



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
April 28, 2022
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, Phillip “Phil” Richardson, G. Stephen “Steve” Watson, Charles Lever IV, Steven “Steve” Thomas, and John Snyder III

Members Absent: Anthony “Tony” Reynolds - Excused

Others Present: Town Manager Howard Kroll, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, and 3 guests

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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 4/14/2022 Minutes

WARRANTS. –SIGN 4/29/2022 Warrant

RESOLVES. –SIGN

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

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:



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

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

R21-22-26 Consider appointing two residents to the Comprehensive Plan Review Ad-Hoc Committee

Councilor Murphy moved to approve R21-22-26 additional members as follows: Kristan Rancourt, Gregory Newell, Josh Pelletier, Deborah Langille and Richard Guthrie. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion carries.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

C. WORKSHOPS:

FY23 Municipal Budget

Manager Kroll gave an overview of the working copy of the FY 23 budget.

Overall revenues for FY 2023 will realize an increase of an estimated \$636,124 while expenses are increased by \$767,131 resulting in a net increase of \$131,007.

Various drivers for the increase in expenses:

- ✓ **County tax increased by \$64,000**
- ✓ **Snowplow contract increased by \$25,932 as per contract.**
- ✓ **Economic Development projects increased by \$282,714 due to agreements with Mathews Brothers and paving one of the industrial parks.**
- ✓ **County Law Enforcement agmt increased by \$14,725, year 3 of 5-year contract.**
- ✓ **Additional paving of town owned roads increased by \$258,494. This was off set by not funding the Highway Reserve account at \$250,000.**



- ✓ Utility costs for electricity increased across the municipality by nearly \$20,000 or roughly 40% to further add to the operational costs #2 heating fuel and vehicle fuel increased by nearly \$12,000.
- ✓ Curbside trash pickup increased by \$9,422 due to increase in fuel costs, additional stops, and inflation.

Increased revenues to offset the additional expenses recommended as follows:

- ✓ TIF Revenues- \$286,124 increase
- ✓ Vehicle Excise Tax-\$100,000 increase
- ✓ Undesignated Fund Balance- \$100,000 increase
- ✓ State Revenue Sharing- \$150,000 increase

In addition to the budget, budget summary and budget message, I have provided the account details so you can review before we begin the budget workshop scheduled for **28 April 2022**.

The proposed town manager's FY23 municipal budget does not include the cost of education or any new valuation that may be obtained from new construction.

I recommend that we conduct the following budget workshops:

Thursday, 28 April 2022----- Review proposed municipal budget.

Thursday, 5 May 2022----- Review proposed municipal budget and Interim Superintendent Micah Grant presents the proposed FY23 School Department Budget.

Thursday, 26 May 2022----- Continued review of proposed FY 23 School Department and municipal budgets with Town Council approving/recommending both budgets for annual town meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 16, 2022.

As you review the information, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:



XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Manager Kroll thanked the comp plan committee members for volunteering their time to be a part of the committee and the first meeting will be May 3, 2022 at 6PM.

Road posting are down on State roads.

The State of Maine will be placing a shim coat on Route 2 from Bangor to Newport in FY 23 or FY 24.

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

Deborah Langille 368 Billings Road: Thank you so much for letting me be part of the Comprehensive Plan Review ad hoc committee. It will be an honor and I look forward to working with you all.

XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

John Snyder: Did we come close to budget for sand numbers?

Manager Kroll: The last two winters were mild winters and I did not come close to budget numbers.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Murphy made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 7:42 pm. Councilor Snyder seconded. With no objection the council meeting was adjourned at 7:42 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.