



# Sanford Town Council

Town Council Meeting Minutes –June 17, 2008

The Sanford Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. in the Chambers of the Sanford Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, June 17, 2008. Those present were: **COUNCILORS:** Councilor Joseph Hanslip, Councilor Maura Herlihy, Councilor Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Councilor Gordon N. Paul, Councilor Bradford J. Littlefield, Councilor Kevin J. Chabot and Councilor Alan Walsh. **TOWN MANAGER:** Mark Green. **TOWN STAFF:** Executive Assistant Sherry Lord, Town Treasurer Paula Simpson and Director of Highways and Sanitation Eugene Alley.

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: May 20, 2008; Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

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

Councilor Mastraccio gave a report from the Airport Advisory Committee. The Chair of the Committee Jim Dougherty gave his resignation. The Appointments sub-committee will have to review applications for the opening on the committee. She also reminded everyone of the Airport Open House on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

Councilor Littlefield gave a report from the Solid Waste Task Force and the recent tour of solid waste facilities in Falmouth, EcoMaine and South Portland.

## Town Manager's Report

- Town Manager Green announced that The Town of Sanford has won another portion of the Sanford Air litigation.
- Town Manager Green also wanted to elaborate on the Airport Open House on June 28th. He briefly went over the activities for the day. There is no charge for the open house however there is a small parking fee of \$5.00.

## **Communications**

Vice-Chair Herlihy wanted to take this time to talk about the Trash issue in Town. There are a number of residents that are leaving their trash out all week long. They should not be putting trash out until the night before or the morning of trash pick up. She asked that the Solid Waste Task Force look into an Ordinance in regards to this.

## **Public Hearings**

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

- 1) An application for liquor license renewal for The Green Room, LLC, 898 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Chairman Hanslip declared the public hearing open at 7:15pm. There was no one to speak for or against. The public hearing was declared closed at 7:15pm.

## **Public Participation**

None

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

- 08-73.01      Ordered, to approve a one-year contract extension with Runyon, Kersteen & Ouellette for Audit Services. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. Councilor Walsh would like to see the Town go out to bid for auditing services. He feels that it would be in the best interest of the Town. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-74.02      Ordered, to receive, from the Treasurer, tax acquired property due to maturity of 2005/2006 real estate tax liens. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. Councilor Walsh added that the Property Sub-Committee met to discuss this and they are recommending approval. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-75.03      Ordered, to authorize the Town Treasurer to sell back tax acquired property to the immediate prior owners of Tax Map R19 Lot 33A and Tax Map R19A Lot 75A contingent on receiving payment in full of all outstanding taxes, interest and other charges owing to the Town of Sanford. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve. Town Treasurer Paula Simpson pointed out that only one of the parcels would be sold back to the prior owner. Vice-Chair Herlihy moved to reconsider the motion, seconded by Councilor Chabot. The Town Council voted 7-0 to reconsider the motion. Councilor Littlefield moved to authorize the Town Treasurer to sell back tax acquired property to the immediate prior owner of Tax Map R19 Lot 33A contingent on receiving payment in full of all outstanding taxes, interest and other charges owing to the Town of Sanford, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

