



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
October 6, 2016
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, Robin Carr, Ben Nichols, Kim Nichols, Annette and Larry Merrithew, Donna Pulver, Mike Dakin, Tim McCluskey, Scott Perkins, Frank Roma, James Gallant, Chandler Corriveau, Eric Pelletier, Darrel Cyr, Nicole Cyr, Lindsey Pelletier, Bill Bart and Janet Murray

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

MINUTES. -APPROVE July 14, 2016 & July 28, 2016

WARRANTS. -SIGN October 7, 2016

QUITCLAIMS. - SIGN M/L 046-006-015



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

The motion carries.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Town Manager Kroll introduced Fire Chief Frank Roma to the Council. He told of the Chief's background and career and welcomed him to the Town of Hermon.

Kim Nichols and Robin Carr spoke to the Council regarding their request to the Council to consider adopting a resolution officially opposing Question #1. They told how they are speaking out against the legalization of retail marijuana, explaining that they spend the majority of their time at their jobs working to repair damage cause by substance abuse. They voiced their opposition to tone deaf policies and big tobacco tactics trying to legalize another substance; a commercialized market counting on addiction to make money. Pointing out the Town of Hermon's reputation of having and keeping a safe place for families they responded to questions from the Council.

Hermon resident **Bill Bart** spoke of the positives that could come from legalizing Marijuana in Maine, especially the revenue from sales. He told how plants are tracked from seed to harvest, and that there are a lot of aspects to the bill that people should consider including, testing, cultivation, retail stores and social clubs. Mr. Bart also explained that crime rates will actually drop because there will be fewer petty crimes related to the possession of marijuana.

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

None

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#1. Hold Public Hearing – proposed language amendment to the Hermon Code of Ordinances regarding Non Conforming Uses.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:18pm. He opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the proposed amendment. There were no public comments; however Manager Kroll explained the reasons for amending the ordinance and read it aloud. Chair Thomas closed the public hearing at 7:19pm.

#2. Hold Public Hearing – proposed Contract Zone to rehabilitate existing campground.

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:20pm. He opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the proposed contract zone for the campground on Route #2. James Gallant of Bangor spoke to the Council regarding the request for a contract zone. He told how he drives by the property every day. It used to be vibrant and well taken care of. Watching the deterioration over the last 4 years has been heart breaking. Mr. Gallant explained that he has always wanted to



own a campground. He wants to get to work right away to improve the property and make it beautiful again. Chair Thomas closed the public hearing at 7:22pm.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

A. OLD BUSINESS

- #3. Consider adopting an amendment to the Hermon Code of Ordinances, Title 15 Land Usage, Chapter 154, Section 154-110 Non-Conformance; subsection 154-112 Non Conforming Uses B.**

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R16-17-26. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The Motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-26 is attached for review.)*

- #4. Consider approving a request for a Contract Zone for M/L 021-027-000**

Councilor Watson moved to approve R16-17-27. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-27 is attached.)*

- #5. Open bids received for tax acquired property and award bid.**

3 bid were received for a piece of tax acquired property that is land only. Wayne Dakin bid \$2,500. Mike Dakin bid \$2,101.00. Chris Patten bid \$6,502.00. The Council participated in a brief conversation regarding the bid process. The Council awarded the bid to Chris Patten.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R16-17-28. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-28 is attached for review.)*

- #6. Consider approving FD request for Facebook Page to broadcast information.**

Chief Roma explained the need for disseminating information to the public and for participating in 2 way conversations with community members. The Chief asked the Council for approval to use Facebook as the means to accomplish that.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve R16-17-29. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

**(R16-17-29 is attached for review.)*



B. NEW BUSINESS

#7. Recognize Interim Fire Chief for his service to the Town of Hermon.

Manager Kroll explained that we had a span of time in the Fire Department with no coverage. He told how Darrell Cyr did a fantastic job filling in the Chief's position for us. The Manager and Council recognized Chief Cyr for his service to our department and our community. Fire Chief Roma told how in his 3 weeks here, he is more than impressed with the Hermon Fire Department and how he has a heartfelt desire to serve our community. He thanked Darrell for leaving him with a strong crew. Assistant Fire Chief Eric Pelletier presented a plaque to Interim Chief Cyr, thanking him for his service and his family for their sacrifice.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R16-17-30. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

*(R16-17-30 is attached for review.)

#8. Announce Fire Prevention Week Open House.

Chief Roma announced that on October 15, 2016 the Fire Department will be hosting an open house. There will be plenty of activities, including lunch, the crime lab, fire house tours, and Sparky the Fire Dog. Please join us.

Councilor Watson moved to approve R16-17-31. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

*(R16-17-31 is attached for review.)

#9. Consider approving funds for Transfer Station Improvements.

A brief conversation took place regarding the poor condition of the attendant building at the Transfer Station. The Council agreed to replace it.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve FR16-17-17. Councilor Jacques seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

*(FR16-17-17 is attached for review.)

#10. Consider approving funds for Snow's Corner Cemetery Improvements.

Continued updates to Snow's Corner include gravel, surveying and the rental of equipment for repair cemetery roads.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR16-17-18. Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

*(FR16-17-18 is attached for review.)



- #11. Consider approving authorization to seek bids to install a Basin/Oil Separator and Drainage at the Public Works yard.**

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R16-17-32. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-32) is attached for review.**

C. WORKSHOPS

- #12. Discuss resolution opposing retail marijuana.**

The topic of retail marijuana was discussed at length. Speakers who oppose question #1 as well as those who support question #1 both presented their opinions and positions to the Council.

Councilor Watson moved to amend the Council Rules and vote on a workshop item. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.

The motion carries.

Councilor Watson moved to approve R16-17-33. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote resulted in 5 Yeas and 2 Nays. Councilors Jacques and Ellis voted in opposition.

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-33 is attached for review.)**

- Councilor Jacques moved to consider items in the table packet. Councilor Ellis seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt.**

The motion carries.

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

- #13. Consider authorizing the Fire Department to accept a 2016 Homeland Security Grant**

Chandler Corriveau explained to the Council that the Fire Department has been awarded a grant for the purchase of entry training equipment for rescue & fire suppression. The grant requires no match and no local monies are needed.

Councilor Jacques moved to approve FR16-17-19. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

***(FR16-17-19 is attached for review.)**



X. APPOINTMENTS

None

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Thank you to Chief Roma for being here and participating in tonight's meeting. I am looking forward to the open house.

Welcome Emma. Emma is our new AV operator for our Council meetings.

Town Office is closed on Monday because it is Columbus Day.

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

Donna Pulver asked if the Consent Calendar had been voted on at the beginning of the meeting. Chair Thomas informed her it had.

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Councilor Snyder requested we place the appointment of a new trustee to Ecotat on the next agenda.

Councilor Watson stated "Good Job," to Chandler, "Thank You," to Darrell and "Welcome" to Frank.

Councilor Sinclair agreed with Councilor Watson.

Councilor Jacques agreed with

Councilor Thomas

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. **Councilor Snyder** seconded the motion. **With no objection the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth A. Nickerson, CCM