



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2007

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, May 15, 2007. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairperson Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Vice-Chair Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Maura Herlihy, 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, absent; Councilor Herlihy, present; Vice-Chair Hanslip, present; Chairperson Mastraccio, present; Town Manager, Green, present; Executive Assistant, Sherry Lord, present.

Minutes

May 1, 2007 – Regular Meeting: Councilor Kelly moved to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Hanslip. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

May 8, 2007 – Executive Session: Councilor Lamb moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

- Chairperson Mastraccio presented the 2005-2006 Annual Town Report to Bob Arsenault who painted the watercolor picture that was used on the front cover.
- Vice-Chair Hanslip talked about the Public Safety Sub-Committee meeting with the Call Firefighters. They have settled on a contract.

Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Green reminded everyone about the 3rd Annual Town Clean up day on Wednesday May 23rd. There are approximately 67 volunteers that have signed up at this time.
- The group that has been working on the County debt will be making a recommendation to the commissioners on a plan of borrowing and budget cuts.
- The website GIS is up and running. Everyone is encouraged to take a look at it and try it out.
- There will be an executive session at 5:30, Tuesday May 22 at the Sanford High School to talk about Sanford Air and the General Services Union.

- Airport Manager McDougal gave a brief presentation of the Rag Wing Rally that will take place on Saturday, May 26, 07.

Communications

None

Public Hearings

- 1) The Town Council will accept public comment to discuss the proposal to Vacate the following way show upon a subdivision plan named "Tebbetts Park" dated 1908 and recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds at plan book 6, page 46: Holly Street, Formerly known as Pearl Street. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:31pm. Town Manager Green gave a brief explanation. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:35pm.
- 2) The Town Council will accept public comment to discuss the request of Counseling Services, Inc., 474 Main Street, Sanford, for Sponsorship from the Town of Sanford for Tax Exempt Financing. This debt will be used to refinance debt they currently have on properties in Sanford. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:36pm. Attorney James Saffian from Pierce Atwood explained the process to the council. Councilor Herlihy wanted to know why this was not going to Town Meeting. Town Manager Green explained that there will be no debt to the Town. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing closed at 7:48pm.

Public Participation

Old Business

None

New Business

- 07-67.01 To act on an order Vacate the following way show upon a subdivision plan named "Tebbetts Park" dated 1908 and recorded in the York County Registry of Deeds at plan book 6, page 46: *Holly Street, Formerly known as Pearl Street*. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Councilor Herlihy mentioned that this is the best way to vacate a paper street. Councilor Lamb asked if there were other paper streets. Town Manager Green explained that there are many. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-68.02 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager on behalf of the Town of Sanford to sign a Findings of Fact and Resolutions authorizing issuance of Revenue Bonds (2007 Counseling Services Project) in an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000). Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Hanslip. Councilor Herlihy moved to amend, seconded by Vice-Chair Hanslip. Amendment reads as follows: Ordered, to authorize the Town of Sanford to sign a Findings of Fact and Resolutions authorizing issuance of Revenue Bonds

(2007 Counseling Services Project) in an amount not to exceed One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000). The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve the amendment. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve the original motion.

- 07-69.03 Ordered, to authorize Goodall Hospital to hold a Women's Health Expo on Saturday, May 19th as required in Section 15.8 of the Zoning Ordinance. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Kelly. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-70.04 Ordered, to approve two contracts with the Sanford/Springvale Call Firefighters, Inc. for current fiscal year 2006/2007 and for the third year period beginning 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2010. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Town Manager Green explained the minor changes in the contract that the sub-committee agreed to. Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Rowe explained the call numbers. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-71.05 Ordered, to accept a bid for the demolition of 18 Montreal Street, Sanford. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. Town Manager Green explained the bid opening. Carl Dubois Excavating came in as the low bidder. Vice-Chair Hanslip asked how the Town was going about vacating the critters from the property. Town Manager Green explained that the Town has hired Critter Control. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 07-72.06 The Town Council hereby approves a resolution supporting Opportunity Maine: a citizen's initiative to make college more affordable, create more high-paying jobs, and strengthen Maine's Economy. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. Vice-Chair Hanslip explained the initiative. Councilor Kelly asked if it pertains to Maine Students that attend out of state Colleges. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Lamb: asked about Twombly Rd. Town Manager Green explained that the Town has hired an engineering firm. FEMA will reimburse the Town up to 75% of the cost of reconstruction.

Councilor Kelly: asked if there was any further progress on the CGA property. Councilor Kelly also announced that he will be resigning from his Council position on June 30, 2007 as he will no longer be a resident of Springvale.

Councilor Littlefield: Talked about the Stevenson Case and asked if the Town could send a form letter to the legislature.

Councilor Paul: absent

Councilor Herlihy: talked about having an agenda item to discuss personal property & real estate taxes. Councilor Herlihy also talked about the up coming Portland Symphony Orchestra Concert on July 2nd at Goodall Park.

Vice-Chairperson Hanslip: Encouraged individuals that are interested in serving with the Call Fire Fighters that they apply.

Chairperson Mastraccio: reminder dates: Informational Town Meeting Thursday, May 17th in the Council Chambers and Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 22 at the Sanford High School Cafeteria. The FEMA Mobile Trailer will be in Sanford Behind Central Station on May 18th and 19th to assist with applications and answer questions.

Future Agenda Items

Personal Property Tax and Real Estate Property Tax.

Adjournment

Councilor Herlihy moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Lord
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.