- 08-76.04 Ordered, to authorize the Town Manager to execute and deliver a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to the immediate prior owners of the property identified as Tax Map R19 Lot 33A and Tax Map R19A Lot 75A upon receipt of all back taxes, interest and other charges owing to the town of Sanford. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. Motion was withdrawn. Councilor Walsh moved to table, seeing that item # 08-75.03 was looked over, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 7-0 to table. Councilor Littlefield moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute and deliver a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to the immediate prior owners of the property identified as Tax Map R19 Lot 33A upon receipt of all back taxes, interest and other charges owing to the town of Sanford, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-77.05 Ordered, to take action on authorizing the Town Manager, on behalf of the Treasurer, to execute an Agreement between TD Banknorth and the Town of Sanford to extend our existing banking agreement for an additional year from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Councilor Walsh moved to discuss, seconded by Councilor Paul. Town Treasurer Paula Simpson explained the extension. She voiced her opinion on the service the Town receives from TD Banknorth. She is very pleased. Councilor Walsh spoke of his concerns that the Town did not go out to bid for this service. Councilor Walsh moved to approve contingent on a bid process in June 2009, seconded by Councilor Paul. Mrs. Simpson explained that it is a lengthy process and she would be happier if there was no time limit on the process. Councilor Walsh moved to amend his motion removing the time limit from the bid process, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve the amended motion
- 08-78.06 Ordered, to accept a recommendation from the Solid Waste Sub-Committee to increase Transfer Station Sticker Fees from \$10.00 to \$20.00 effective immediately for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 stickers. Councilor Walsh moved to discuss, seconded by Councilor Paul. Director of Highways and Sanitation Eugene Alley explained the reason that it will be effective immediately. Although the Stickers are effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>, ticket sales begin in June. Councilor Walsh does not feel that it is a good idea to raise fees now and possibly again in a few months when the solid waste task force brings their report to the Council. Town Manager Green explained that this increase was needed to keep up with Transfer Station costs. Councilor Mastraccio moved to approve, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. The Town Council voted 6-1 to approve (Councilor Walsh opposed).
- 08-79.07 Ordered, to authorize the Chair to cast a ballot for the MMA Legislative Policy Committee. Councilor Paul moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Mastraccio. Vice-Chair Herlihy now serves on this committee and will continue. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.
- 08-80.08 To act on an order, to see what percentage of unencumbered appropriations or portion thereof between the articles the Council will vote to permit the Town Manager to transfer from one account to another within the 2008-2009 budget according to Charter Section 511(a). (A percentage not to exceed two percent (2%) of the Town Budget was the recommendation by the Finance Committee and approved by the May Town Meeting.) Vice-Chair Herlihy moved to permit the

Town Manager to transfer 2% from one account to another within the 2008-2009 budget according to Charter Section 511(a), seconded by Councilor Walsh. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

08-81.09 Ordered, to approve the following liquor license requests:

- a) An application for liquor license renewal for The Green Room 898 Main Street, Sanford, ME. Councilor Walsh moved to discuss, seconded by Vice-Chair Herlihy. Councilor Walsh asked if there were any issues with this license. Executive Assistant to the Town Manager Sherry Lord explained that there were some minor issues with the Police Department. Major Craig Sanford met with the owners and they are willing to work with the Police Department on the issues. Major Sanford feels that after speaking with them the license should be granted. Councilor Walsh moved to approve, seconded by Councilor Paul. The Town Council voted 7-0 to approve.

### **Council Member Comments**

Councilor Walsh: He would like to become proactive about this up coming year. He thinks it would be a good idea to take the firewood that the public works department has accumulated throughout the year and donate it to families in need. He would also like to be briefed on the protocol that came from the Imelda Task Force last year.

Councilor Chabot: No Comment

Councilor Littlefield: He would like the Town to look into discount oil rates for low income families. He believes other towns have looked into it and some are participating.

Councilor Paul: pointed out that on the MMA website all elected officials need to have mandatory Freedom of Access training.

Councilor Mastraccio: pointed out that the Freedom of Access training would include the Finance Committee, School Board, Town Clerk and Treasurer as well as the Council. She also pointed out that she has been walking the new trails and she wants to commend the Trails Committee for the great job they have done here in Sanford.

Vice-Chair Herlihy: Reminded everyone that the Portland Symphony Orchestra will be holding a concert on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Goodall Park and doors open at 7:00. Fireworks will follow the concert. Tickets are on sale through the Recreation Office. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the fireworks will be set off at #1Pond and a parade will follow on July 4<sup>th</sup> with kickoff at 10:00am.

Chairman Hanslip: No Comment

### **Future Agenda Items**

Ordinance on Detail Officer when there is construction in a public way.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Hanslip moved to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Lord  
Executive Assistant to the Town Manager