

Town of Hermon Public Safety Meeting Room July 7, 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

Steven Thomas led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present:Richard Cyr, Ronald "Ron" Murphy, John Snyer III, Steven "Steve" Thomas, G.
Stephen "Steve" Watson and Derek WoodMembers Absent:Phillip "Phil" RichardsonOthers Present:Town Manager Howard Kroll, Deputy Clerk Courtney Brown, Town Attorney Tim
Pease and 12 residents

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

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<u>Councilor Murphy moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.</u> Councilor Snyer seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

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

Carol Lackedy – Update on food pantry

Carol Lackedy 3026 Route 2: Carol is the Volunteer Director of Neighbors Supporting Neighbors Food Pantry.

- Asking for guidance and support from the Town and residents.
- <u>In 2007 a food pantry moved out of town that was supporting Etna, Carmel,</u> <u>Hermon and Dixmont.</u>
- <u>In 2008 Neighbors Supporting Neighbors opened as a 501(c)(3) at Northern Maine</u> <u>Junction Store in a donated space. From there they moved to Penobscot Snowmobile Club</u> <u>house then to a space at Danforth's Plaza (former pizza shop) and lastly the former Family</u> <u>Dollar Store in the Danforth's Plaza.</u>
- <u>As of August 1, 2022 we will need a space to run the food pantry as Danforth's</u> <u>Plaza is in need of the Family Dollar space.</u>
- <u>Looking for ideas: where can we run the food pantry over the next year while</u> <u>fundraising for a building.</u>

<u>Sherry Andrei 557 York Rd: Carmel/Levant tuition students are a lucrative business.</u> <u>Even if you need to spend a little money to keep them in Hermon, you make</u> <u>money by having them. Would like to see reserve funds spent for things that are</u> <u>needed vs sitting in accounts.</u> <u>Ms. Andrei supports looking for land to help expand the elementary and middle</u>

schools. She would like to see students highlighted in the Connection for all the great things they do.

Deb Langille: Would like to see all the boards get together to help move the town forward.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

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B. NEW BUSINESS:

Elect Council Chairperson

Councilor Snyer nominated Steve Thomas to serve as Chairperson. Councilor Murphy seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations for Chairperson. A secret ballot vote resulted in 6 votes for Steve Thomas. Steve Thomas accepted the Chair seat for FY 22-23.

Elect Council Vice Chairperson

Councilor Snyer nominated Ron Murphy to serve as Vice Chairperson. Councilor Wood seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A secret ballot vote resulted in 6 votes for Ron Murphy. Ron Murphy accepted the Vice Chair seat for FY 22-23.

C. WORKSHOPS:

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

<u>Councilor Snyer moved to waive council rules and accept the table packet.</u> <u>Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion</u> <u>passes 6-0.</u>

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

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Congratulations to Mr. Cyr and Mr. Wood to serve the community and commend the citizens elected to the School Board.

It's a new fiscal year and as Ms. Langille stated we should come together and work as one vs opposite sides of the floor.

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

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XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Consider entering Executive Session to discuss an economic development matter per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(C)

<u>Councilor Snyer moved to enter Executive Session to discuss an economic development</u> matter per 1 M.S.R.A. 405 (6)(C). Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

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

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

The motion carries. Executive Session started at 7:40 p.m.

<u>Councilor Snyer made a motion to end executive session at 9:50 pm.</u> <u>Councilor Watson seconded</u> the motion. With no objection the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

<u>Councilor Snyer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 PM.</u> Councilor Watson gave seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Cushman Town Clerk

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.

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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.