



Town of Hermon
Public Safety Meeting Room
June 22, 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, and 18 residents/guests

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

SIGNATURES. –APPROVE

MINUTES. –APPROVE **5/25/2023, Annual Town Meeting 6/15/2023**

WARRANTS. –SIGN **6/9/2023, 6/23/2023**

RESOLVES. –SIGN

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

V. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS:



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

- Terry Hamm-Morris

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VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Hold Public Hearing – Penobscot Snowmobile Truck-Tractor Pulls

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:04PM. Public comments were given. The hearing closed at 7:06PM.

- Hold Public Hearing – Central Maine Harley Davidson – We Ride for Vets fundraiser

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:06PM. Public comments were given. The hearing closed at 7:08PM.

- Hold Public Hearing – XL Golf dba The Sports Arena liquor renewal

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:08PM. Public comments were not given. The hearing closed at 7:09PM.

- Hold Public Hearing – New FEMA flood insurance rate maps & requirements for compliance with National Flood Insurance Program

Chair Thomas opened the public hearing at 7:09PM. Public comments were given. The hearing closed at 7:14PM.

- Hold Public Hearing – Moratorium Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) – **CANCELED**

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:



B. NEW BUSINESS:

R22-23-40 Consider approving **Penobscot Snowmobile Club** for Concourse Gathering Application for Truck and Tractor Pulls on July 22, 2023, August 12, 2023 & September 16, 2023

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R22-23-40. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

R22-23-41 Consider approving **Central Maine Harley Davidson** for Special Amusement /Concourse Gathering Application for “We Ride for Vets” fundraiser on July 1, 2023

Councilor Wood moved to approve R22-23-41. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

R22-23-42 Consider approving **XL Golf** liquor license renewal

Councilor Murphy moved to approve R22-23-42. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

O22-23-12 Consider approving new FEMA flood insurance rate maps & requirements for compliance with National Flood Insurance Program

Councilor Snyder moved to approve O22-23-12. Councilor Cyr seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

R22-23-43 Consider approving hauler license applications for 2023-2024.

Bolster’s Rubbish Removal, LLC has requested to renew their License to haul solid waste to PERC.

Pine Tree Waste Inc a division of Casella has requested to renew their License to haul solid waste to PERC.

Waste Management has requested to renew their License to haul solid waste to PERC.

IF approved – sign permits

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R22-23-43. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.



FR22-22-23 Consider awarding bid for Paving Projects

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

R22-23-44 Consider authorizing the Town Clerk to sign future Catering Event Applications and On Premise Taste Testing Event Applications.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve R22-23-44. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unless doubted. Motion passes.

C. WORKSHOPS:

Audit – RFP discussion – Town Manager Berry: Presented information for the future RFP.

Book Survey results discussion - Danielle Haggerty: Presented the results of the book survey.

Hermon Town Council Survey Update

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. **January 19, 2023, Hermon Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Process

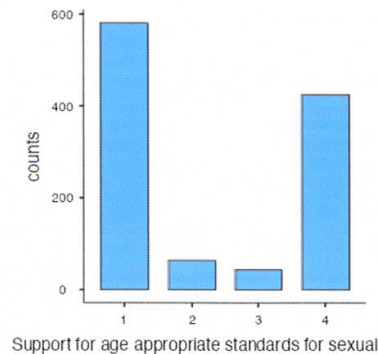
- Returned surveys were received and kept at the Hermon Town office.
 - The survey responses are in 3 sealed envelopes in the Hermon Town Office vault.
- Each survey was numbered during entry into Jamovi.
- All comments are recorded as written, including grammatical and spelling errors.
- A two-person team worked on entering the data.
 - Person one read the data and person two entered the data into the database.
 - Person two then read the results back to person one for confirmation.

Results

- 5,095 surveys mailed.
- 1,146 (22.5%) surveys returned.
- To what extent do you support the Hermon School Committee establishing age-appropriate standards for sexual content within the school libraries?

