



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – March 1, 2011

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Gordon N. Paul, Councilor Alan R. Walsh, Councilor Anne Marie Mastraccio, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Joseph R. Hanslip, Councilor Richard L. Wilkins and Councilor Kenneth Burgess. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green **TOWN STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Paula Simpson, Town Treasurer; Diane Sheldon, Director of General Assistance; Dana Parry, Airport Manager; Ronni Lynn Champlin, Finance Director; Marcel Blouin, Director of Recreation and Public Property; Shirley Sheesley, Codes Enforcement Officer; Jim Gulnac, Director of Planning; Thomas P. Connolly Jr, Police Chief; Charlie Andreson, Director of Public Works; Sue Cote, Acting Town Clerk; and Jeff Rowe, Fire Chief.

Chairman Paul called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

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

Roll Call: Chairman Paul performs the Council Roll Call: Councilor Burgess, present; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Littlefield, tardy at roll call; Councilor Hanslip, present; Councilor Mastraccio, present; Vice-Chair Walsh, present; Chairman Paul, present.

Minutes

Executive Session: February 15, 2011: Councilor Mastraccio moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Regular Meeting: February 15, 2011: Councilor Mastraccio moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Councilor Burgess. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Mastraccio reported from the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. The Growth Council met last week. The Growth Council also has a new executive director. His name is Jim Nimon and he will be introduced at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 15th.

Town Manager's Report

Town Manger Green reminded citizens that April 1st is the deadline for tax exemptions. Exemptions that are available are the Homestead, Veterans and the Blind. The second

half of property taxes is due on March 15th. Town Manager Green also informed everyone that on March 21, 2011 at 6pm in the Council Chambers CMP will hold a public hearing on Smart Meters. All are welcome to attend.

Communications

None

Public Participation

None

Public Hearings

The Town Council will take public comment on the following:

- 1) An application for liquor license renewal for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Chairman Paul declared the public hearing open at 7:10pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:10pm.

Old Business

11-19.01 Ordered, to take action on the operating budget for the Town:

- 1) Operating Budget
- 2) Capital Plan
- 3) Outside Agencies

Town Manager Green explained his budget and the cuts he has made. He feels that cutting any more would be detrimental to the services the town currently provides. Cricket Crocket voiced her opinion and asked for a zero percent increase in this budget. Public Works Director Charlie Andreson was answered questions that were asked by the Council. Vice-Chair Walsh moved to not support the manager's budget as presented and to recommend a 0% increase, seconded by Councilor Burgess. The Town Council voted 4-3. Councilors Littlefield, Mastraccio and Hanslip opposed.

11-20.02 Ordered, to take action if appropriate, on directing the Town Manager to implement furlough days, of non-exempt full time employees, of the Town of Sanford, as a cost savings in the municipal budget pursuant to section 204.3 of the Sanford Town Charter. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve the implementation of furlough days, this motion failed for lack of a second.

New Business

- 11-26.01 Ordered, to grant a tax abatement with interest on R9-12A for FY 2010 due to a clerical error. Town Manager Green explained. Councilor Mastraccio moved to grant the tax abatement with interest on R9-12A for FY 2010, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 11-27.02 Ordered, to approve the following license requests:
- 1) An application for liquor license renewal for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
 - 2) An application for blanket letter to operate Games of Chance (Dice Game/Turkey Shoot) for the American Legion Post #19, 656 Main Street, Springvale, ME. Councilor Littlefield moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 5-2 to approve. Vice-Chair Walsh and Councilor Mastraccio opposed.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Burgess: None

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Hanslip: None

Councilor Littlefield: None

Councilor Mastraccio: Stated that the FC rep needs to come to the Council with any issues he may have.

Vice-Chair Walsh: recognized the Town employees that were laid off.

Chairman Paul: Thanked the Council for working well together.

Future Agenda Items

Workshop to give direction to the Finance Committee Rep.

Adjournment

Chairman Paul moved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant.