



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – October 21, 2008

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, October 21, 2008. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairman Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Gordon Paul, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Kevin J. Chabot. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green, Present. **TOWN STAFF:** Executive Assistant Sherry Lord, Director of Planning and Community Development Jim Gulnac, Director of Sanitation Eugene Alley and Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens.

Chairman Hanslip called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

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, absent w/notice; Councilor Chabot, present; Council Littlefield, present; Councilor Paul, present; Vice-Chair Herlihy, absent w/notice; Councilor Hanslip, present; Councilor Mastraccio, absent w/notice; 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 held a public hearing at their previous meeting. The task force will be moving ahead with a recommendation to the Town Council.

Town Manager's Report

Strategies for a Stronger Sanford will hold their 2nd Annual Distinguished Contributors Dinner on Thursday, November 13th. This year they will be honoring Steve Turgeon, High School Guidance Counselor. Town Manager Green also reported that on Monday, October 20th marked the 1st annual community day at Lafayette School. Sherry Lord coordinated with Mrs. Plumpton, a teacher at Lafayette to have 7 Town vehicles with drivers go to the school and each class would come out and talk to the driver and ask questions. This was a big success and we hope this will become an annual event.

Communications

Jim Gulnac – EPA Grant: Jim advised the Council that the Town will be submitting two EPA clean up grants. One will be for the Fagan Mill at 61 Washington Street and the other at Aerofab 3 Aerofab Lane.

Public Participation

Roland Cote: Voiced his concerns about the proposed Methadone Clinic. He is not in favor of having a Methadone Clinic in the Town of Sanford.

Armand Talbot asked about the status of the CGA Property on New Dam Road. Town Manager Green explained that the Phase I & II have been done on the property. There are no remediation funds available to clean up the property.

Public Hearings

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

- a) A public hearing to discuss a grant application to the State of Maine for the Riverfront Community Development Bond Program to obtain a state grant to assist in the renovation of a blighted mill building at 61 Washington Street and to make environmental and recreational improvements to Number One Pond. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:16pm. Lee Burnett, Town Grant Writer explained the process of the application and what the grant funds would be used for. Les Stevens, Director of Economic Affairs spoke in favor of this grant application. He feels that this project falls in line with the work that has been done in the downtown and where the Town is heading in the future. Councilor Chabot asked what the timeline of a project like this will be. Lee said it would take approximately two years. There was no one else to speak for or against. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing closed at 7:37pm.
- 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 7:38pm. Town Manager Green gave an overview from the zoning sub-committee that was held prior to this meeting. Mr. Green stated that there are many concerns about the definition. Roland Cote voiced his concerns about this type of clinic in Sanford. He stated that even the Hospital was not willing to invite this type of clinic in its own facility. There was no one else to speak for or against. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing closed at 7:44pm.
- c) An application for liquor license renewal for the Weathervane Seafood Restaurant, 1601 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:44pm. There was no one to speak for or against. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing closed at 7:44pm.
- d) An application for liquor license renewal for City Limits, 326 Country Club Rd, Sanford, ME. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:44pm. There was no one to speak for or against. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing closed at 7:45pm.

Old Business

- 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 second reading). Councilor Littlefield moved to approve seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 4-0 to approve.
- 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). Councilor Littlefield asked that the location of the proposed methadone clinic be looked at. Councilor Paul asked that Town Manager Green look into what the additional costs for services the Town would incur having a Methadone Clinic in Town. Tom Dennison a resident of Sanford addressed the Council. He feels it would not be a good idea to allow a methadone clinic in the Center for Shopping.

New Business

- 08-137.01 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an Operating Rights Agreement with James Earl d/b/a: York County Helicopters to operate from the airport as a provider of helicopter flight instruction and services. Town Manager Green explained. Councilor Chabot stated that this is an example of the airport growing. Councilor Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 4-0 to approve.
- 08-138.02 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manger to submit an application to the Riverfront Community Development Bond Program to obtain a state grant to assist in the renovation of a blighted mill building at 61 Washington Street and to make environmental and recreational improvements to Number One Pond. Councilor Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 4-0.
- 08-139.03 Ordered, to accept a bid from O'Connor GMA for the purchase of a dump truck with plow, wing and sander and to reject all bids for the heavy duty 4x4 one ton truck with dump body, dual wheels, snow plow and sander. Councilor Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. Eugene Alley explained the bid process. The Town Council voted 4-0 to approve.
- 08-140.04 Ordered to approve the following license requests:
- 1) An application for liquor license renewal for the Weathervane Seafood Restaurant, 1601 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Councilor Paul moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 4-0 to approve.

- 2) An application for liquor license renewal for City Limits, 326 Country Club Rd, Sanford, ME. Councilor Paul moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 4-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Chabot: No Comment

Councilor Littlefield: No Comment

Councilor Paul: No Comment

Chairman Hanslip: No Comment

Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Chairman Hanslip moved to adjourn at 7:58 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Sherry Lord
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager