



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
January 5, 2023
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, Danielle Haggerty, Ronald Murphy, John Snyder III, Steven Thomas, Derek Wood and G. Stephen Watson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Town Manager Joshua Berry, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Town Attorney Tim Pease and 20 residents/guests

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

APPOINTMENTS. – APPROVE

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. -APPROVE 12/8/2022, 12/29/2022

WARRANTS. –SIGN 12/23/2022, 1/6/2023, ~~and Sign Warrant for January 19, 2023~~
~~Special Town Meeting~~

RESOLVES. –SIGN

Councilor Cyr moved to approve the Consent Calendar with the amendment to remove Warrant for January 19, 2023 meeting. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.



V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:

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

Terri Hamm-Morris, Timberview Dr:

- **Information handed out to Councilors regarding smart streetlights with cameras.**

Brian Veneziano, Bishop Dr:

- **Concerns with content in books at the Hermon High School Library.**
- **Please see video for details**

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Hold Public Hearing – Contract Zone Change for M/L 034-134-000
Resale and Pawn Shop**

**Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:14PM. Public comments were given.
The hearing closed at 8:00PM.**

Charles Hillman, Billings Rd:

- **A pawn shop does not fit Hermon's character**

Regina Leonard, Wendy Acres Dr:

- **Well respected family will run this business**

Jennifer Violette, Fuller Dr:

- **High risk business**
- **What if's: robberies, addiction, impact on taxes**
- **Ask the council to table until fully reviewed**

Jeanne Jacques, Fuller Dr:

- **Business will be State regulated**



Councilor Wood:

- **Items for purchase, sale or trade would be same as items on Marketplace or Uncle Henry's.**

Councilor Haggerty:

- **Gun sales would need to be 1000 feet from a school per State regulation.**
- **Pawn license would be issued by the State of Maine yearly.**
- **Does not need to be bonded**
- **Ordinance is not required for pawn shops.**
- **What are the affects on crime or property value?**

Councilor Murphy:

- **What type of security system/lighting?**

Councilor Thomas:

- **Can a time limit be attached to the contract zone change?**

Aaron Hawes, owner of 151 Billings Rd:

- **Will have a security system and exterior lighting**
- **Will sell estate items, used items, guns etc.**
- **Not looking to sell ammunition.**
- **Building has been used for commercial use since it was built in 1999.**

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VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:



B. NEW BUSINESS:

R22-23-21 Consider approving acceptance of an ordinance titled “Amendment to Chapter 154 Contract Zone change to Tax Map 034-134-000 § 154-006(b), 154-007(b)” of the Hermon Town Code

Councilor Haggerty moved to table R22-23-20 until 1/19/2023. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 4-3.

FR22-23-08 Consider an abatement for 442 Chestnut Lane, M/L 033-006-022

Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-08. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

FY24 Capital Improvement Plan

Town Manager Berry presented the approximate balances on all the Town reserve accounts and will present CIP at the next meeting.

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Jesse Murphy, Code Enforcement Officer, has been working on updating ordinances and more updates in the future.

Thank you to Fire and Public Works for keeping the roads clear and open during the last storm. Yearly ditching, paving etc. work on our roads has helped the winter upkeep on the roads.

James Stubbs, Animal Control Officer, is very efficient and thank you for your hard work.

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



XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Richard Cyr: Stay healthy this year.

Ronald Murphy: Very impressed with the calmness of the Fire Chief and Public Works department on the scanner as events kept unfolding in the last storm. Job well done.

Steve Thomas: Expressed the same as Councilor Murphy and added work at Pottle Field has started for the new track and football complex.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter regarding Hermon Volunteer Rescue Squad (HVRs) per 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6)(E).

Councilor Murphy moved to enter Executive Session to a discuss a legal matter regarding Hermon Volunteer Rescue Service (HVRs) per 1 M.S.R.A. § 405(6)(E). Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0. Councilor Watson recused himself.

The motion carries. Executive Session started at 8:31 p.m.

Councilor Thomas stated Executive Session ended at 10:05pm. With no objection the Executive Session was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 PM. Councilor Cyr seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 10:06 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.