



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
January 19, 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 41 residents/guests

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

SIGNATURES. APPROVE: Quitclaim account # 1706 M/L 057-030-000

MINUTES. APPROVE: 01/05/2023

WARRANTS. SIGN: 01/20/2023

RESOLVES. SIGN:

Councilor Murphy moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passes 7-0.

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:



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

Senator Joe Baldacci:

- **Appointed to serve as the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee with oversight of DHHS.**
- **Attended the Canadian Pacific Holiday Train event.**
- **Introduced a bill have the DOT consider Hermon to Canada on the Canadian Pacific rail lines for a feasibility study for passenger rail.**
- **Will try to be at the Council meetings once a month in Hermon.**

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

R22-23-23 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 Snyder moved to approve R22-23-23. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR22-23-09 Accept donation of \$200,000.00 from Barry Pottle towards the new Track & Football Facility.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR22-23-09. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

Scott Perkins: Present (3) TIF district creation projects: Hermon Holdings, C&K Variety and Showcase Self Storage



R22-23-24 Consider and review proposed TIF & Credit Enhancement Agreement for Hermon Holdings at Map 27 Lots 88 & 89 and set a Public Hearing on March 2, 2023

Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-24. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

R22-23-25 Consider and review proposed TIF District creation for C&K Variety at Map 27 Lot 20 and set a Public Hearing on March 2, 2023

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R22-23-25. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

R22-23-26 Consider and review proposed TIF District creation for Showcase Self-Storage at Map 8 Lot 30 and set a Public Hearing on March 2, 2023

Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-26. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

FR23-22-12 Authorize the amount not to exceed \$6,000 to survey Town of Hermon Residents, on library books in the Hermon School System.

Councilor Haggerty moved to approve FR22-23-12 to not exceed \$6,000 and for the Town Manager and Superintendent to work together to finalize a survey question with input from other people as they see fit from other people. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 4-3.

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C. WORKSHOPS:

FY24 Capital Improvement Plan

Town Manager Berry presented the working copy of the CIP.

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)



X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

- Attended the ECOTAT meeting and was a great group of enthusiastic people and look forward to more meetings.
- New Deputy Clerk, Ashleigh McAlinden is starting on Monday.
- Current Deputy Clerk, Courtney Brown, recently passed her CMA (Certified Maine Assessor) and will be transitioning into the Assessing Dept.

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

Jennifer Violette, Fuller Rd:

- Thank you to the council to be the voice of reason and appreciate you all.

Terry Hamm-Morris, Timberview Dr:

- Prefer money to be spent for children's education vs football and a survey.

Ed Ford, Union St:

- Would like an update on the undesignated surplus the school has and will have on June 30. It was stated by the Superintendent in prior budget meetings last year this will be spent down.

Haily Keezer, Orchard Dr:

- A statement made earlier was incorrect: there are no visual depictions of nudity in school. This is inaccurate.
- Lack of transparency with parents has been an issue at the school. Strong concerns not having access to the curriculum, and access to the information in the schools by parents.

Barbara Ford, Union St:

- I have been a local, state and national advocate for abused, battered children and women. To counter what Micah Grant said tonight, they are *not* working on behalf of the best interest of *all* students.
- Neglected and sexualized children are not being considered. Children who've been traumatized are not being considered.
- The books on the library shelf go beyond the when I was studying abuse and neglected in college. Its highly sexualized and graphic.



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XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Danielle Haggerty: Thanked Josh for getting the answers to her for the new pawn shop.

Richard Cyr: Thanked the room for decorum and civility.

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 8:36 p.m.

Councilor Wood made a motion to end Executive Session at 9:25pm. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. With no objection the Executive Session was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilor Wood moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 PM. Councilor Murphy seconded. With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 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.