Frequencies of Support for age appropriate standards for sexual content

Support for age appropriate standards for sexual content	Counts	% of Total	Cumulative %
1 Strongly Support	581	52.2%	52.2%
2 Somewhat Support	64	5.7%	57.9%
3 Somewhat Oppose	44	3.9%	61.8%
4 Strongly Oppose	425	38.2%	100.0%



January 22, 2023



March 30, 2023

Introduction:

The Hermon Town Council wants to understand Hermon residents' thoughts concerning the school district adopting age-appropriate standards for educational materials containing sexually explicit language and/or graphics. We are asking you to answer the enclosed questions and place the postcard in return mail not later than **APRIL 18th, 2023**. All responses are anonymous and voluntary. Thank you in advance for your input.

Sent on behalf of the Hermon Town Council
Per FR23-22-10 approved on January 19, 2023

Background:

The Hermon School Department does not use age-appropriate standards to select or oversee students' access to instructional and library materials containing sexually explicit language and/or graphics. Age-appropriate standards are guidelines and criteria, that are used to help select and manage instructional and library materials based on a student's age and grade level.

Community members have asked the School Committee to establish age-appropriate standards to guide the school district's decisions about students' access to explicit sexual content within instructional and library materials. It is not intended that the use of age-appropriate standards would ban books or restrict access to information or ideas. The School Committee is not in favor of establishing age-appropriate standards.

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To what extent do you support the Hermon School Committee establishing age-appropriate standards for sexual content within the school libraries?

- Strongly support Somewhat support Somewhat oppose Strongly oppose

What is your age:

- 18-25 26-35 36-50 50-65 Over 65

How many children age 17 or younger live in your household?

- 1 2 3 4 5 or more children

Do any children age 17 or younger living in your household attend the Hermon School System?

- Yes No

Do any children age 17 or younger living in your household attend a school other than the Hermon School System such as private school, charter school, parochial school, or home schooled?

- Yes No



D. OTHER ITEMS: (from Table Package)

Councilor Snyder to waive council rules and accept the table packet to consider FR22-23-24. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

IX. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

B. NEW BUSINESS:

FR22-23-24 Consider transferring money from the Legal Liability (Herm 03) to the Legal Services expense account #10-01-20-01.

Councilor Snyder moved to approve FR22-23-24. Councilor Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

FR22-23-25 Consider transferring money from the Technology (Herm 19) to the Computer/Software expense account #10-01-14-03.

Councilor Murphy to waive council rules and consider voting on FR22-23-25. Councilor Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

Councilor Murphy moved to approve FR22-23-25. Councilor Wood seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Motion passes 7-0.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed

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

X. APPOINTMENTS:

Appoint new personnel Jaylyn McCue to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate, and Assessing Board of Appeals

Appoint personnel to various positions as required by Charter and State Statute.



XI. MANAGER STATUS REPORT

- Annual Town Meeting was held in the council chambers, with 100 chairs for overflow in the fire station bays. The set up was less than ideal but we made it work. Thanks everyone for their patience. If we had gone to the High School Auditorium, we would not have been able to televise the meeting. We are planning for next year to go back to the High School Auditorium with a plan for equipment to run the meeting.
- Thank you everyone who ran for office of Town Council and School Committee.
- Thank you to the Clerk and staff for pulling off the election and annual town meeting.
- The town office mailed the annual town meeting warrant articles out due to an equipment breakdown with the printer. Thank you to Kristen, staff and Kim Nichols and everyone who came together and helped deliver on my promise to mail the warrant to residents.
- Thank you Steve Watson for the work you have put in and your years of service, and your help professionally in my seven years here.
- Town office will close at noon on June 30, 2023 for fiscal year end.

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

- Greg Newell
- Everett Buzzell
- Christopher Gray

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XIII. COUNCIL ITEMS:

John Snyder: Thank you to Kristen and everyone who did a great job with the votes.

Danielle Haggerty: Thank you to Mr. Watson for the service to our community.

Richard Cyr: Congratulations to the people who won the election and welcome aboard.

Ron Murphy: Kristen, amazing job. We stood outside the election from 6:30 am to 8:00pm and we got to see everything that went on at the election. It went off very smoothly. Steve, congratulations and thank you for all your service.

Derek Wood: Thank you to Steve for his dedication to the town, appreciate it.

Steve Thomas: Thank you to Josh and Kristen for all the hours you have put in over the last few weeks, fantastic job.

Update: Multi-purpose field has turf going down at the high school.



XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

**Councilor Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Councilor Cyr seconded.
With no objection the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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.