



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
May 25, 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, Steven Thomas, Derek Wood and G. Stephen Watson

Members Absent: John Snyder III - Excused

Others Present: Town Manager Joshua Berry, Town Clerk Kristen Cushman, Town Attorney Tim Pease and 21 residents/guests

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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. –APPROVE **5/11/2023**

WARRANTS. –SIGN **5/26/2023**

RESOLVES. –SIGN

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

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:



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

- Haily Keezer
- Kim Stewart
- Deb Langille

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **Hold Public Hearing -- School Budget for FY 2023-2024**

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:08PM. Public comments were given. The hearing closed at 7:39PM.

- **Hold Public Hearing – Municipal Budget for FY 2023-2024**

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:39PM. Public comments were given. The hearing closed at 7:42PM.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR22-23-20 Consider approving 2023-2024 FY Municipal Budget

Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-20. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

FR22-23-21 Consider approving 2023-2024 FY School Budget

Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-21. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.



Council to review and sign School/Municipal warrant

Councilor Murphy moved to approve School/Municipal warrant. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

C. WORKSHOPS:

D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

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

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR22-23-22 Consider awarding bid for the Logistics Lane Rehabilitation Project

Councilor Murphy to waive council rules and consider voting on FR22-23-22. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

Councilor Cyr moved to approve FR22-23-22. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 6-0.

X. APPOINTMENTS:

XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT:

Annual Town Reports for FY 21-22 will be out soon but due to the cost residents are encouraged to view the report online at <https://www.hermonmaine.gov/town-government/annual-town-reports/>

The School/Municipal warrant will be mailed to resident homes over the next week.

Annual Town Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers on June 15, 2023 at 7:00pm with overflow in the Fire Department bays.

Comp Plan results are online at <https://www.hermonmaine.gov/town-government/town-committees/comprehensive-plan-committee/>

Thank you to Kristen for coming in and working on her day off.



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

- Jim Thorne
- Regina Leonard

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XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

Danielle Haggerty: Appreciates the tough questions and making progress going through the budget process.

Ron Murphy: Glad we are having conversations which are civil and are having better communication with the Town.

Anne Freeman recently passed away recently and would like to list her service to the town.

- **1989 – 1996 Town Council**
- **1998 – 2001 Town Council**
- **2009 – 2017 Town Council**
- **1995 – 2018 Ballot Clerk**
- **1990 – 1995 Fair Hearing Authority**

Derek Wood: The increased communication with each other using diplomacy is bridging the gap between the differences we have. The key to diplomacy is always start with what we all agree with. This can be said; we are a small community, and we can agree we are all residents. The next step is to always engage or approach the differences very slowly and tactically. And during the process, always remind each other the similarities we have. So no matter what side you are on, we're all for the schools, teachers, and children. We're all in it together.

Steve Thomas: Gave a brief update on the athletic complex. Mid-July the football field is on track to be ready, drainage is going in under the track and we are meeting the timeline for the project.



XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

**Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Councilor Cyr seconded.
With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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.