



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
January 12, 2017
Town Council Meeting
7:00 PM
MINUTES

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ALL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE COUNCIL ACTION

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Anne Freeman, Donna Ellis, Steve Thomas, Doug Sinclair, Jeanne Jacques, John Snyer and Steve Watson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Ruth A. Nickerson, Economic and Development Director Scott Perkins, Fire Chief Frank Roma, Kirk Small and Brian Wiley

IV. REVIEW CONSENT CALENDAR: REGULAR BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, SIGNATURES, And APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MINUTES. -APPROVE October 6, 2016, October 20, 2016 and December 15, 2016

WARRANTS. -SIGN January 13, 2017

RESOLVES. -SIGN R15-16-46 (previously approve on 12/15/16)



Councilor Freeman moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.
The motion carries.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

• Update from the office of Economic and Community Development

Scott Perkins presented an update from his office to the Council. He informed the Council that one of the top goals in the Economic Development Strategic Plan is marketing and developing a Hermon brand. This means telling Hermon's story in a way that delivers our vision, promoting and marketing the Town of Hermon properly. Scott told how we have developed a marketing plan that uses television and all other forms of media. 2 television ads have been developed specifically for television. We paid \$5,000.00 to create the ads. Three videos were shown to the Council: 2 television advertisements and 1 media advertisement. Mr. Perkins responded to questions from the Council regarding the time line of implementing the ads and where they will be aired. Chair Thomas thanked Mr. Perkins for his hard work, told how he appreciated his energy and stated that he is looking forward to implementing this plan.

VI. PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENTS *(Items Not Already on Agenda)*

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

None

B. NEW BUSINESS

#1. Consider Introducing and ordinance amendment to the Hermon Code of Ordinances – "Title XV, Section 154, § 154-006(b), Zone Change."

Manager Kroll explained that Gary Pomeroy owns 95 acres of the Blackstream Road. He is seeking authorization to subdivide the acreage into residential lots. The Town Manager asked the Council to schedule a public hearing for February 9, 2017 to hear comments from abutters and other towns' people regarding this potential development. He informed the Council that the Code Enforcement Officer Annette Merrithew would be in attendance as well as the land owner.



Councilor Jacques moved to approve R16-17-52. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-52 is attached for review)*

#2. Consider Authorizing the use of the Town of Hermon Pond Recreational Facility by the Central Maine Snowmobile Racing Association.

The Council participated in a pretty lengthy discussion with Kirk Small and Brian Wiley regarding the use of Hermon Pond for snowmobile drag racing. It was clarified that Hermon Pond actually belongs to the State and permission for such use would need to come from the State. The drag strip would consist of 4 lanes that are 660 feet long and 100 feet wide. After discussing the details regarding the race the Council agreed to support CMSRA's request to the State.

Councilor Freeman moved to approve R16-17-53. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 1 Nay and 6 Yeas. Councilor Sinclair voted in opposition.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-53 is attached for review.)*

#3. Consider Approving the 2017-2022 Town of Hermon Road and Street Plan

Manager Kroll thanked Roger Raymond and Scott Perkins for the hard work that has gone into developing a Road and Street Plan for the Town of Hermon. He explained that the Plan has been reviewed, approved and recommended by the Road and Street Committee. The Manager explained that funding the plan will come later when we work on the budget.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R16-17-54. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-54 is attached for review)*

C. WORKSHOPS

None

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

None

X. APPOINTMENTS

None

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:



Winter, were in the middle of it. This has been a challenging month. Kudos to Gardner Construction. They are getting better every day. A big thank you to Mike and Ralph for the tremendous amount of time they have worked as well. Things have not been perfect, but we do have a good partnership with the Snow Plow Contractor.

Congratulations to Josh Berry. Josh has been here less than a year and he is already a certified assessor. Additionally, he recently took and passed his Code Enforcement test and is certified in land use, Shoreland and legal issues.

Marijuana Moratorium has gone into effect. The State has a year to determine the ins and outs of the laws. Our committee will continue their work. There is training in Freeport on February 28, 2016 we should attend. It is a good idea for communities to work together and learn together regarding this issue. No municipality is prepared for the retail sales and distribution of marijuana.

XII. FINAL PUBLIC ITEMS OR COMMENT (*Items Not Already on Agenda*)

None

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Sinclair stated that compared to other towns we are a 10! Gardner's is doing a great job. Most towns surrounding us are a 2.

Councilor Jacques told how she avoided a close call on Miller Hill.

Chair Thomas spoke regarding the agreement the Council signed in August with PERC. Mr. Thomas spoke of his current concerns regarding the agreement and the potential that PERC may pull out of the agreement in February of 2018.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

#4. Discuss Personnel Matter per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – To discuss and consider and amendment to the Personnel Policy.

Councilor Freeman moved to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) – To discuss and consider and amendment to the Personnel Policy. **Councilor Snyer** seconded the motion. **A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

The motion carries.

Councilor Snyer moved to return to regular session at 7:55pm. **Councilor Freemans** seconded the motion. **No action to take.**

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Snyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. **Councilor Freeman** seconded the motion. **With no objection, Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Nickerson, CCM
Town Clerk