



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

OCTOBER 15, 2020

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 Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ronald “Ron” Murphy, Charles Lever IV, Steven “Steve” Thomas and G. Stephen “Steve” Watson and John Snyder III, Douglas “Doug” Sinclair Sr.

Members Absent: Anthony “Tony” Reynolds – excused

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Ed Bearor from Rudman Winchell, Scott Perkins, Ruth Cawley and 10 residents

Councilor Watson moved to excuse John Snyder III, Douglas Sinclair Sr., and Anthony Reynolds.. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 4-0.

John Snyder arrived to the meeting at 7:09 PM

Douglas Sinclair Sr. arrived to the meeting at 7:21 PM



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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 10/1/2020 Minutes

WARRANTS. –SIGN 10/16/2020 Warrant

RESOLVES. –SIGN

Councilor Watson moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passes 4-0.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

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

Ruth Cawley: 438 Chestnut Lane. Mrs. Cawley would like the Town of Hermon work with the Post Office to allow curb side delivery to all residents of the Stone Farm subdivision.

There will be a few questions and concerns regarding mail deliver in the Stone Farm Subdivision.

1. Cluster boxes are preferred but not mandated.
2. Cluster box must be within 1 block of the residence.
3. Individuals with disabilities can have home delivery when qualified.
4. Cluster box master key manager.

With much discussion Mr. Ed Bearor was asked to speak.

Ed Bearor: Can not find where any Towns or Cities regulate mailboxes as part of their subdivision site processing. I don't feel we can tell the Postal Service how to deliver the mail. We can certainly if the council wishes go on record with the Postal Service as what we prefer be done in the Town of Hermon but ultimately the decision of the local Post Master or Portland, ME or Washington DC to make those decisions. I think everyone in the room agrees that there are some good points being made I am not sure we have any ability other than a bully pulpit to ask the Postal Service deliver the mail.

It will require direction from the Council as what you want to do this. The impression I get is you do but the Council will need to instruct us to do that and we will figure out what the process will be. We certainly can press upon them we would like the decision before winter. But again this is the Postal Service and we can do whatever you want but not going to give you any assurance that 1. They will listen or 2.They will do anything timely if they choose. Certainly we can try.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:



IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR20-21-09 Consider authorizing Hermon Fire Department to apply and accept the Ed MacDonald Safety Enhancement Grant will cover two-thirds of cost up to but not exceed \$1,300.42. Exclusively for purchasing Ice Rescue Suite (2) with equipment.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR20-21-09. Councilor Lever seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

FR20-21-10 Consider authorizing Hermon Town Office to apply and accept the “Center for Tech and Civic Life” (CTCL) Grant for \$ 5,000.00.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR20-21-10. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

Discussion- Easement acquisition

The CES plan did not include on how to get to the Stoneybrook properties to be worked on.

Scott Perkins: Logistics on how we are going to construct the project, we learned there was not a designated access. We looked at five different options to access the properties.

- 1. Building driveways across lawns – driving over pipes and leach fields**
- 2. Up the Mr. & Mrs. Leach’s driveway or on the side of the home – recorded wetlands**
- 3. Up the Mr. Bouchard’s driveway – causing additional damage to the driveway**
- 4. Enter from Harvest Lane – Additional easements from property owners, revised DEP storm water drain plan**
- 5. Abutting properties owners from down the road and coming in from behind – needing additional easements and longer route into project.**

Looking at all the costs and logistics for each of the different plans.



Ron Bouchard: 42 Stoneybrook Way. Received the easement on Wednesday and will be reviewed by Tuesday the 20th. Mr. Bouchard encourages Scott Perkins to look for other ways to access the property other than Mr. Bouchard's. Mr. Bouchard is not certain he will be signing the easement.

Scott and Ron discussed they way the water is going to run down the side of his property and head to the ditch. The front ditch will need to be rehabbed to alleviate a flooded road. Also spoke about putting rip wrap across the back of the yard where the ditch is going to be because of the amount of water that will be going through the crushed rocks. Driveway drainage around the top of the driveway because the corner slab is sinking in the garage. This one Mr. Bouchard is probably going to take on himself (driveway drainage).

Scott Perkins: The offer is use the driveway and leave it in a better condition than we found it.

Scott to work on different methods to reach the two properties to be worked on.

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:

Reappoint personnel to various positions as required by Charter and State Statute.

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Absentee Ballots: Clerks have processed over 1300 absentee ballots to date.

USPS: Contact Mr. Bearor and see how we can get a discussion going on mailboxes

Commitment: Will vote next meeting on mill rate, due date etc.

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

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS: None

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:



XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Councilor Watson gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 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.