



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – September 16, 2008

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, September 16, 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, Police Chief Thomas P. Connolly Jr. and Airport Manager Evan McDougal.

Chairman Hanslip called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

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

Regular Meeting: August 19, 2008: Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Regular Meeting: September 2, 2008: Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Littlefield reported from the Solid Waste Task Force. The task force is finishing the final stages of the report. They hope to have a draft available for the Council mid October.

Councilor Herlihy reminded everyone of the Senior Summit that will be held at Goodall Hospital on September 17th. Seniors can call the Hospital to register. She is hoping to have a good turnout.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manager Green reminded everyone that nomination papers are due on Friday, September 19th at 5:00pm at the Town Clerks Office. Town Manager Green also announced that the Town will be holding its annual employee wellness picnic on Thursday, September 25th from 11:30 to 1:30. All Town employees are welcome and encouraged to attend. Also, the Maine DOT will be replacing the waterworks bridge on River Street. This is the bridge near the YMCA. The road will be closed for approximately 2 weeks.

Communications

Bob Hardison: Presentation of Mainers Championship Trophy and 2008 Annual Report: Mr. Hardison thanked everyone involved that helped with the 2008 Mainers Season. He also presented Marcel Blouin with a check from the Mainers. Marcel thanked his staff at the parks department for all the hard work they put into the field.

Joseph Armstrong – Rolling Thunder: Invited the Town Council to attend the POW/MIA Ceremony in Central Park on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 to 11:00am.

Public Hearings

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

- 1) Proposed Charter amendments
 - Section 204 Enumeration of Powers
 - Section 502 Finance Committee
 - Section 508 Capital Improvement Fund
 - Section 516 Adoption
 - Section 517 Amendments after Adoption of the Annual Budget
 - Section 601 Annual Town Meeting

Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:19pm. Vice-Chair Herlihy read the proposed charter changes. Jim Drummey, Finance Committee member read a letter from David Nickerson. This letter voiced the concerns of Mr. Nickerson. Carol Cabana voiced her concerns regarding the proposed changes. Councilor Paul does not feel that the proposed changes are necessary. There was no one else to speak for or against. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing closed at 8:15pm.

Public Participation

Ray Sullivan, resident of Springvale voiced concerns in regards to the Code Enforcement Office and the Town Fire Marshal.

Fred Smith, resident of Springvale voiced his concerns about the Town. He does not understand why the Town is trying to take him to court. Town Manager Green explained to the Council that the Code Enforcement office has been trying to work with Mr. Smith to submit a plan for his business and he has not yet submitted this plan. The Town Ordinances do not permit his type of business in that area of Town.

Noreen Harlow, resident of Sanford addressed the Council making them aware of a new state law that allows seniors to volunteer services to the Town in lieu of property taxes.

Old Business

- 08-117.04 Ordered, to consent to the assignment to US Felt, Co. Inc. or its nominee by US Felt Manufacturing Co. of all applicable rights granted to them under the US Felt Manufacturing Development District, as originally authorized by vote of the Sanford Town Meeting on November 21, 1995 and as further provided in the so-called Credit Enhancement Agreement of even date therewith between them and the Town and to authorize and direct the Town Manager to execute such written documents in connection herewith as reasonably required to effectuate the same, subject to prior review and approval of the same by the Town Attorney. Vice-Chair Herlihy moved to table this item indefinitely, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 7-0 to table.

New Business

- 08-121.01 Ordered, to approve the closure of Shaw Road to traffic from both Shaw's Ridge Road and from the intersection of Spur Road with Shaw Road on Saturday, October 11th thru Monday, October 13th, 2008 for the Sanford-Springvale Soccer Associations Annual Columbus Day Soccer Tournament. Councilor Paul moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-122.02 Ordered, to approve the use of Number 1 Pond on Saturday, September 20th, for a Pumpkin Drop Competition and to close William Oscar Emery Drive from Summer Street to River Street for the 1st Annual Sanford Harvest Daze Festival (with a rain date of Sunday, September 21st). Councilor Paul moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. Thea Murphy and Mary Blood addressed the Council and talked about the events. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-123.03 Ordered, to authorize the Rolling Thunder to hold a toll booth fundraiser on Saturday, October 4, 2008. Councilor Paul moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-124.04 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement and contracts for the purchase of an aviation fuel system and relocation of that system to the Sanford Regional Airport. Councilor Chabot moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. Airport Manger Evan McDougal explained the reason for the purchase. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-125.05 Ordered, to place proposed Charter Amendments on the November 4, 2008 Referendum ballot. Councilor Littlefield moved to table until July 2010, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 7-0 to table
- 08-126.06 Ordered, to place the following question before the voters at the November 4, 2008 General Election.

Are you in favor of the Town instituting a pay-per-bag trash collection program?

Pay-per-bag trash collection programs require that residents purchase specially marked trash bags at a cost of between \$1.00 and \$2.00 per bag depending on the bag size and depending on the final price set by the Town. Only trash in

these specially marked bags will be collected by the Town. The intent of this program is to increase recycling and to reduce the cost of trash collection. Recycling would be collected free of charge. The intent of placing this item on the ballot is to get an advisory opinion from voters before a final decision is made by the Town Council.

Vice-Chair Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. Councilor Chabot said he does not feel that the task force is ready to go to referendum. Councilor Mastraccio feels that the people of the Town need to vote. The Town Council voted 3-4, Motion failed. (Councilors Walsh, Chabot, Paul and Hanslip opposed).

Council Member Comments

Councilor Walsh: No Comment

Councilor Chabot: No Comment

Councilor Littlefield: No Comment

Councilor Paul: Voiced his concerns in regards to the Video Poker Ordinance

Councilor Mastraccio: No Comment

Vice-Chair Herlihy: No Comment

Chairman Hanslip: No Comment

Future Agenda Items

Workshop: Zoning Ordinance Clarification RE: Junk Yards – Councilor Walsh

Workshop: Seniors volunteering services in lieu of taxes – Councilors Chabot & Littlefield

Adjournment

Chairman Hanslip moved to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Lord

Executive Assistant to the Town Manager