



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
April 13, 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, John Snyder and Steve Watson

Members Absent: Jeanne Jacques

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Ruth A. Nickerson, Scott Perkins, Ed Bearor, Brian Raymond, Alden Brown and a representative of Eaton Paving.

Councilor Ellis moved to excuse Councilor Jacques absence. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The motion carries.

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

MINUTES. -APPROVE February 23, 2017, March 16, 2017, March 23, 2017 and March 30, 2017

WARRANTS. -SIGN

QUITCLAIMS.-SIGN

M/L 050-061-000, Account #1424, B13929/P310, 2014 –W. Innis

M/L 050-061-000, Account #1425, B13929/P311, 2014 –W. Innis



Councilor Freeman moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Sinclair seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

- ~~2017-2018 Budget Presentation~~ (see table packet)
- **Interlocal Agreement between Bangor & Hermon-regarding the use of Bangor's Wastewater Treatment Plant Complex**

Town Manager Kroll told how an agreement with Bangor Wastewater in 1996 resulted in a 30 year contract. When the agreement was signed the potential for development in Hermon was not understood and was understated. Recently issues have come to light with regard to the billing and collection for sewer services. The agreement, signed under the direction of Manger Kathryn Ruth calls for annual discussion between the town and the city. Those discussions have not been taking place and as a result there are currently a significant amount of monies (\$100,000) due for services received. However, the agreement, as explained by Attorney Ed Bearor, makes the Town of Hermon the guarantor for any unpaid bills. Manager Kroll informed the Council that the town is not just going to cut a check to the City of Bangor, however, at the same time the town has no power to lien because the Waste Water System is owned by the City. Conversation took place amongst the Council, Manager and Attorney with regard to the current situation, how it will be worked out, and how we will prevent this in the future. As told by Manager Kroll, we must continue to look to the future and the needs of our citizens with regards to services delivered and received, including water and sewer, in the Town of Hermon

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

- #1. Consider approving a construction overlmit permit for MDOT.**



Scott Perkins explained that the bridge deck at Shaw Brook is going to be replaced by MDOT. The Department has requested permission from the town to bring heavy equipment across our roads in order to complete the project. Our road postings have been lifted.

Councilor Sinclair moved to approve R16-17-69. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-69 is attached for review.)**

#2. Consider awarding MPI (Municipal Partnership Initiative) Engineering Inspections

Manager Kroll told how Sewall submitted the best bid. Jodi O'Neal at Sewall has been working with us with regard to this project; hence Sewall is familiar with the requirements for inspection.

Councilor Watson moved to approve FR16-17-56. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

***(FR16-17-56 is attached for review.)**

B. NEW BUSINESS

#3. Consider awarding 2017 Paving Contract for MPI and local roads

9 companies submitted bids for paving. The Road & Street Committee reviewed all documentation submitted. The lowest bid came from Eaton Paving in Deer Isle. B & B Paving of Hermon had the second lowest bid. References have been reviewed for Eaton Paving. Contact has been made with MDOT regarding Eaton's qualifications and performance. Mr. Perkins informed the Council that several hours have been spent on determining the best fit for the Town's paving needs this year. Additionally, Eaton Paving buys their pavement here in Hermon from Lane Construction. Total paving projects will cost \$738,943.38.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR16-17-57. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

***(FR16-17-57 is attached for review.)**

#4. Consider awarding 2017 MPI Road Construction Contract (Coldbrook & Newburgh)



The Town Manager told how this project includes working with two separate railroads; however, Coldbrook Road, where the railroad crossings are located will be the easier of the two projects. Lane submitted the winning bid, \$ 427,604.95.

Councilor Watson moved to approve FR16-17-58. Councilor Freeman seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

***(FR16-17-58 is attached for review.)**

#5. Consider scheduling a Public Hearing for a zone change request.

Manager Kroll explained that a request has been submitted for the development of a subdivision along the Wing Road. A Public Hearing is required before a zone change request can be considered by the Town Council. There are 37 acres of land on the Wing Road parcel zoned Residential B. The request is to change this piece of land to Residential A.

Councilor Freeman moved to approve R16-17-70. Councilor Watson seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-70 is attached for review.)**

#6. Consider approving a new street name.

There has been a request submitted to name the road in the new subdivision on the Wing Road, Nye Lane. There will be 13 lots along a 1,000 ft road.

Councilor Freeman moved to approve R16-17-71. Councilor Snyer seconded the motion. The motion was accepted without doubt. (Councilor Jacques absent.)

The motion carries.

***(R16-17-71 is attached for review.)**

C. WORKSHOPS

None

D. OTHER ITEMS (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS

None



XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

- **2017-2018 Budget Presentation**

The Town Manger gave each Councilor a copy of the proposed 2017-2018 FY Budget. He explained the contents of the budget and his expectations with regard to its review. Budget Workshops will take place on April 20, 24, 25 & 27, 2017. The Council agreed with the proposed Budget Workshop Schedule. The Manager asked the Council to review the contents of the budget and be prepared to ask questions and participate in discussion regarding it.

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

Donna Pulver resides at 626 Coldbrook Road. She told the Council to make sure they advertise the Budget Workshops to the public.

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Steve Thomas told how he believes that changing the audit firm is a good idea. The Council agreed. Manager Kroll stated that we will place this discussion on the next meeting agenda.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

With no objection, Chair Thomas closed the Council Meeting at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ruth A. Nickerson, CCM
Town Clerk**