



# Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2007

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, August 7, 2007. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Chairperson Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Vice-Chair Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Maura Herlihy, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Gordon N. Paul Councilor Gary R. Lamb, Councilor Kevin J. Chabot. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green. **TOWN STAFF:** Executive Assistant Sherry Lord, Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens, Airport Manager Evan McDougal.

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 Chabot, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Councilor Paul, Present; Councilor Herlihy, present; Vice-Chair Hanslip, present; Chairperson Mastraccio, present; Town Manager, Green, present; Executive Assistant, Sherry Lord, present.

## Minutes

None

## Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

None

## Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Green announced the new tax rate for 2007-2008. It is set at \$14.68/1000. tax bills will be mailed early next week.

## Communications

None

## Public Hearings

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

- 1) To discuss a final application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for the Business Assistance Grant Program component. The purpose of this application is summarized below:
  - a. Oxford Aviation, Sanford Regional Airport, Sanford, Maine:

\$400,000 of CDBG Development Fund Loan gap financing as part of an \$800,000 public/private investment at the Sanford Regional Airport to create a new division within Oxford Aviation to focus exclusively on the refurbishment of tractor trailer trucks. The new division will create 14 new jobs. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing open at 7:03pm. Director of Economic Affairs Les Stevens provided handouts and summarized the progress that has been made to date. He also explained the need for this gap financing. Councilor Littlefield explained that Oxford Aviation has done trucks of this sort in Oxford and they will be using less than 10% of the new facility which is an FAA requirement. Councilor Paul asked what this gap financing would be use for. Les Stevens explained it would be used for hard assets such as the hangar, lawyer expenses etc. Town Manager Green made a recommendation to table until the private funding is in writing but to go forward with the Public Hearing. Len Mustacchio is opposed to this loan. He also mentioned that the tractor trailer part of the business was never mentioned at Town Meeting. Councilor Littlefield said that the Council has been watchful of what has been spent at the airport and that no more than what was approved by Town Meeting has been spent. Chairperson Mastraccio declared the public hearing closed at 7:36pm.

### **Public Participation**

Len Mustacchio asked if there was a compensation increase given to Airport Manager, Evan McDougal pending Oxford Aviation? Town Manager Green stated that he hired Mr. McDougal as a full time airport manager to help overlook the project.

### **Old Business**

07-88.06 The Town Council of the Town of Sanford hereby ordains amendments to the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Sanford, Maine. Chapter 12. Offenses – Miscellaneous. Article IV. Section 12.17, Anti-Graffiti Ordinance. This item must be read on two separate days. This is the Second reading. Councilor Littlefield moved to discuss, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0. Councilor Lamb will move to table but would like to rework the Ordinance. Councilor Littlefield feels that the Ordinance does not make sense to him and he doesn't feel that owners should be punished. Vice-Chair Hanslip explained that there will be no penalty to the Business Owner he explained the ordinance and what has been deleted from the first draft. Councilor Chabot feels that Graffiti is a progressive problem and needs a progressive solution. Officer Jason Champlin explained the need and reasoning for the ordinance. Councilor Herlihy moved to approve Chapter 12. Offenses – Miscellaneous. Article IV. Section 12.17, Anti-Graffiti Ordinance, seconded by Councilor Paul. Richard Lamb voiced his concerns about the ordinance. Councilor Lamb moved to table, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Council voted 2-5. Motion failed. The Town Council voted 6-1 (Councilor Littlefield opposed) on the original motion made by Councilor Herlihy.

## **New Business**

- 07-123.01 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to sign a pre-application letter to the State of Maine CDBG program for the Business Assistance Grant Program for Oxford Aviation Inc., Sanford Regional Airport, Sanford, Maine. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to table, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to table.
- 07-124.02 Ordered, to fix a rate of interest to be charged on 2007-2008 taxes unpaid after said dates as follows: The first half payment of the 2007-2008 taxes due and payable on September 17, 2007, interest as of September 18, 2007; the second half payment due and payable on March 17, 2008, interest as of March 18, 2008 at the maximum rate set by the State Treasurer which is 12%. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 07-125.03 Ordered, to authorize the Back Street Grill, 16 School Street, Sanford, Maine to hold an outdoor event Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM in the parking lot adjacent to building (Town owned property). Jim Paquette owner of the Back Street Grille addressed the Council and explained his intentions. Mark Caron spoke of support for this event. Vice-Chair Hanslip moved to approve pending necessary inspections required, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve with conditions.

## **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Lamb: Announced with regret that he will not be running for Council in the Fall. He has taken a Planning Director Position in OOB.

Councilor Chabot: the organizers of Summah Daze did a great job.

Councilor Littlefield: mentioned the Water district Public Hearing.

Councilor Paul: Congratulated Councilor Lamb on his new position.

Councilor Herlihy: recognized nephews in audience.

Vice-Chairperson Hanslip: No Comment this evening.

Chairperson Mastraccio: Summah Daze was a huge success.

## **Future Agenda Items**

### **Adjournment**

Vice- Chair Hanslip moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherry Lord  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.