



Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2011

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, March 15, 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, and Councilor Richard L. Wilkins. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green Absent w/notice **TOWN STAFF:** Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager; Marcel Blouin, Director of Recreation and Public Property; Jim Nimon, Executive Director of the Growth Council and Jeff Rowe, Fire Chief.

Chairman Paul called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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, absent w/notice; Councilor Wilkins, present; Councilor Littlefield, present; Councilor Hanslip, present; Councilor Mastraccio, present; Vice-Chair Walsh, present; Chairman Paul, present.

Minutes

Regular Meeting: March 1, 2011; Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Executive Session: March 8, 2011; Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Hanslip. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Chairman's Reports/Town Council Sub-Committee Reports

Councilor Mastraccio announced that property taxes were due today (March 15, 2011). She also announced exemptions that are available and urged citizens to contact the tax assessor's office to apply.

Councilor Littlefield reported from the charter commission. The charter commission will meet every Wednesday in March and they are reviewing the charter now. Councilor Littlefield also mentioned the finance committee will hold it's public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Town Manager's Report

None

Communications/Presentations

Introduction of Jim Nimon- Executive Director of the Sanford Regional Economic Growth Council. Bob Hardison Introduced Mr. Nimon. Mr. Nimon addressed the Council.

Presentation from the Trails Committee – Hazen Carpenter addressed the Council and asked for the Town to help with the trail behind the Town garage. David Parent of the trails committee showed a PowerPoint presentation.

Public Participation

Lt. Nicole Knous of the Salvation Army announced the Financial Peace Course they will be offering beginning April 1st.

Raymond Parent announced the construction of a new building at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery.

Public Hearings

None

Old Business

None

New Business

- 11-28.01 Ordered, to confirm the appointment of Raymond Parent as the Director of the Sanford Emergency Management Agency. Councilor Hanslip moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Littlefield. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 11-29.02 The Town Council of the Town of Sanford hereby proclaims the first weekend in June as Sanford Trails Day. Vice-Chair Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 11-30.03 Ordered, to authorize temporary access to 7e Properties to Town owned land located at Tax Map K16-Lot 31A. Vice-Chair Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. Joe Sevigny explained the project. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.
- 11-31.04 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to sign a lease extension until March 15, 2037 with McDougal Orchards for the lease of the former Town farm property located on Hanson Ridge Rd, Springvale, ME. Vice-Chair Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. Vice-Chair Walsh explained that the Town Property Sub-Committee met and recommends this lease extension. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

11-32.05 Ordered, to discuss and take action if necessary, to give guidance to the Finance Committee representative of the Town Council. There was much discussion. Vice-Chair Walsh moved to give the following guidance to the Finance Committee representative of the Town Council. His vote on the municipal budget should reflect a zero % tax increase on the municipal budget and to be allowed to support the school budget to a maximum amount needed to meet the minimum foundation allocation match. Should the State of Maine waive that requirement the Finance Committee representative should cast a vote that would reflect a zero % tax increase on the school budget as well, seconded by Councilor Wilkins. The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve.

Council Member Comments

Councilor Burgess: Absent

Councilor Wilkins: None

Councilor Hanslip: Congratulated Gilles & Claire Auger as it was announced that they were inducted into the Franco American Hall of Fame in Augusta.

Councilor Littlefield: announced the Finance Committee Public Hearing on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

Councilor Mastraccio: None.

Vice-Chair Walsh: Big Brothers is looking for volunteers, if you are interested please contact Cathy Lounsbury at 608-8205.

Chairman Paul: None

Future Agenda Items

Workshop – Name for Mill Yard

Property Sub-Committee – Trails projects Rte 109 & behind PWD garage

Adjournment

Chairman Paul moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Sherry Lord, Executive Assistant.