council voted 6-1. Motion failed. Councilor Herlihy moved to discuss at 8/8 meeting. Councilor Littlefield seconded. The letter will be discussed at a workshop on 8/8 after the regular meeting.

Old Business

New Business

- 06-105.01 The Town Council hereby ordains amendments to Article 12.1.B.2 of the Sanford Subdivision Ordinance to permit the use of individual fire suppression systems when the Planning Board determines that fire protection water supply is required and on a proposal to amend Article 12.1.B.4 and 12.1.B.5 to require individual property owners or Homeowners Associations to be responsible for the maintenance of the fire protection water supply. (This item must be read on two separate occasions. This is the Second reading). Councilor Littlefield moved to approve the amendment, seconded by Councilor Nickerson. Councilor Nickerson moved to ordain the amendment, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to ordain the amendment.
- 06-106.02 Ordered, to authorize the Sanford Lodge of Elks #1470, 7 Elm Street, Sanford, Maine to extend consumption area for alcohol for their members per the application submitted. This extension is for a one-time outing to be held on August 12, 2006.

- 06-107.03 Ordered, to approve the closure of Main Street from Washington Street to Twombly Road on Friday, August 4th, from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and to close a portion of School Street from Washington Street to Bodwell Street on Saturday, August 5th, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. for the celebration of "Summah Daze" sponsored in part by the Sanford Springvale Chamber of Commerce, the Sanford Downtown Committee, and the Department of Parks and Recreation. Councilor Nickerson moved to discuss, seconded by Councilor Paul. Thea Murphy addressed the council with an overview of Summah Daze. Kim Stuart addressed the Council along with Director of Recreation & Public Property Marcel Blouin. Councilor Nickerson suggested a post festivities workshop. Councilor Nickerson moved to approve the street closures, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve the road closures.
- 06-108.04 Ordered, to discuss proposed Charter Amendments. Councilor Paul moved to discuss, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Councilor Herlihy read and explained **charter amendment for Finance Committee Meetings** - Councilor Littlefield also explained the reason for the amendment. Councilor Herlihy read the Charter Sub-Committee recommendation. Councilor Paul clarified the language with Councilor Herlihy. Councilor Kelly, Councilor Littlefield, Councilor Nickerson and Vice-Chair Hanslip all addressed the council with questions and concerns. Public comments from James Drummey, David Nickerson, Alan Walsh and Armand Talbot were all heard. Vice Chair Hanslip moved to recognize the authority of the Finance Committee to meet through the year as they so choose, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 3-4, motion failed. Councilor Littlefield moved to authorize amendment to go to Town Attorney, seconded by Chairperson Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 2-5, motion failed. Councilor Littlefield moved to reconsider Vice-Chair Hanslip's motion, Seconded by Chairperson Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 7-0 to reconsider Vice-Chair Hanslip's motion. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to recognize the authority of the Finance Committee to meet through the year as they so choose. Seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 5-2, motion passed. **School Department amendment** – Councilor Herlihy addressed the Council. Public comment was heard from Alan Walsh, Armand Talbot and James Drummey. Councilor Littlefield moved to authorize the School Department Amendment be sent to the Town Attorney for review, Seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 06-109.05 To act on an order to see what percentage of unencumbered appropriations or portion thereof between the articles the Council will vote to permit the Town Manager to transfer from one account to another within the 2006-2007 budget according to Charter Section 511(a). (A percentage not to exceed two percent (2%) of the Town Budget was the recommendation by the Finance Committee and approved by the May Town Meeting.) Town Manager Green addressed the council. Councilor Nickerson moved to authorize, Seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council Voted 7-0 to authorize.
- 06-110.06 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to approve the reallocation of surplus CIP funds for the purchase of two (2) ATV's in the amount of \$5,350.00 and a trailer to carry them for the Sanford Police Department. Town Manager Green explained that he met with the CIP Committee to discuss. The CIP Committee approved up to \$9,431.40 for the purchase of 2 ATV's and trailer to match the grant. Police Chief

Jones the Council. Armand Talbot addressed the Council with his concerns. Councilor Littlefield moved to authorize, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to authorize.

- 06-111.07 Ordered, to fix a rate of interest to be charged on 2006-2007 taxes unpaid after said dates as follows: The first half payment of the 2006-2007 taxes due and payable on September 15, 2006, interest as of September 16, 2006; the second half payment due and payable on March 15, 2007, interest as of March 16, 2007 at the maximum rate set by the State Treasurer which is 11%. Town Manager Green explained that the new tax rate will go from \$15.36/1k to \$14.60/1k. Councilor Nickerson moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 06-112.08 Ordered, to approve a collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Sanford and IAFF Local 1624. Vice Chair Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve the agreement.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Nickerson: Thanked people that were involved in the 4th of July events. She also mentioned she would like to have a Festival Committee Workshop.

Councilor Kelly: No report this evening.

Councilor Littlefield: Mentioned that on August 4th at 7:00pm the Nasson Community Center will be hosting Gospel Singers.

Councilor Paul: No report this evening.

Councilor Herlihy: Reminded all that the Property Tax and Rent Rebate forms are in and that appointments can be set up for assistance. The University Meeting "Speak to Educators" Sept 5 from 6:30 to 7:30pm. She also wanted to clarify a comment made at a previous council meeting.

Vice-Chairperson Hanslip: No report this evening.

Chairperson Mastraccio: Reminded all that the next two meetings would be televised on Aug 8 and Aug 15.

Future Agenda Items

- Down Town Parking

Adjournment

Councilor Herlihy moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Nickerson. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Green
Town Manager