



**Town of Hermon**

**Public Safety Meeting Room**

**December 12, 2019**

**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**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair McCluskey led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** John Snyder III, Douglas Sinclair Sr., Donna Ellis, Anthony “Tony” Reynolds, Steve Thomas and Timothy McCluskey

**Members Absent:** Charles Lever IV - excused

**Others Present:** Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Chief Frank Roma, Cody Sullivan, Bobbie Pelletier, Mike Simmons, Ralph Shaw, Brooke Green, Jeanne Jacques and 7 non- residents.

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

**SIGNATURES. –APPROVE**

**MINUTES. -APPROVE November 14, 2019**

**WARRANTS. –SIGN December 13, 2019**

**RESOLVES. -SIGN**

**Councilor Snyder moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.**



**V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

- **Blue Star Flag Presentation to the family of Kenneth York. Hermon Deputy Sheriff Kenneth York is a Staff Sergeant with the Air Force Reserve and will be deploying to Afghanistan in January.**

**Manager Kroll awarded Blue Star Flag to Sgt. Bobbie Pelletier to accept on Ken York behalf.**

- **Hermon Firefighter Michael Simmons has been recognized as the Penobscot County Fire Chiefs Association 2019 Firefighter of the Year.**

**Manager Kroll awarded a Proclamation from the Town Council to Michael Simmons for receiving 2019 Firefighter of the year from the Penobscot County Fire Chiefs Association.**

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

**Brooke Green: Ms. Green stated she is having issues with the plowing of the roads. Over the past two storms she has not been plowed out. She has noticed the road has been plowed with pick up trucks and a large plow truck once in awhile. The last storm she was actually plowed in by a wing row approx 2.5 feet. She has seen lots of different plow contractors over the years and after the first time of being shown how to plow her end of the road they (other contractors) have done a great job. Ms. Green stated the road was plowed seven times over the two storms but not once have they plowed her part of the road.**

**Jeanne Jacques: Ms. Jacques stated snowplowing is still an issue by her home. She has seen the road plowed by pick ups more than plow trucks. One of the plow trucks was green in color and she believes all of the contractor's trucks that are to plow in Hermon are yellow with tracking devices. The green truck belongs in Orrington? This truck would not have a tracking device and where is the product loaded in the back going? To Hermon roads or Orrington?**

**Kristie Miner: Ms. Miner is a resident of Bangor and running for Maine State Senate seat District #9 which includes the Hermon and Bangor. Ms. Miner is looking to have residents reach out to her with what is important and what their concerns are. Her telephone number is 945-6830 and email is [miner4mesenate.com](mailto:miner4mesenate.com)**

**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**



**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**R19-20-30 Consider scheduling a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2020**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-30. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Passed**

**R19-20-31 Consider approving RFP for Billings Road MPI project**

**Councilor Snyder moved to approve R19-20-31. Councilor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion to passes 6-0.**

**R19-20-32 Consider approving RFP for Route 2 MPI project**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-32. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion to passes 6-0.**

**R19-20-33 Consider disbanding the Recycling Committee**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to approve R19-20-33. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion to passes 6-0.**

**C. WORKSHOPS:**

**D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)**

**X. APPOINTMENTS:**

**XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:**

**Manager Kroll wishes everyone a happy holiday season. Town Office hours over the holidays will be: closed at noon on 12/24/19, closed 12/25/19 and closed on 1/1/20. On 1/1/2020 the contract with Penobscot County Sheriff dept will take affect. All full time and part time employees have been notified of the change. Capital improvement plan will be rolled out at the 1/9/2020 council meeting for the first look for FY 21. Thank you for supporting the request for Special Town Meeting on behalf of Superintendent Gary Gonyar. Thank you for coming out tonight and recognizing Mike Simmons and Ken York.**

**Steve Thomas: Councilor Thomas asked Manager Kroll the status on the Hydrologist and testing of wells on Stoneybrook.**



**Manager Kroll: Mr. Leach has tested his well for certain chemical panels and the test came back within normal limits. Mr. Leach has sent off another sample to have further testing done with a lab in Massachusetts. Mr. Kroll is waiting to see the results of this test before proceeding with further testing on Stoneybrook. Mr. Leach and Mr. Bouchard are in the eye of the water issue. Mr. Kroll has not told anyone we would not do testing. Waiting on the results from the Hydrologist and we hired CES from Brewer to do the storm water. Results will be shared when received.**

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

**XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:**

**Douglas Sinclair: Stated he also had an issue with our plow contractor. Mr. Sinclair had a truck leave the road because of their lack of plowing the road. It cost him wages, damage to his truck, damage to town property. Mr. Sinclair had to have a large truck pull out his other truck. Mr. Sinclair feels this is really poor on their part if they can't do this job and do it right.**

**Tony Reynolds: Stated he also had an issue with the plow contractor also. The property he owns on Patten Drive the contractor went off the road with the plow truck and there is 110 feet of rototilled garden on the front lawn.**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilor Reynolds moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:49PM. Councilor Snyder gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kristen Cushman  
Town Clerk**

**Explanatory note #1:** All items in the CONSENT CALENDAR are considered routine and are proposed for adoption by the Town Council with one motion without DISCUSSION or deliberation. If DISCUSSION on any item is desired, any member of the Council or public may request the removal of an item for it to be placed in the regular agenda prior to the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

**Explanatory Note #2:** In the interest of effect decision-making: At 10:00 p.m., the Chairman shall poll the Council and Town Manager to identify remaining items which shall be carried forward to the next Regular Meeting.

**Explanatory Note #3:** A Councilor who feels the need for the Council excusing his/her absence will make the request to the Town Manager or the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.