



**Town of Hermon**  
**Public Safety Meeting Room**  
**August 18, 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:** Richard Cyr, Ronald Murphy, John Snyder III, Steven Thomas, G. Stephen Watson, and Derek Wood

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Interim Town Manager Joshua Berry, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Town Attorney Tim Pease and 18 residents/guests

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

**SIGNATURES. –APPROVE**

**MINUTES. –APPROVE** 7/21/2022 Minutes

**WARRANTS. –SIGN** 8/4/2022, 8/19/2022 Warrants

**RESOLVES. –SIGN**

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

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



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

**Shawn McBreairty, Hampden Maine:**

- **Hermon School department lawsuit**
- **Hermon is below state guidelines in math**
- **Library book display**
- **42% of high school students are below state guidelines for English**
- **Signed affidavit**

**Chad Leonard, 106 Wendy Acres Dr:**

- **School budget – Annual Town Meeting**
- **Track project**
- **Invoices from Drummond Woodsum**

**Deb Langille, Billings Rd: Supports the track and wonders when the special town meeting will be to vote on the \$400,000.00?**

**Everett Buzzell, 564 Newburgh Rd:**

- **Microphones for councilors to speak into**
- **Track project: did you scrap the project? Where's the money?**
- **What is the progress on the Recreation building?**
- **Where's Howard?**
- **Will be running for a council seat in November**

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**VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. OLD BUSINESS:**



**B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**R22-23-05**      **Consider** appointing Chief Frank Roma to be an “authorized person” for a grant application with Maine Forest Service Volunteer Fire Assistance Program.

**Councilor Snyder moved to approve R22-23-05. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**R22-23-06**      **Consider** appointing Chief Frank Roma to be an “authorized person” for a grant application with The Leary Firefighters Foundation.

**Councilor Snyder moved to approve R22-23-06. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**R22-23-07**      **Consider** scheduling secret ballot election for November 8, 2022.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-07. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.**

**R22-23-08**      **Consider** appointing Lindsey Ouellette to be an “authorized person” for a grant application with WinterKids.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-08. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**R22-23-09**      **Consider** authorizing Scott Perkins to apply and accept a MDOT School Zone Feedback Sign Grant.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-09. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**FR22-23-03**      **Consider** amending FR21-22-10 for Recreation Enterprise.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-03. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**FR22-23-04**      **Consider** approving funding for Veteran’s Park improvements.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-04. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**



**FR22-23-05**      **Consider** approving public safety building interior lighting to be converted to LED.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-05. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**FR22-23-06**      **Consider** approving public safety building women's locker room repair.

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-06. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

### **C. WORKSHOPS:**

**Cemetery Ordinance proposed amendments**

**Joshua Berry and Scott Perkins gave an overview of the amendments to the proposed cemetery ordinance.**

**Council did not have questions or comments.**

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

**Councilor Cyr to waive council rules and accept the table packet. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

### **IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **A. OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **B. NEW BUSINESS:**

**R22-23-10**      **Consider** setting a Special Town Council Workshop to discuss the potential ballot question regarding the track and football field renovation project

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-10. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.**

**Councilor Murphy withdraws the motion. Councilor Cyr withdrew his motion.**

**Councilor Murphy to waive council rules. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**



**Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-10. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.**

**R22-23-11 Consider setting a Special Town Council Meeting to approve a ballot question for the track and football field renovation.**

**Councilor Murphy to waive council rules. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-11. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.**

**X. APPOINTMENTS:**

**XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:**

- School will be starting in a few weeks and be mindful of buses taking children to and from school.
- Thank you to the Recreation Department for putting on the fireworks display.
- New tax stabilization law change – please come to the Town Office and fill out paperwork and see Rylee Cushman, Assessor for any questions.

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

**Greg Newell 40 Stage Rd: What is the status on the fire truck replacing the truck with the broken frame?**

**Josh Berry: The replacement fire truck should be here by the end of next week.**

**Lee Cliff 762 Blackstream Rd: Question regarding executive sessions on the night of July 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tim Pease, Rudman & Winchell: Went into executive session to discuss a legal matter with the attorney.**

**Lee Cliff: When you go into executive session you must state why you are going to the meeting.**

**Tim Pease: The Maine statute must be stated to go into executive session such as: economic development, legal matter, and personnel matter.**



**Jeanne Jacques 185 Fuller Rd: How are people in the town aware of what happened in executive session because it happened in executive session, and it remains in executive session. It's either rumors or someone is talking outside the Executive Session. How is that occurring?**

**XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS: None**

**XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Councilor Murphy moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405 (6)(E) and enter Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(C). Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.**

**The motion carries. Executive Session started at 8:02 p.m.**

- **Consider** enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(E)
- **Consider** enter into Executive Session to discuss an Economic Development matter per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(C)

**Councilor Murphy made a motion to end executive session at 8:49 pm. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. With no objection the Executive Session was adjourned at 8:49 pm.**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Councilor Snyder seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 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.