



Town of Hermon

Public Safety Meeting Room

August 19 2021

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: Phillip “Phil” Richardson, Ronald “Ron” Murphy, Charles Lever IV, Steven “Steve” Thomas, Anthony “Tony” Reynolds and G. Stephen “Steve” Watson

Members Absent: John Snyder III - Excused

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Town Attorney Ed Bearor, Joseph Davis, Tracie Cushman and 1 resident

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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 7/22/2021 Minutes

WARRANTS. –SIGN 7/9/2021, 8/6/2021 & 8/20/2021

RESOLVES. -SIGN

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.



V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Eagle Project Recognition: Maclaren Davis for building a shed for the Town of Hermon

Howard Kroll: I want to take this opportunity to discuss an Eagle Scout project that Maclaren Davis proposed to the town a few years ago, and due to COVID obviously, things backtracked. But nonetheless, he stayed on top of it and made it become a reality. The thing that caught my eye was the attention to detail, the organization, the planning, and the overall management of it was directly an indication of this young man's ability to get a task completed.

I haven't seen anyone his age accomplish anything like this, at least to this magnitude. I know, it's a shed and it might not sound like the next Empire State Building, but that facility houses our vital records, our financial records, old plans from planning boards, election material, it was desperately needed here in town. And I think he went above and beyond this project to make it a reality. It was a first class effort and very indicative of what an Eagle Scout project really means to a community. I thought it was appropriate we bring this up and we recognize his work. I know that a year from now, when he graduates from high school, he moves on to bigger and better things, and his parents can retire early. This young man will do great things in life. And I think that's a true indication of his work ethic, and what his family is all about. I think they've molded a young up-and-coming superstar in the world. He has a great work ethic, very reliable, very intelligent, beyond his years, very mature. And whatever he chooses to do in life, I have no doubt in my mind, this young man is going to do great things in life. So as a small token of our appreciation, I do have a certificate of recognition that I want to give to Maclaren.

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:



B. NEW BUSINESS:

O21-22-01 Consider holding a public hearing on September 2, 2021 for **Penobscot Snowmobile Club** for Concourse Gathering Application for Truck and Tractor Pulls on September 18, 2021

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve O21-22-01. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

O21-22-02 Consider authorizing the Town Clerk to schedule and give notice of any public hearing required by ordinance or statute such that the public hearing will take place at the next Town Council meeting.

Councilor Reynolds moved to approve O21-22-02. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Paving on the Billings Road from the four corners by the Town Office to Route 2 has been paved by B & B Paving. A few housekeeping items to complete include painting lines and fix some driveway entrances along Billings Road.

The other streets that were approved as part of the annual town meeting, capital improvement project, are being paved as we speak. And they will be ongoing for the next few weeks.

The grant Scott Perkins applied for sewer, with the Northern Border Commission was approved for \$50,000. A good start, obviously, we're going to need a lot more money than that. But to me, that's a good indication the State recognizes the investment towns have made for infrastructure. So hopefully, we can partner with the state even more as we move forward.

The School Committee just met and has back to school program initiatives. I want to commend them on putting that together well before school started and giving parents the opportunity to make decisions on what they want to do for their child going back to school.

I wanted to thank Maclaren Davis for his Eagle Scout project.



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

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Ron Murphy: I have been working on speed limits on some of the roads in town. This is why we will be getting some signs going up at the schools to slow cars down for certain hours. I think at the middle school they will be up before school starts. Howard, Scott and I talked with somebody from the DOT about some of the speed limits. It is quite a process to go through to get studies done and all the other things that go along with the roads. I tried to explain to them on some of the roads that I thought the speed levels are too high because there's a lot more houses now. Everybody knows how much Hermon has grown over the years and is still continuing to grow. If they did a survey, it was probably going to be a long time before they did it. So the next best thing was Howard and I to meet with the sheriff on Monday. They are going to step up patrols a lot more, they're looking into maybe we can put up some different signs on roads where we have problems. So that's the next step that they're going to be doing. They are going to get some more officers in town. They just want educate people to slow down a little bit. So I'm sure you'll see that on the roads very shortly.

Charles Lever: Just want to thank Mac for his hard work and service to the town.

Tony Reynolds: I drove up by the high school and checked out the paving job. It looks really good up there. The lines are all marked. That place was a disaster area the last five years. So I'm glad it's all taken care of now.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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Consider entering Executive Session to discuss a legal matter per 1 M.S.R.A. 405(6)(E)

Councilor Richardson moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter per 1 M.S.R.A. 405 (6)(E). Councilor Lever seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

The motion carries. Executive Session started at 7:17 p.m.

Councilor Lever made a motion to end executive session at 8:36 pm. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. With no objection the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Councilor Murphy made a motion to set a Special Town Council meeting on August 24, 2021 at 7pm. Councilor Lever seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 5-0. Councilor Reynolds left at 7:50pm.



XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Lever made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 8:38 pm.. Councilor Murphy seconded. With no objection the council meeting was adjourned at 8:38 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.